

Places 29-Rio Community Advisory Committee
April 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes
Albemarle County Office Building, Room 241
401 McIntire Road, Charlottesville, VA

ATTENDEES:

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

Board of Supervisors - Diantha McKeel

County Staff - Allison Wrabel

CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Tom Paoletti called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM with a quorum present.

Minutes of the 3/23/23 meeting were approved with no corrections and no abstentions.

Citizen Action Project Presentation by Monticello High School students Dessa Williams, Madeline Malone and Caroline Dorsey.

These students researched the feasibility of pedestrian crosswalks at the intersection of Fashion Square Drive, Seminole Trail, and 29th Place Ct. They found that crosswalks would improve safety at the intersection. They gave cost estimates and time estimates for implementation. They also found that crosswalks would slow traffic on Seminole Trail. Lastly they proposed an alternative utilizing pedestrian crossing warning signs instead of crosswalks.

1193 Seminole Trail presentation:

Rebecca Ragsdale presented for the county staff. This is a request to rezone this parcel from C1 to NMD and to allow construction of a 5 story 290 unit complex. The request is at the beginning of the application process. Staff comments to the applicant are scheduled next week.
questions

Valerie Long presented for the applicant RMD Development. The complex includes a parking garage, a rooftop pool, outdoor playground, a fitness center and a club room. The complex has emergency access to Hillsdale Drive. She stated the complex has higher density than allowed by the Comprehensive Plan but is otherwise consistent with the plan.

Lee asked for the average square footage and rent for the units. The one bedroom units will average 650 to 700 sq. ft. No rent estimate has been set.

The committee asked further questions regarding access to public transit, access to the property from Seminole Trail, affect on neighboring properties, and need for retail space.

Attendees from the public asked about drainage from the property and whether the developer might sell prior to completing the project.

Other business - Allison asked whether the committee will cancel its summer meeting due to vacations. No decision at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.