

PANTOPS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Monday, February 27, 2017 – 6:15 PM

*Martha Jefferson Hospital – Cancer Center Conference Room
500 Martha Jefferson Drive, Charlottesville, VA 22911*

- 1. Call to Order / Confirmation of Quorum (6:15 PM)** – This regular meeting of the Pantops Community Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:15 PM by Chair, Diane Caton. Members of the Committee present were Olivia Branch, Diane Caton, Lynwood Bell, Richard Hiss, Jason Inofuentes, and Nicole Sullivan. Daphne Spain was present representing the Planning Commission was present. Norman Dill was present representing the Board of Supervisors. Emily Kilroy and Lori Allshouse were present representing Albemarle County. Members of the public present included Ron Brownfield and Cal Morris
- 2. Approval of Minutes from Preceding Meeting** – Motion was made by Ms. Branche to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2017 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bell. The motion carried, and the minutes were approved to be among the records of the Committee.
- 3. Report of Planning Commission Liaison** – Ms. Spain updated those present on recent efforts of the Planning Commission with a specific focus on Pantops. She noted that their last meeting was devoted to a presentation related to three nodes for priority development along Rte. 29. The goal is to have walkable neighborhoods. One of the zoning changes under consideration is form based code, where the type of use is secondary to volume, mass, and height of the structure. This emphasizes cohesion over similarity, e.g., light industrial, innovative, etc.
- 4. Report of Board of Supervisors Liaison** – Mr. Dill updated those present on recent efforts of the Board of Supervisors with a specific focus on Pantops. He noted that the BOS is focused on the budget process and real estate assessments currently. In general, assessments on rural land seems to have gone down while some homes have seen assessments increase. He noted that the sale of Stonefield has resulted in significantly increased valuations for commercial properties.
- 5. Guest Presentation: Lori Allshouse – Presentation of FY18 Proposed Budget** – Ms. Allshouse shared copies of the budget with those present. She noted that the budget is prepared on a July-June fiscal year. CIP is planning five years ahead. Lately the County has done a two-year balance plan as well. County Executive has a duty to present a balanced budget to the BOS. Ms. Allshouse reviewed the County Executive's recommended budget and answered questions from those present during the meeting. She noted that the focus is on implementing the strategic goals of the BOS. The proposed budget includes 2% salary adjustment for employees, funding for additional positions, etc. Ms. Allshouse noted that the County is planning for overall economic improvements *cautiously*. A number of one-time things are included in the FY18 budget, including pilot programs, short term employment commitments, etc. as a result of economic uncertainty.

The budget office begins by funding mandates, and then works up. For example, Children's Service Act (CSA) is an \$8M mandated program in Albemarle County.

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Ms. Allshouse noted that the bond referendum was approved (\$35M). Although a tax rate increase was anticipated, none is proposed in the recommended budget.

FY17 performance has been slightly better than expected. Building permits are increasing as a result of lots of new construction in the pipeline.

The funding obligation to the School Division is based on a formula the County uses to share new revenues.

6. New Business

- a. Exploration of Pantops JMRL Satellite Book Drop – Ms. Caton shared a request first raised by Tom Weaver related to a JMRL Bookmobile pickup/drop-off site on Pantops. Those present reviewed input from JMRL regarding costs, etc. JMRL supports additional locations, but they do not have funds to support daily pickup/drop-off at additional locations at this time.
- b. Allocation of funds for community implementation project – Ms. Caton shared updates from the 2/23 all-CACs meeting regarding the allocation of funds by the BOS for community-driven implementation projects. She shared the list of projects for the Pantops area compiled by the County. She noted that the March and April meetings would be led by County staff as a guided effort to brainstorm and prioritize ideas for this neighborhood funding initiative for Pantops.
- c. Ms. Spain encouraged those present to focus ideas to help lower income residents as part of the neighborhood funding initiative. She noted bus stop improvements and shelters that would benefit lower income areas. She is hoping to see more ideas to benefit lower income residents brought forth during the brainstorming session in March.
- d. Mr. Morris inquired about ways to increase community involvement in the neighborhood funding initiative. Ms. Kilroy noted that the County will be publicizing this effort widely including opportunities for submission of online ideas and online voting.

7. Adjournment – There being no further business of the Committee, this meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted for approval on May 22, 2017 by Diane E. Caton.