

PANTOPS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Monday, January 23, 2017 – 6:15 PM

***Martha Jefferson Outpatient Care Center – Kessler Conference Room
595 Martha Jefferson Drive, Charlottesville, VA 22911***

1. **Call to Order / Confirmation of Quorum (6:15 PM)** – This regular meeting of the Pantops Advisory Committee was called to order by Diane Caton at 6:15 PM in the Kessler Conference Room at MJH. Committee members present included Lynwood Bell, Diane Berlin, Olivia Branche, Diane Caton, Jason Inofuentes, LJ Lopez, Laurel Olsen, Mark Sackson, Nicole Sullivan, and Lauri Wilson. Norman Dill was present representing the Board of Supervisors. David Benish was present representing Albemarle County. Ron Brownfield was present.
2. **Approval of Minutes from Preceding Meeting** – LJ Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2016 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Laurel Olsen and the minutes were approved to be placed among the records of the committee.
3. **Community Meeting: ZMA201600023 Brown Toyota Amendment (6:20 PM) – Clark Gathright**

Mr. Benish explained that this community meeting is being held early in the process to allow staff to receive community feedback related to the proposed amendment.

The owner of the property expanded the parking area at the rear of the site several years ago and, in doing so, impacted some steep slopes designated as Preserved slopes in the County's Zoning ordinance. Preserved slopes are not supposed to be impacted. This request is to amend the designation of the slopes from Preserved to Managed. Under the County's ordinance, Managed slopes are allowed to be graded/impacted provided that certain design standards are met. Please note that a large portion of the designated Preserved slopes consisted of an old dirt stockpile that was placed on the site sometime between 2000 and 2006.

In May 2016, Brown wished to expand their parking area. In order to do that, they needed to address the existing conditions. The most recent site plan was approved in 2000. There was a buildup of a stockpile from 2002-2012. According to Mr. Benish, there was an intention to add it to adjacent system of preserved slopes.

To make what has already been done consistent with the ordinance, this would need to change to a Managed Slope designation. With designation, the owner would be able to complete the project as envisioned with retaining walls, etc. Total area of managed slopes would be 10,635 SF.

A portion of the area in question designated as open space in the master plan. County staff will work with the applicant to review the site plan for any additional requirements that may be needed to protect the adjacent ecosystem and nearby stream.

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- 4. Guest Presentation: Dr. Matt Haas, Deputy Superintendent Albemarle County Public Schools – Community Conversation – New State Graduation Requirement – Experiential Learning** - VDOE has new flexibility to try new things. How can we go beyond SOLs to teach and demonstrate soft skills, etc. Dr. Haas explained the concept of “The Profile of a Virginia Graduate.” The objective of this concept is to move beyond a transcript to a profile that would include work experience, etc. with a more cohesive, integrated view of workplace skills, content knowledge, citizenship, and career exploration. The emphasis on content knowledge, will not be reduced/changed.

Albemarle County has about 4000 high school students. Last year they had about 2000 internships.

Dr. Haas encouraged those present to visit <http://www.iowabig.org/> to learn more about a prototype from Cedar Rapids, Iowa where community organizations and employers can input their needs/opportunities and students can look for internships and problems to solve.

There was brief discussion among those present related to opportunities for community involvement and work experiences.

- 5. Report of Board of Supervisors Liaison – Norman Dill** – Mr. Dill updated those present on recent issues before the Board of Supervisors. He noted that the winery issue seems to be resolved with concerns about sound issues and regulations settled.

Small area business plan focused on the grade separated interchange at 29 – nodes, starting with 1 or 2, 1/2 mile diameter (15 minute walk from one side to the other) – neighborhood model with focus on walkability and bike access. Discussions remain conceptual. Transportation is key, e.g., bike paths, etc.

Mr. Lopez noted that concerns remain about the plan and recommended that the BOS consider some debrief meetings to update other CACs on vision for the future, etc.

Mr. Dill advised that the BOS was considering a one-time allocation of funds to CACs to be spent with the CAC’s input/direction/discretion.

- 6. Emily Kilroy/David Benish County Update** – Mr. Benish shared additional information on the one-time allocation of funds currently under consideration by the BOS for community-driven projects.

The Board first raised this idea in early December. Staff provided a basic skeleton framework for the Board’s consideration a week later and received direction to develop a proposed process at the February 1 Board of Supervisors meeting. The premise is that a total of \$1.4 million in one-time funds be divided among the 7 CAC areas to fund capital projects that support the implementation of the master plan. Each CAC will receive at least \$75,000, with funds allocated by a formula currently under development. Projects can be drawn from the Master Plan Implementation List, Transportation Priority List, Capital Needs Assessment, or other projects not yet identified that have demonstrated community support. Staff will provide the projects

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identified on these lists for your area in February, as well as details of the community-driven process.

Mr. Lopez suggested that the group consider leveraging funds for completion of sidewalk projects on State Farm Blvd.

Mr. Benish affirmed that for now community meetings will continue with CACs.

7. **Adjournment** – There being no further business of the committee, this meeting was duly adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Submitted to be placed among the records of the Committee by Diane Caton.