

# Hydraulic Community Advisory Committee Minutes Monday, January 9, 2023 | 5:30pm-7:00pm

## IN-PERSON MEETING – Greer Elementary Media Center

### ATTENDEES:

Kate Acuff, Julian Bivins, Vito Cetta, Jane Fogleman, Jane Foy, James Groves, Khalilah Jones (Community Connector, Albemarle County), Emily Kilroy (Assistant to the County Executive), Kate Lambert, John Lewis, Bill Love, Diantha McKeel, Rosemary Miller, Cynthia Neff, Chris Rembolt, Kim Swanson

Kim Swanson called the meeting to order (Chair Yolanda Speed was not present).

Cynthia Neff made the motion to approve October Minutes. Bill Love seconded the motion. Everyone agreed to approve December minutes. Bill Love had a correction to December minutes – there is a “Look this up” note to fix! Minutes were approved with this correction.

### AGENDA:

#### 1. CAC Staffing / Liaison Introduction

##### Khalilah Jones and Emily Kilroy

- Emily Kilroy introduced herself to tell the group what they do at the County. She is Assistant to the County Executive. This is a new position.
- The CACs will now be staffed out of the Communication and Public Engagement team – we welcome Khalilah Jones, who will be working with our CAC.
- The reason for the staffing change is because of the Comprehensive Plan. The staff who had been working with the CACs need to shift their focus to the Comp Plan process. Therefore, they brought in a new position of Community Connector in order to work with CACs.
- Emily and Khalilah have met with all of the directors. Khalilah will break great knowledge to the CAC process.
- Khalilah (pronounced like “Delilah”) introduced herself. She originally worked for City of Charlottesville and has also worked as a family support person for the school system. Currently co-president of Families Helping Families, works with many other local organizations. Recently graduated from a policy program and is passionate about the policy-making process and having an engaged community.
- CAC members did introductions in order for Khalilah to get to know the group.

#### 2. Calendar Development / Meeting Planning

##### Emily Kilroy and Diantha McKeel

- The group needs to determine best day/time for meetings. Meetings have been the third Monday of each month.
- The group agreed that Mondays still work well. The Third Monday of the month has worked well, but often runs into holidays (this year, MLK Day, Juneteenth).
- The group agreed to change meetings to **the second Monday of the month** (instead of the third Monday of the month). There will be no meeting in July.

### **3. Virtual Meeting Policy Introduction**

#### **Emily Kilroy and Diantha McKeel**

- The General Assembly determined a new policy for virtual meetings: 25% of a year's meetings can be virtual. Therefore, this CAC group can have up to three virtual meetings per year.
- Kate asked the group whether we have more participation in virtual meetings. Julian confirmed that we have had higher participation in meetings where development proposals are taking place.
- Meetings must be determined to be virtual three days ahead of the meeting (in order to post the location for everyone to see).
- The group proposed to plan for all in-person meetings, unless there is an agenda item that may bring many people from the public to the meeting. Moving a meeting to Zoom would mean more people from the public would be able to easily participate.
- Emily distributed the draft All-Virtual Meeting Policy of Places29-Hydraulic Community Advisory Committee. Document will be emailed to the group to be voted upon during the next CAC meeting.

### **4. Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission and School Board Updates**

- Diantha McKeel, Board of Supervisors
  - Peter Lynch will be presenting to the Board of Supervisors on 1/11/2023 about home assessments and how County residents will be impacted. Assessments are done every year (in the past it has been every five years or every two years). The assessment method is done by state code. Kim Swanson asked about assessment methodologies. Emily Kilroy explained the importance of homes' assessments tracking along the trend of nearby home values.
    - Information from the Peter Lynch presentation will be shared publicly. The assessors do not look at every single house every year. They walk around 20% of homes each year, so theoretically someone walks around each house every five years. If people want their homes reassessed, appointments can be made with Peter Lynch's office.
  - The Board of Supervisors will be discussing Phase 2 of the Comprehensive Plan soon.
  - AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS: Jaunt's study of alternative fuels, bike/pedestrian transportation and infrastructure, Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority water plan, Rank-Choice Voting, Comprehensive Plan Update, Transportation and Smart Scale, John Lewis requested information about Fashion Square Mall development, Kim Swanson requested an update about stormwater program and follow-up about a survey about our area (Emily Kilroy noted that this will be before the Board later in January 2023), John Lewis requested an update on public crime.
- Julian Bivins, Planning Commission
  - The first phase of the Comprehensive Plan was completed this past fall.
  - Assuming the Board of Supervisors agree with the themes of Phase 1, the Comprehensive Plan will move towards Phase 2. This will include an overall look at all ordinances (some of which date to the 1980's) in order to make them clear to builders and the public.
  - The Board of Supervisors requested information about the inventory of all Albemarle County Land.
  - Diantha and Julian (and others) discussed housing in Albemarle County. John Lewis brought the idea of relaxing rules around ADUs (accessory dwelling units / backyard tiny homes). Diantha pointed out that she is concerned about UVA students using all extra housing through ADUs.

- Kate Acuff, Albemarle County School Board
  - Sad news: the School Board's Clerk of 25 years recently died of a heart attack.
  - The School Board will be selecting new Chair and Vice Chair
  - There is a new School Board member Rebecca Berlin, effective January 1<sup>st</sup>. She will have to run again in November. There will be four (possibly 5) open seats on the Albemarle County School Board. Lots of concern about the large turnover.
  - Budget season is starting! The School Board met with Board of Supervisors to discuss capital projects, including two new elementary schools in the next ~5 years.
  - Both Mountain View and Baker Butler are very crowded with many classes in trailers.
  - The school budget will be presented publicly on February 16 for those who are interested.
  - Vito Cetta asked a general question about schools: do we have an issue with people trying to limit books for kids and are people concerned with transgender students? Kate explained that we have had zero public requests of people banning certain books. We have also had a policy on transgender students for more than a decade with no issue. There is now better family education and understanding.
- Kim Swanson gave an update about Charlotte Humphries Park. There were two successful cleanup days, and the County has been collaborative in removing and chipping the branches.
- Kate Lambert, Boys and Girls Club
  - Boys and Girls Club is expected to be opened after Spring Break! Kate has agreed to lead a tour of the new space.

**Next meeting: February 13, 2023**