

# Crozet Community Advisory Committee

## Meeting Minutes from June 9, 2020

**\*Note: This meeting was held pursuant to and in compliance with Ordinance No. 20-A (16); An Ordinance to Ensure the Continuity of Government During the Covid-19 Disaster.**

### Members Present

Allie Pesch – Chair  
Joe Fore – Vice Chair  
Valerie Long – Secretary  
Michael Monaco  
Mark McKenney  
Matthew Slaats  
Kostas Alibertis  
Doug Bates  
David Mitchell  
Sandra Hausman  
Mike Kunkel  
Ann Mallek – Board of Supervisors

### County Staff

Rachal Falkenstein – Master Plan Liaison  
Tori Kanellopoulos - Master Plan Liaison  
Carolyn Shaffer - Clerk

Noting that a quorum of the members was present, Chair Allie Pesch called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

The minutes from the May meeting were approved by unanimous vote following a motion to approve by Doug Bates and a second by Kostas Alibertis.

Doug Bates shared an announcement about the Downtown Crozet Initiative – there will be a presentation on Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm via Zoom with details on the plans for the plaza and a projected timeline for when the groundbreaking will commence. Details about the meeting are here: <https://cca.avenue.org/2021/06/crozet-plaza-update-monday-june-14-2021/> Although this meeting is for the general public and not for the CCAC.

Tim Tolson of the Crozet Community Association shared an announcement about the Crozet Independence Day Parade and Celebration, which will take place on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The festivities will start with a parade at 5:00 pm starting at Crozet Elementary School, proceeding through downtown along Crozet Avenue, and then to Crozet Park. At the park there will be live music, food, drinks, and fireworks. More details are available at: <https://cca.avenue.org/> including information on participating in the parade, volunteering at the event, and providing sponsorships or other donations that will support the event and local Crozet community organizations such as the Western Albemarle Rescue Squad, Crozet Park, and the Crozet Volunteer Fire Department.

Tori Kanellopoulos and Rachel Falkenstein provided an update on the Implementation Priorities for the Master Plan, including:

- a summary of the engagement opportunities provided so far
- a discussion of feedback themes
- a summary of the various projects that are included in the implementation priorities document, including:
  - Policy projects
  - Capital projects
  - Planning Projects
- a list of “Catalyst projects” (Community Priorities based on feedback received as of June 4, 2021) was included.
- summary of the feedback from the public on implementation priorities
- summary of long-term projects

The CCAC members provided comments to Rachel and Tori about the various implementation priorities.

There was discussion about the various projects, and a question and answer session.

This included a discussion of the “Catalyst Projects” shown on the Community Priorities list

Suggestions were provided about opportunities to push for more community engagement in effort to ensure broad responses from all areas of the community.

Ann Mallek provided an update on the potential feasibility study for the Three Notch’d Trail to the Crozet Tunnel, including that VDOT has advised that it cannot take on the feasibility study this year, but perhaps will have capacity to do so in 2022. Ann reports that in 2022 the state will be taking over the rail access from CSX, which may increase opportunities to have a trail along the railroad tracks.

Other comments and discussions included:

- the Eastern Connector Road and the need for engagement with the residents along the future Connector Road
- the timing of various projects
- potential service districts to raise revenue for priority projects, including the pros and cons of such districts
- multiple comments about prioritizing various projects
- discussion of the proposed sidewalk connections to Crozet Park and which segments or routes should be prioritized over others
- there were comments from the public about the priorities as well

Rachel Falkenstein provided a brief update about the draft Master Plan as a whole, including updates to the Land Use, Transportation, and Conservation Chapters

More suggestions were made for ways to increase community engagement about the Master Plan, including the local media such as the Crozet Gazette, in-person opportunities at the Fourth of July celebration, outreach to HOA representatives, materials at the Library, and direct mailings to Crozet residents.

Rachel and Tori will host another Community Pop Up Engagement session on June 17<sup>th</sup>. The location is to be determined, but will be somewhere downtown such as the Library or at The Square.

Matt Slaats shared comments about the County's equity initiatives, and suggested we invite Siri Russell from the County's Office of Equity and Inclusion to make a presentation at a future meeting.

There was a brief discussion about future meetings, including a future presentation by the Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority, and whether to have a July meeting. The decision was made to cancel the July meeting.

#### Closing Statements

Allie read the closing statement, reminding all that the meeting was held pursuant to and in compliance with Ordinance No. 20-A (16); An Ordinance to Ensure the Continuity of Government During the Covid-19 Disaster

Next meeting: tentatively scheduled for August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

The meeting will be held virtually, and details will be posted on the County calendar on the website.

Allie adjourned the meeting at 8:45 pm