

5th and Avon – CAC Meeting – August 17th, 2023

Committee Attendees: Mary Katherine King (Chair), Nathan Holland, David Storm, Craig Roller, Shawn Brydge, Thomas Thorpe, Roger Schickedantz, Karen Firehock (Planning Commissioner), Donna Price (Supervisor), Allison Wrabel (Staff)

1.7:00 PM – Call to Order & Agenda Review

Call to approve July 20th Meeting Minutes – Craig moves to approve, David seconds.
Passes Unanimously.

2.7:05 PM – Presentation and Discussion – Moving Towards 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan - Sandy Shackleford – Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (Presenter)

- Sandy Shackleford gives an introduction and discusses priorities of current projects within the Charlottesville-Albemarle Metropolitan Planning Organization (CA-MPO). Asks for attendees feedback on areas of concern or projects currently considered.
 - Donna – Hwy 20, Traffic Circle 53/20. Micro transit projects
 - David – 5th Street Trail Hub to Park and connection of bike and pedestrian crossings under/over I-64.
 - Shawn – More Runabouts, electrification of public transit.
 - Thomas – Great goals for 2025, need to make sure that plans now will meet the current growth for the future.
 - Craig – 5th Street and Avon Corridor study is out of date by the time we implement the plan.
 - Roger – Need increase in opportunity for rail transportation.
 - Mary – Need additional metro and rail options.
 - Nathan – Agree with previous comments.
- **Sandy** – What is Moving Towards 2050 – Federally mandated to update every 25 years. Purpose is to identify priorities for Bike, Pedestrian, Transit and Roadways. Most recently Applied for funding for Route 29, Hydraulic Road, Avon Multi Modal, 5th Street, Exit 107 Park and Ride, US 29 and Fontaine Interchange, & District Ave. Hydraulic Ave is a small package which would not get funding.
Donna - not happy about the new design for Hydraulic.
Sandy - Possible roundabout at Whole Foods, although roundabout not always great, some do have traffic lights.
David – Understanding is UVA to become more active partner regarding the 29/Fontaine Interchange.
Donna – U-Turn on Fontaine for 64 West is back on the table.
Sandy – Discussed traffic circles and their lack of capacity at times. Where are we seeing congestion?
Mary – Mentioned entrance to old trail as possible traffic circle location along with Ivy Intersection at Dick Woods Road.
Thomas – Western Bypass definitely needed.

- Mary** – Discussed possibility of Eastern Bypass and need to get people from where they live to work.
- **Sandy** – Lets play word association. 1st thing you think of regarding Public Transportation
 - Craig** – Move people efficiently and safely.
 - Karen** – Alternative to Cars. Roger indicated funding issues at time with public transit.
 - Thomas** – Public Transportation is not always the best use of your time.
 - Nate** – More electric bikes needed.
 - Karen** – Off Road routes between neighborhoods needed.
 - Mary** – Trails great idea.
 - Shawn** – Atlanta took old rail line and made into paths.
 - Mary** – Metro/Rail – Need it where it is not the worse option to choose from. Need the density though.
 - **Nate** – Brought up issue of people crossing on foot on 29 from Hydraulic to Lowes.
 - Donna** – It is a known issue but the problem is the amount of time to stop traffic is both directions to let people cross. Also people do not like having to walk long distance down the intersection to cross.
 - **Roger** – Asked what happens to those projects that don't get funded. Sandy indicated they get re-evaluated and possibility of reducing some items in the project and re-request the funding.
 - **Liason Updates – Karen** – Two projects coming up. Mill Creek Office Park and Tennis Courts at Covenant School. Email any comments to Karen and Fred. Seems the school has not provided a good response to the need for the lights and sound will also be a factor. Nate asked if they could be placed next to the baseball field.
 - **Comp Plan Review – Karen** – Staff and Consultants have come up 4 items to look at and discuss.
 1. Activity Centers in Development Areas
 2. Factors for Future Development Areas. Staff mentioned maybe make a heat map.
 3. Rural Crossroads Committee. List may be wrong, needs more work.
 4. Rural Interstate/Interchanges – Milton and Yancey were discussed. PC did not agree that we should study for development. Should be planned.
Doc is online for review
 - **Donna** – On the last consent agenda the BOS agreed to schedule 5 blighted properties for demolition. County takes them down and takes a lien on the property.
 - Mary** – Asked how do properties get nominated? Donna indicated the house must be falling down and unsafe. County using the spot blight approach where first try to work with the property owner.
 - Donna** – Hunters Way at 250N. BOS voted to approve connection to water for only fire suppression. This was not in the development area and this projected

touched on that issues. ACSA will not connect to those areas outside of development area. Donna though was unwilling to sacrifice safety.

Donna – Crozet Home community was approved to add 14 trailers, but required to add ementity area .

Donna – BOS approved to reduce amount of development fees from 314 to 154. Streamline permitting process.

Donna – Early Voting starts on 9/22/23. Early voting is changing the dynamic of spending on races.

Donna – Social Service Board is looking for a candidate. If no of one please nominate.

- Allison – 5th and Avon will have a meeting next month. No October Mtg since it will be a all CAC meeting. September will discuss Environmental Services and Parks and facilities. We have multiple vacancies on the committee and the elections should be upcoming.

8:34 PM – Mary motioned to adjourn meeting. 1st and Seconded.