

Crozet Community Advisory Committee

Wednesday, August 12, 2020

Meeting Minutes

*Note: Because of the ongoing COVID-19 emergency, the meeting was conducted virtually, using Zoom.

- Members present
 - Tom Loach
 - Allie Pesch, Chair
 - Josh Rector
 - Mike Kunkel
 - Kostas Alibertis
 - Doug Bates
 - Matthew Slaats
 - Brian Day
 - Sandra Hausman
 - Shawn Bird, Vice Chair
 - Joe Fore, Secretary
 - Ann Mallek
 - Jennie More
 - Valerie Long
 - David Mitchell
 - Andrew Knuppel – County staff
 - Rachel Falkenstein – County staff
 - Michaela Accardi – County staff
 - Cameron Langille – County staff
 - Tim Padalino
 - Carolyn Shaffer, Clerk
 - David Bernish

- **The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm**

- The Chair introduced the participants.

- A motion was made to approve the minutes. They were approved by unanimous voice vote.
- **Old Dominion Village**
 - Cameron Langille led a discussion of the proposed rezoning associated with Old Dominion Village, a proposed development along Three Notched Road, next to Crozet Care Veterinary Center
 - Some members expressed concern that the project, as described, would add too many additional housing units and exacerbate strains on Crozet’s infrastructure—especially the overcrowded school system and traffic on Three Notched Road. Other members expressed concern about approving a project of this size and nature while the County is in the midst of revising the Master Plan. Some members felt more positively about the proposal, noting that it seemed consistent with the current Master Plan and that adding more residents could actually help in attracting more infrastructure funding.
- **Master Plan Working Session**
 - **Land use process moving forward**
 - Rachel Falkenstein provided an update on the character and land use process and the remaining matters that staff must complete to finalize the Crozet Master Plan.
 - She indicated that staff is in the process of re-examining the land use categories based on feedback from July’s CCAC meeting regarding new and creative ways to help meet the group’s expressed desire for “missing middle” housing
 - County staff is planning on bringing this topic back to the CCAC in October
 - **Bike/Pedestrian & Parks feedback**
 - Andrew Knuppel led a discussion of the feedback from public input regarding bike and pedestrian connectivity
 - One priority is sidewalk infill around the downtown Crozet area. Staff also received considerable feedback about improving pedestrian and bike access along Park Road.
 - Another priority that staff heard was the need to connect Downtown and Starr Hill to the eastern neighborhoods, including Western Ridge, Wickham Pond, and Highlands. A shared use path along all of Three Notched Road is in the 2010 Master Plan but is likely a longer-term project due to

right-of-way issues and cost. It was suggested that constructing the eastern portion of such a shared use path (from Highlands to Wickham Pond to Park Ridge Ave.) should be the top priority to improve connectivity to the eastern neighborhoods, with remaining portions to be built later.

- **Parks planning update**

- Tim Padalino provided an update of Albemarle County Parks, including the new playground installed at Crozet Park. He also provided a brief update about the Park & Recreation Department's response to the pandemic.
- He also led a discussion about priorities in the community's input regarding parks and recreation issues. The top priority was development of Western Park in Old Trail. Respondents also prioritized access to the Crozet trail system.

- Committee members then provided feedback on the bike/pedestrian connectivity and parks/recreation proposals and presentations

- **The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.**