

Avon Street/5th Street CAC

Meeting Minutes

March 2017, 2022

Present: CAC members Mary Katherine King (chair), Roger Schickedantz, David Storm, Thomas Thorpe, Andrew Vinisky, Evan McBeth, Andrew Baxter, Caitlin Riopel, Nathan Holland, Rob Finley, Diane Grieder, Karen Davenport, county supervisor Jim Andrews, planning commission member Fred Missel, Karen Firehock, county staff Tori Kanellopoulos, Carolyn Shaffer, Jessica Hersh-Ballering, and Kevin Mc Dermott. Megan Nedostop and Lori Schweller (Williams Mullin legal firm).

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

MK read disclaimer: Meeting being held pursuant to and in compliance with Ordinance No. 20-A (16), an ordinance to ensure continuity of government during Covid19 disaster.

Minutes from January meeting approved as submitted with one correction. It should read: "The Comprehensive Plan is a 20 year vision"

Officer Election: Vice Chair 5th Avon CAC Chair . Nathan volunteered to do so. 2nd was by Karen Davenport. He was unanimously elected.

Upcoming CAC topics Tori Kanellopoulos, CDD Planning. They are looking to have a more structured approach to CAC agendas, especially since the Comprehensive Plan is being updated. They would like CAC members to be involved in the comprehensive planning process. They are hoping for in person formats starting in May. Every other month the CAC would choose their own topics to discuss.

David is wondering how we would be involved in the budget process? Tori will check into that- it might be too late in the process for the budget since it is to be approved in May.

Presentation: Transportation Planning and Project Updates Jessica Hersh-Ballering, Principal Planner, CDD Planning. A PowerPoint was shown to the group. A PDF will be shared of all the slides after the meeting.

VDOT is who they collaborate with, and they also work with the Comprehensive Plan, Master Plans and Corridor Plans. Projects are chosen based on highest priorities to the County. They are about to embark on another update to the priorities for the County. There are many different ways to fund projects. The most used are: Smart Scale, Revenue Sharing (state funding for smaller projects), Transportation Alternatives -maximum of one million dollars, and finally Secondary Six Year (small projects). There are additional funding sources available as well. Project Implementation involves design, right of way, and finally construction.

Questions involved follow-up, maintenance, and effectiveness concerning transportation projects.? Traffic analysis -what's the trigger for a third party, e.g. the developer, doing the traffic analysis? The state has a hard rule that if a proposed development is going to add 5,000 vehicles to a road per day, then they must do a TIA and use specific standards for it. The County does not have a specific number in its code to do a TIA. But typically the County requires usage of 1,000 a vehicle per day for a TIA. How often is the priority list updated? They last did it in 2019. They are hoping to do it every 2 years. If a problem is identified,

who is going to come up with the solution? Smart Scale is open and can identify the problem area that they can tell VDOT about. The Thomas Jefferson Planning Commission recently hosted a Smart Scale webinar that allowed for public input.

New Projects: 1. Rt 20 and Rt 53 -a roundabout is planned. Construction will begin in spring 2025 at the earliest. 2. Old Lynchburg Road and 5th Street extened – a roundabout to be constructed in spring of 2025. 3. Old Lynchburg Road will have bicycle and pedestrian improvements. 4. Avon St extended sidewalk project – east side of Avon is first, then the west side will be next. It is currently under construction. Completion date is 8/22.

Other projects that are not yet funded: a shared use path on Avon Street from Mill Creek Drive to near Lakeside Apartments. Another project on Avon Extended for a shared use path from Avon Court to Palatine as well as a bicycle path. Also 5th Street pedestrian and bicycle improvements -Old Lynchburg Road to Ambrose Commons, and a crossing near Hickory Street. An 8 foot path from Harris Street to 5th street landing. And finally improvements from Cherry/Elliott to Harris Road (to be determined). Also there are transit improvements planned for the future with new routes and a lot more service.

Roger mentioned that the pedestrian bridge over 64 should be a priority for improvement and a pathway. It was explained that this is very costly to do and they are trying to make it fundable. David asked about reducing the lanes from two to one on Old Lynchburg Road? He mentioned the accidents at Harris and 5th Street Station and what can be done to make those intersections safer. The speed limit has already been reduced.

Project Update: Southwood Andrew Vinisky, Habitat for Humanity

The first foundation has been completed in Phase 1. It is a duplex and it will be a model home. Four condos are designed and will start in early May. Phase1 will be totally entitled by the summer of 2022. They are on schedule. A video of the current site was shown to the group. A Phase 2 rezoning application has a hearing date in April, 2022 before the Planning Commission. Biscuit Run is near the Phase 2 site.. David asked about the possibility of having an urban school developed in that area?

Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors Liaison Updates Supervisor Jim Andrews

The Board of Supervisors will begin meeting via a hybrid model in April 2022. The budget is the biggest item facing the BOS. The personal tax rate has been dropped and the property tax rate is level. March 23rd 2022 the Board will talk about Parks and Recreation and the need for fields at Biscuit Run. Nothing has been adopted yet for Re-districting. 1805 Avon development was approved.

Karen Firehock (Planning Commission) – when will the CAC be going back in person for their meeting? They do not know yet. She asked that we let her know our concerns for the Comprehensive Plan. Please feel free to reach out to her. Jim Andrews provided a clarification immediately after the meeting. **While the Planning Commission does return to in-person meetings in April, other statutory boards are expected to return to in-person meetings no earlier than June. These include the Economic Development Authority, ABBA, the Architectural Review Board, the Board of Zoning Appeals and Board of Equalization. The CACs and other advisory committees are not yet scheduled for returning to in-person meetings.**

Fred Missel, Commissioner – Feel free to reach out to him anytime.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 21, 2022, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm by zoom meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm