

**Southwest Virginia LGBTQ+ History Project
General Interest Meeting at the Roanoke Public Library
February 4, 2020**

7 people in attendance

AGENDA

6:00pm: Meeting begins

7:30pm: Departure

1) ONGOING INITIATIVES

a. ARCHIVES

- i. No updates

b. WALKING TOURS

- i. SCHEDULE for all of 2020 is online
- ii. FLYER: We distributed 30 copies of our 2020 tour flyer for flying around town. Thanks everyone!
- iii. INSTA: ND has made Insta-ready graphics for walking tour promotion
- iv. BROCHURE: Next steps: GSR will...
1. ...contact EW and ask for file in a readable format and/or ask for small changes to be made
 2. ...send ND link to tour map file
 3. ...last resort, ND will recreate the brochure
 4. DEADLINE is March 1st so that we can print & fold new brochures!
- v. WEST STATION TOUR:
1. March 8th: tour launch. We will raffle off a #MRQA hat!
 2. Summer 2020: tour training for new and old guides

c. LGBT LIBRARY

- i. No updates
- ii. BOOK CLUB: still going strong. Follow the library's facebook page for updates!

d. ORAL HISTORIES

- i. Phase VI (Spring 2020) underway

e. QTPOC Project

- i. See SEF grant below

2) YEAR-FIVE GOALS

a. Quarterly Community Forums – LM

- i. LM gave an update on planning for the LGBTQ HOUSING FORUM tentatively scheduled for late spring.
1. Format may include inviting people to come talk about LGBTQ housing issues in Roanoke; brief overview of LGBTQ housing history in Roanoke.

- 2. Should be open just to LGBTQ people, and not inviting government reps
- 3. We will reserve 20-30 minutes at our March meeting for planning for the Housing Forum.
 - ii. NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT GRANT: We did not apply to this, due to lack of interest and capacity
- b. SEF grant – money for QTPOC community organizing – NM & AR
 - i. NM and AR submitted a draft of the grant for review; GSR & ND submitted feedback. GSR will check-in with NM & AR to see if they want more group feedback and/or the status of the application at this time.
- c. LGBTQ Anti-Gentrification organizing – NM
 - i. No updates
- d. QTPOC outreach – NM
 - i. Tied-in w/ SEF grant, for now...?
- e. Meeting facilitation – GSR & LM
 - i. LM will facilitate our March 2020 meeting!
- f. Promotion – everyone, although ND has stepped up to do graphic design and social media assistance throughout all quarters of the project for now
 - i. Website – GSR & ND
 - ii. Facebook – JB & ND
 - iii. Instagram – LM & ND
 - iv. Flyers – ND
- g. PRIDE IN THE PARK plans:
 - i. We agreed to register for Sunday, Apr. 5 only, at Elmwood Park. We will solicit donations from our membership to cover the \$125 registration fee.
 - ii. We agreed to plan a special walking tour for Saturday, Apr. 4 that ends at the Salem Avenue Block Party
 - 1. LM & GSR will collaborate on the tour
 - iii. We declined to participate in, or help plan, a History panel/forum as part of Pride
- h. 5th ANNUAL BAR CRAWL:
 - i. We agreed to put on this event again.
 - 1. ND will help create a new flyer
 - 2. GSR will ask tour guides to see who is interested in co-leading the tour

3) NEXT PROJECT MEETING:

- a. Tuesday, March 3rd, 6pm, Location TBA

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, February 9, 2pm-4pm = Old Southwest Gayborhood Walking Tour

Sunday, February 23, 2pm-3pm = LGBTQ Book Club, "In the Dream House" @ RDC

Sunday, March 8, 2pm-4pm = * LAUNCH* of new 'Before West Station' LGBTQ Walking Tour

Saturday, April 4, Time TBD = Special Walking Tour for Pride

Sunday, April 5, 10am-6pm = Tabling at Pride in the Park, Elmwood Park. We'll need lots of VOLUNTEERS.

Friday, April 24, 7pm-onward = 5th Annual #MakeRoanokeQueerAgain Bar Crawl