

PANTOPS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JUNE 24, 2024

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Dick Ruffin at 6:16 PM

CAC Members present:

Louis Falzer, Stephanie Lowenhaupt, Anne Oliver, Ron Brownfield, Judith Joyce, Henry D. Light, Ida Lee Wootten, Michael Spatz, Richard Ruffin, Kate Kaminski, Megan Nedostup (newly appointed), David Norford (newly appointed)

CAC Member absent: Michael Fraser

A quorum was determined to be present.

County personnel present:

Khalilah Jones, County community connector for Pantops
Michael Pruitt – BOS, Scottsville District

Bea LaPisto Kirtley, BOS, Rivanna District, was unable to attend.

Guests:

Garland Williams – Director of Transit, Charlottesville
LT Matthew Powers - Commander, Jefferson District, ACPD

Mr. Willams gave a fascinating presentation on MicroCat service in Pantops. Ridership has grown steadily since its launch in October 2023, with occupancy and trips exceeding goals. It is operated by VIA, a company that provides transportation services nationally. MicroCat's six vehicles are ADA compliant. The link to his presentation is attached.

LT Powers, ACPD, provided a statistical overview of activities in the 211 square mile district that he served. The link to his presentation is also attached.

Supervisor Pruitt began a discussion regarding Ragged Mountain Natural Area (RMNA). There have been ongoing issues about uses of the trails between the City, County and Community members. There is currently a community dispute about whether mountain bikers should be allowed in light of the area's biodiversity and threats to the reservoir's water quality. A final decision about uses of this property for recreational purposes has not been made by the Board yet.

Mike Spatz mentioned that Sentara is going to be building a child care center near the Outpatient Center. with construction beginning later this year or early next.

There will be no meeting in July. The next meeting will be on August 26, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM