

Places 29-Community Advisory Committee
Minutes March 24, 2022
Virtual meeting held via Zoom according to BOS guidelines

ATTENDEES:

Committee: Todd Cone, Marty Davis, Audrey Kocher, Lee Condor, Brian McMillian, Martin Meth, Peter Thompson, Judy Schlussel, Rick Seaman, Nancy Hunt (Excused), Tom Paoletti (Excused), Nicole Scro (Absent)

Board of Supervisors – Ned Gallaway

Planning Commission – Daniel Bailey

County Staff – David Benish, Carolyn Shaffer (meeting facilitator)

CALL to ORDER: Chairman Martin Meth called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM with a quorum

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for February 24, 2022, approved on unanimous vote

Rio Road Corridor Plan, Review of Concepts for Phase 2 Presentation and Discussion:

1. Introduction by David Benish with presentation by Daniel Hyer and comments by Ryan Cheney, both of Line and Grade consulting firm. David also said that there will be an “Office Hours” coffee and conversation time at The Center on 4.11.2022 for people to stop in and look at the plan; no formal presentation but rather a chance to look at the materials and make comments.
 - a. Includes portion of Rio Rd. from the John W. Warner Parkway to the city line
 - b. Observations on three portions of the road
 - 1) Central: Obstructed sight distances; pedestrian and bike facilities; existing sidewalks; left-hand turn lanes needed in some areas; access management at Stonehenge Rd. and Rockbrook Dr. Design alternatives/solutions would address the above.
 - 2) South: mainly safety concerns including guardrails not up to standards; hairpin curves with inadequate sight distances and small turning radii; intersection problems; no pedestrian and bike facilities; paved shoulder/ditch inadequacies; vehicle accidents, mainly single car. Design alternatives/solutions would include addressing above laundry lists of safety issues and provide an opportunity to work with the City on solutions.
 - 3) North: Width of road not uniform; looking to integrate new developments into solutions; remove left-hand turning movements causing problems.
2. Next steps:
 - a. 3.24.2022: Solicit feedback on current concepts
 - b. 4.15.2022: Draft Plan (Phases 1 and 2) due to Planning Commission
 - c. 4.26.2022: Final draft due to Planning Commission
 - d. 5.2022: Final revisions to Board of Supervisors
3. Questions and comments regarding Phase 2 Presentation
 - a. Judy concerned about line of sight from E. Rio to JWP.

- b. Rick appreciated the work and resulting possible solutions.
- c. Marty M. asked how this road is characterized. Ryan Cheney explained that it is somewhere between a thru road and a local road. Also questioned about connecting shared use path with sidewalk at Penn Park –out of scope of this project
- d. Ned would like to see the two lane part of Rio take on the character of a local road with through traffic utilizing the JW Parkway.
- e. Judy asked about possible flashing crossing light to help pedestrians cross the road from the west to the east side of the shared-use path. Daniel responded that VDOT has very specific requirements based on the number of pedestrians using the crossing and that the projected number at this time does not meet the requirements.
- f. Sandi Cohen, community member, is concerned about the control of the traffic flow from Greenbrier through the JWP intersection which will have no opportunity for pedestrians to cross or left turns. Daniel explained that the roundabout at JWP will provide for traffic speed control.
- g. Michael Geisert, community member, asked that the use of speed tables as crosswalks and speed control be explored.

Upcoming CAC topics.

- 1. David reported that a new approach to CAC meeting topics is forthcoming. There will be preplanned presentations by staff on alternate months with CAC-requested topics on the intervening months.

Overview of Entrance Corridor (EC) and Architectural Review Board (ARB):

- 1. David asked for questions regarding the presentation sent out to members; please email any questions to David. Marty mentioned interest in speaking with the architects regarding the Entrance Corridor and the role they play in this.

Liaison Updates:

- 1. Ned
 - a. Construction on culverts at top of Dunlora Park should be beginning soon.
 - b. County-dedicated street sweeper purchased. Hope to have employee who will inspect medians and coordinate work for any observed problems.
- 2. Daniel Bailey, Planning Commission liaison had nothing new to add.

Member and community members comments

- 1. Tod asked if proposed bus route schedules had been approved. Peter reported that they had been approved but problems with lack of buses, drivers etc. made implementation time unknown. Tod asked that this be put on the Watch List.
- 2. Peter expressed continuing concern for speeding on Rio Rd.
- 3. Michael Geisert expressed concern for continued speeding on Carrsbrook Dr. in the area of Clarke Ln. and Marlboro Ct. making it very difficult for pedestrians and bikers to cross. Proposed a mini roundabout to be constructed. He also requested that the county look

into developing a bikeway connecting Carrsbrook Dr., via Clarke L. and Idlewild Dr. to Albemarle Square, using land the county owns. Also, a bike pathway connecting Commonwealth Dr. to Berkmar Dr.

4. Audrey pointed out that part of Clarke Ln. is a private road.
5. Cynthia Hash, community member, asked that more police enforcement of speed limits be considered as this is less intrusive than a roundabout.

Next CAC meeting Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 6:00 PM