

Places 29-Rio Community Advisory Committee
March 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 (excused), Martin Meth, Tom Paoletti, Nicole Scro, Judy Schlusssel, Rick Seaman, Peter Thompson (excused).

Board of Supervisors - Ned Gallaway (absent)

County Staff - Allison Wrabel,

CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Tom Paoletti called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM with a quorum present.

Minutes of the 2/23/23 meeting were approved with corrections.

Continuation of AC44 discussion from previous meeting:

Todd presented the question of what business and job opportunities are needed for financial stability and security in 2044.

Martha pointed out that the county needs a vocational-technology training facility now that CATEC is being sold.

Judy pointed out that the county has been neglecting trades training.

Audrey mentioned that PVCC recently got a grant for trades training.

Nancy praised PVCC for being innovative.

Audrey pointed out that training for some health specialties is not available in the county.

Tom indicated many young people need job search training.

Todd presented the question of how housing needs may change by 2044.

Nancy pointed out that care for aging residents is getting more expensive.

Audrey wanted affordable housing made more accessible.

Rick indicated the percentage of elderly residents is expected to increase.

Nicole wants real estate values to be maintained.

Tom indicated more rural land should be developed to create more housing and make it more affordable.

Marty presented the question of what businesses, amenities, and housing we would want near where we live.

Nancy wanted swimming facilities, neighborhood pools.

Audrey wanted basketball courts.

Tom wanted more walking trails and more access to the Rivanna river.

Judy wanted facilities like the Y in neighborhoods.

Marty presented the question of how climate change will affect life in the next 20 years, and what should be done locally to address the changes.

Nancy thought drought cycle may get worse. We also need to manage storm water runoff better.

Audrey mentioned the mileage choice program for hybrid vehicles.

The updated Watchlist was presented by Marty.

The Watchlist will be circulated prior to meetings. Items that are no longer needed will be removed. Items will be updated when their status changes. New items will be added when proposed in meetings. The list will be divided into immediate, long term and aspirational categories. The sub-areas are East Rio, Dunlora/Belvedere, Carrsbrook/Woodbrook/Still Meadows, Hillsdale/Branchlands, and Rt. 29 Corridor.

Other business

Audrey discussed water retention issues behind the Gander Mtn. building.

Adjourned at 7:35 PM.