

Places 29-Rio Community Advisory Committee
January 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes
Albemarle County Office Building, Room 235
401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, VA

ATTENDEES:

Committee - Todd Cone, Marty. Davis, Nancy Hunt, Audrey Kocher, Lee Kondor, Brian McMillan, Martin Meth, Tom Paoletti, Nicole Scro, Judy Schlussel, Rick Seaman (excused), Peter Thompson (excused).

Board of Supervisors - Ned Gallaway

County Staff - Allison Wrabel, Emily Kilroy

CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Marty Meth called the meeting to order at 6:03 with a quorum present.

Approval of minutes - minutes of the 12/8/22 meeting were approved with two corrections.

Election of new officers - Tom Paoletti was elected chairperson for the year. Martin Meth was elected vice chairperson. Todd Cone was elected secretary.

CAC Staff Liaison Introduction - New staff liaison Allison Wrabel introduced herself to the committee.

Calendar Development/Meeting Planning was discussed.

Virtual Meeting Policy Introduction - Allison explained the Virtual meeting policy. Meetings must be either in person or virtual, not a mixture of the two. The number of virtual meetings will be limited. Ned mentioned in person meetings used to be in the Rio/29 area instead of the county office building. Various possible locations were discussed but the committee voted to continue meeting in the county office building. The committee voted to approve the virtual meeting policy.

Watch List Review - Marty presented an updated watch list with immediate and long-term items. He indicated some aspirational items were removed. Brian requested adding drainage in Carrsbrook as a long-term issue. The committee discussed adding aspirational items back to the list and Marty agreed to add aspirational items for the next meeting.

Board liaison updates - Ned reported the Board discussed possible incentives to encourage developers to include affordable housing in their projects. There will be a traffic town hall at the Center on 2/7/23 from 6:30 to 8:00. There will be a micro transit pilot project in limited parts of the county beginning late this summer.

Other business - Home Depot's plans for their part of Fashion Square Mall are unknown. The part of the mall that previously was Penney's will be all non-retail. Plans for Albemarle Square are not known.

Audrey updated the committee on tree issues in Woodbrook.

Nancy discussed several signage issues along Rio and on 29. Various businesses are using “banana” signs and oversize signs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07.