

Places 29 North Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

December 8, 2022 6:30 pm
Hollymead Elementary School Library

Members Attending: Bill McLaughlin, Chair; Brentney Kozuch, David Mitchell, Tony Pagnucco, Shareef Tahboub and Sue Friedman, Secretary.

Members Absent: Jimmy Dean, Seth Kennard, Vice Chair; Virginia Newton, and Deborah van Eersel

Liaisons Attending: Rivanna Supervisor Bea LaPisto-Kirtley

Albemarle County Staff Attending: Serena Gruia, CAPE - Albemarle County staff.

Chair Bill McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm, welcoming the members and three community members as we return to in-person meetings.

Meeting Minutes:

With a correction to VDOT, from Department of Motor Vehicles, the October 2022 meeting minutes were approved.

Virtual Meeting Policy:

Chair McLaughlin introduced Albemarle County's draft Virtual Meeting Policy for our discussion.

Specific requirements include:

--Notice of a change to virtual meeting must be made three (3) business days prior to the meeting date.

--Virtual meeting decisions can be made meeting by meeting.

--A maximum of four (4) virtual meetings could be held in any year, based on 12 meetings per year.

Suggested that we hold an in-person meeting when there is an application presentation.

Upon motion by Ms. Kozuch and second by Mr. Mitchell, the draft Virtual Meeting Policy was approved.

CAPE – Albemarle County Staffing for CACs

Ms. Serena Gruia, Community and Public Engagement Office (CAPE), shared details on the Albemarle County staffing transition for Community Advisory Committees (CACs). The staff support is moving from Community Development to Communications, with a new CAPE office specifically for this purpose. The County

received 3-year funding for two (2) positions – Community Connectors. The two individuals hired for these new positions are Khalilah Jones and Allison Wrabel.

Mr. Pagnucco asked if a Community Development representative would still attend the CAC meeting when a zoning application was presented. Ms. Gruia stated that this practice would continue.

Each Community Connector will staff three CAC groups. They will distribute agendas, meeting announcements/reminders, etc.

Chair McLaughlin requested that the CAC receive a quarterly update on the AC44 strategic plan project. He specifically inquired about the working group report, asking that it be sent to the CAC members. Ms. Gruia stated that updates and an opportunity to sign up for email updates are available at Engage.Albemarle.org

Follow-up tool kits from CAPE will be distributed.

Liaison Updates:

Albemarle County Committees:

Supervisor LaPisto-Kirtley noted that Board of Supervisors is reviewing the 63 Committees currently in place, to determine if all are still needed.

School Board Request:

She reported that the School Board has requested \$317 million in capital projects funding, for 3 new elementary schools, 1 new high school center, and extensive renovations (\$106 million for renovations requested).

Currently, 60-61% of the Albemarle County budget is utilized for schools. Only 27% of the school budget is funded by the State of Virginia. Schools are one of six (6) capital improvement areas funded by the County.

Many of the school buildings are older, spanning 20-80 years old. Both the southern and northern feeder pattern areas are likely to see new elementary schools. None were provided, as Supervisor and Planning Commission representatives had schedule conflicts.

Revenue Strategies:

For additional revenue, the Board of Supervisors is considering an additional 1 % tax from the State cigarette tax. Taxes on plastic bags have been added, beginning in

2023, and the hotel and meals tax has already been increased to the City of Charlottesville level. And, for four (4) years, the personal property tax has not been raised by the Board of Supervisors. Tho homeowner taxes may have increased due to higher assessments.

Police/Firefighters:

Supervisor LaPisto-Kirtley shared progress in hiring police and firefighters, with 24 accepting the hiring bonus.

Mr. Pagnucco asked that updates on the RST, Brook Hill and Hollymead Town Center development projects. Mr. Mitchell noted that site review plans are very informative, and required of 1 acre and larger development lots. Site plans are good for five years, with a one-year extension offered due to COVID. Building permits are usually good for a year.

Subdivision news can also be useful information.

Closing Comments:

Chair McLaughlin requested updates on Hollymead Town Center, RST and Brook Hill for the January 12, 2023 meeting. And wishes everyone a happy holiday season.

Adjourn:

Upon motion by Ms. Kozuch and second by Mr. Mitchell, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 12th 2023 at 6:30 pm, at Hollymead Elementary School.