

Places 29-Rio Community Advisory Committee  
Feb. 23, 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, Peter Thompson.

Board of Supervisors - Ned Gallaway

County Staff - Allison Wrabel, Emily Kilroy

CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Tom Paoletti called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with all members present.

Minutes of the 1/26/23 meeting were approved with no corrections. Two members abstained.

AC44 Comprehensive Plan Update was presented by Allison. She explained the need to update the plan and the process for updating it. She explained that the plan is not the same as zoning but can guide zoning changes. The update is currently in its 2nd phase and will continue thru the year. There will be pop-up meetings and community chats to reach out to the community, and further means of outreach were discussed. Allison will provide county population projections before our next meeting.

She presented the Community Chat Kit and asked the group to discuss the first question about how we want to get around the county in the future. Marty Davis pointed out the county has a aging population and will need more transit service in the future, especially micro-transit. Nancy stated that Jaunt is operating at capacity now. Peter agreed that Jaunt needs more resources, and Lee agreed that Jaunt is not reliable. Rick pointed out that Jaunt does not service the entire county. Audrey explained that Woodbrook is a transportation desert, and Nancy stated that the county simply doesn't have enough population to support mass transit. Lee believes we will have self driving electric vehicles in 20 years. Peter was concerned about Rio Road being difficult and dangerous for pedestrians and stated the plan needs to address all transportation forms, not just cars. Lee stated they are working on multi mode transportation now. Marty Meth thought designing more mixed use neighborhoods might reduce the need for longer distance transportation.

Marty Meth decided to postpone discussion of the Watchlist so that the AC44 discussion could be extended.

Board Liason Update was presented by Ned. He indicated the budget was presented to the board and the next step will be to determine the tax rate. The Willow Glen project was approved and will include 20% affordable housing. He commented that the transportation town hall at the Center was well attended.

Other Business - Nancy wanted to know how to give input on an amendment to a site plan. Allison will send her the name of the reviewer.

Audrey asked about drainage issues in and around Seminole Hts. Ned advised that the board is looking into drainage issues overall. Run off volume has increased countywide. Allison explained where to report the prohibited signage that was discussed in the last meeting.

Allison passed out AC44 flyers that can be posted on community bulletin boards.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.