

Places 29-Rio Community Advisory Committee
Minute December 16, 2021 Meeting
Virtual Meeting held via Zoom according to BOS guidelines

ATTENDEES:

Committee – Todd Cone, Marty Davis (excused), Nancy Hunt, Audrey Kocher, Lee Kondor, Brian MacMillan, Martin Meth (excused), Tom Paoletti, Pete Thompson, Judy Schlüssel, Nicole Scro (absent), Rick Seaman

Board of Supervisors – Ned Gallaway

Planning Commission – Daniel Bailey (excused)

County Staff – David Benish, Vivian Groelisch (meeting facilitator), Kendra Thompson

CALL to ORDER – Acting Chairperson Lee Kondor called meeting to order at 6:02 with a quorum.

Statement read by Chair on emergency ordinance authorizing the Virtual Zoom meeting (No. 20-A(16)) and named attending CAC participants.

Approval of Minutes – Minutes for October 28, 2021 approved on unanimous vote.

Rio Corridor Study Phase II: Introductory Discussion and User Experience Feedback:
Presented by Daniel Hyer, Line+Grade Consultants, and Serena Gruia, CAPE.

1. Hyer provided a brief overview of the approach to Phase II and indicated that this part of the Rio East study was structured into three sections based on the attributes of the section: North, developed; Central, largely developed: and South, undeveloped. He said that the meeting goal was for him to listen to CAC and community comments, especially on how they experience this part of Rio.
2. Audrey Kocher said the South section of East Rio, which she dubbed “Old Rio Road”, should retain its basically rural character. Rick Seaman concurred saying that the orientation of Rio Road changed when John Warner Parkway was built. JWP was intended to siphon traffic from “old Rio”. Nancy Hunt questioned whether a road leading from a rapidly urbanizing area of Albemarle County into the City of Charlottesville should be considered urban.
3. Rick Seaman noted that the configuration of Rio East from Treasdale and the Lofts and heading west encouraged speeding. He also does not favor round-a-bouts at Pen Park because the removal of the traffic light eliminates breaks in traffic that facilitate entrance and exit from Dunlora.
4. Daniel noted that Pen Park round-a-bout has not been approved yet

Liaison Updates:

Ned Gallaway:

1. Allen&Allen building has been demolished

2. Ned has not recently seen many traffic problems on Rt 29 caused by Chick-fil-A
3. Sidewalk project on East Rio Rd started
4. Maintenance on road medians to be consolidated in budget and VDOT meetings
5. Rio Point approved a BOS meeting – some concern about traffic at main entrance
6. Noted geese problems on Hillsdale Dr near Greenbrier Dr
7. County Comprehensive Plan update process beginning
8. Budget time starting
9. Speed issues in Woodbrook neighborhood and Hillsdale/Greenbrier area

Other Business:

1. Election of CAC Officers at January meeting
2. Watch list review at January meeting
3. David noted written draft of Phase I East Rio Rd Corridor study maybe posted

Adjourned at 7:08