

### Public Outreach and Engagement Committee January 11, 2022 -- 11:00 A.M. Virtual- Zoom Meeting

### **AGENDA**

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Public Participation Guide

- Welcome, Introductions & Virtual Meeting Opening Statement: Mr. Davey
  - a. Roll Call of Attendees: Mr. Kumar
- 2. November Meeting Minutes: Mr. Kumar.....Page 3
- 3. Committee Member Engagement Discussion
  - a. Membership, Composition & Role: Mr. Davey
- 4. Staff Report:
  - a. Public Engagement Strategy Update
    - i. Branding Project Update: Ms. Heeter/Brand Federation
    - ii. Strategy Implementation: Ms. Lanier-Jackson
  - a. Administrative Updates
    - i. On-Call Bench Program: Ms. Lanier-Jackson
    - ii. Public Meetings, Virtual Attendance & Public Participation: Ms. Heeter
  - b. Current Outreach Projects:
    - i. Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Update: Ms. Lanier-Jackson
    - ii. Flood Awareness Program: Ms. Lanier-Jackson
- 5. Future Meetings & Topics
- 6. Adjourn

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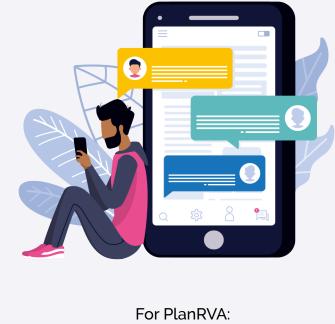
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subject line and we'll route internally. For the CVTA: For the RRTPO:



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our accounts, we encourage members of the public who wish to submit bona fide comments to the public bodies to do so through the channels above. This will assure adequate tracking of input and responses so nothing is missed.



# Public Outreach and Engagement Meeting In person Meeting James River Board Room Meeting Minutes November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 11AM

### **Members**

LOCALITY	<u>NAME</u>	
Chesterfield County	Tim Davey, Chair	Χ
Henrico County	Frank Thornton	Χ
Hanover Couty	Charles Wadell- Citizen Rep	Χ
City of Richmond	Jacob Giovia- Citizen Rep	X
Goochland County	Neil Spoonhower	Χ

### The Brand Federation

Frazier Armstrong Rian Chandler-Davis Rachel Street Kelly O' Keefe

### Staff

Martha Heeter	Executive Director
Rashaunda Lanier-Jackson	Community Engagement Manager
Sidd Kumar	Community Engagement Project Coordinator

### Call to Order

Chairman Davey called the PlanRVA Commission meeting to order at approximately 11:02 a.m.

### **Attendance Roll Call**

Mr. Kumar took attendance

### **Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Heeter begins the meeting with introductions by the committee and the Brand Federation team. She mentioned that this team, approved by the Executive committee, was to help with the brand strategy process for PlanRVA, CVTA, and RRTPO. Ms Heeter gave the floor to the Brand Federation team to present.

Mr. O'Keefe started out by introducing himself to the team and the mission and goals of the company. He discussed the clients the team has worked with in the past. He discussed one of the goals is to help organizations clarify their brand and unify the people around

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that branding, and to also simplify the message. He talked about what that means for PlanRVA. He discussed how to help people understand why what we do matters, how they impact the community and partners we work with in a keyway. He stated that the goal is to create a compelling case to those who matter most.

Mr. O'Keefe talked about different strategies that would benefit PlanRVA. He discussed a few projects the team worked on and what their strategy was for each client.

Mr. Davey thanked Mr. O'Keefe for his presentation. Mr. Wadell asked the Brand Federation team who they see as our client base. Ms. Chandler-Davis stated that some of it will be defined as they go through the research. She stated they are in the process of stakeholder interviews and speaking to many people internally. Ms Heeter asked, as part of the committee how we get the public aware of what we are doing and if they feel where we are going is moving PlanRVA in the right direction.

Mr. Thornton applauded the team and staff for moving in this direction. He stated that the prior step is to make sure that the elected officials understand the new opportunity that we have. Mr. Thornton asked the team what the Brand position is?

Mr. O'Keefe discussed that it's the core way they want to talk about the Brand's greatest impact. He stated that PlanRVA is doing some remarkable things and it's important to understand why that matters internally and to the community. Ms. Armstrong echos Mr. O'Keefe's and Mr. Thornton's statement. She stated that the goal is to make sure the people closest to the work know how to talk about what PlanRVA does.

Mr. Davey asked if the CVTA needs its own brand. Mr. O'Keefe stated that the research the team will do will determine if CVTA needs its own brand. The committee continued to discuss the pros and cons with making CVTA its own brand. Mr. Giovia stated the importance of the internal and external stakeholders understanding how to properly talk about the brand in a cohesive manner.

Ms. Heeter mentioned a similar vision as part of the final execution to help the people understand who we are and why what we do matters. With the new Emergency Management Preparedness guidebook, and the new Connect RVA 2045 Long Range transportation plan book.

Mr. Wadell asked the Brand Federation team what the tactical deliverables would be. Ms Chandler-Davis talked about the timeline mentioned by Mr. O'Keefe in the presentation, and that it stated that there is a 2-month period where they can identify partners that can help them implement the strategic work.

Mr. Davey thanked the Brand Federation team for their presentation and a great discussion.



Ms. Heeter talked about the next steps to enhance hybrid meetings and upgrading the technology in the Board room. She also mentioned the updates made to the public participation guide. She stated that Mr. Winslow suggested a more user-friendly Public Participation Guide. She continued to talk about the social media strategies that are currently being implemented and what future strategies are in place.

Ms. Heeter introduced PlanRVA's new Community Engagement Manager, Rashaunda Lanier-Jackson, and is excited to have her join the team.

Ms. Lanier-Jackson introduces herself to the committee and stated how excited she is to be part of the team. She mentioned her past experiences and what she plans to bring the table. She is excited to share her strategic plan and goals for the agency and how to help build a more authentic partnership with the community.

Mr. Wadell welcomed Ms. Lanier-Jackson to the committee and is excited to hear what she has planned for PlanRVA. The rest of the committee gave short introductions.

Mr. Kumar discussed current outreach projects and updates for each program area. He discussed the success of the ConnectRVA 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan, the current outgoing initiatives for the Don't trash Central VA campaign, and the public outreach goals of the Emergency Management Alliance of Central VA.

Mr. Wadell and Mr. Kumar discussed Technical social media strategies that PlanRVA is currently working on.

Mr. Davey thanked everyone for a great discussion and thanks the team and staff for all the hard work accomplished so far. The committee and staff echoed that statement

### Other Business

Chairman Davey adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:20pm