

## Avon Street/5<sup>th</sup> Street CAC

### Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm

Present: CAC members Mary Katherine King, Craig Roller, David Storm, Roger Schickedantz, Karen Davenport, Andrew Baxter, Shawn Brydge, Nathan Holland, Evan MacBeth, county supervisor Jim Andrews, and Tim Padaline, county parks.

Quorum was established.

August minutes approved with grammatical corrections.

Tim Padaline, County Parks and Recreation

Parks are part of planning process, based on comprehensive and master plans. There are four steps for establishing parks: planning process, project funding, project design, and project implementation.

Funding sources include capital improvement funds in the county budget and grant money. Funds are needed for architecture and civil engineering studies, site plan work including permits. All park projects go through same review process. Finally, money needed for project management for bidding process and construction. Recently completed projects include Western Park playground, Simpson Park trail, Darden Towe dog park extension, and Ivy Creek Natural Area ADA path.

Projects in planning stages in Brock Hill River Park off Rio Mills Road, Rivanna Greenway. The greenway project envisions more access points to Rivanna River between reservoir and Fluvanna County with current emphasis on Pantops to Milton Landing segment.

Tim then provided information and updates for Biscuit Run Park. This park has become a county priority. Phase 1A is being reviewed for final approval. This phase would include a parking lot and some trail completion. The main entrance will off Route 20, just south of Avon Street Extended intersection. County is working on final approval and will continue to work on implementation of adding more trails, utilizing existing trails and roadbeds where possible.

Phase 1B is moving forward with funding approved as well as design and permit approvals. This phase includes a maintenance facility. There is also work being done to gain access to existing trails from Biscuit Run Park to 5<sup>th</sup> Street area. This would not be a paved trail, but rather crushed stone, like Saunders Trail. HOAs of Mill Creek and Foxcroft currently own most of this land.

5<sup>th</sup> Street Station Trail Hub project is also moving forward. VDOT approved \$9.8 million smart scale funding. November 2022 will be project kickoff with design phase. Tim would anticipate public meetings for comments to be in November 2023

#### Questions

There were some concerns about balancing the planned athletic fields with keeping the park more natural setting. Jim commented on the current pressure on athletic facilities in the county, including heavy reliance of school facilities.

## Board of Supervisor update

Jim – Southwood rezoning meeting next week. The application includes a proffer to sell land for possible school site, not gifted. Also coming up are cell phone tower applications for Walnut Creek area as well Batesville and Greenwood proposed towers. Board of Supervisors and school board will have a joint planning meeting in the future.

Mary Katherine stated there may not be meeting in October

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm