

Crozet Community Advisory Committee
Crozet Library
Wednesday, October 9, 2019 from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM

Allie Pesch: Welcome's everyone and calls the meeting to order.

A quorum is established.

Introductions made by members of the CCAC and citizens present at the meeting.

Citizens Present: Jim Duncan (Real Crozet), Tim Tolson (CCA), Terri Miyamoto (Crozet Trails Crew), Rachel Falkenstein, Katherine (Daily Progress), Penny Chang, Ken Thacker, Neve Gallagher, Stephen Rutherford, Heather Marcel, Lily Marcel, Prudence Fairborn, Ray Grant, Shanann Lovelace, Lisa Turngate, Aleena Patel, Jim Hingeley, Stephen Johnson (JAUNT), Robin Munson (JAUNT), Theresa Curry, Gary Grassi (Brownsville PTO), Jesse Sever (Brownsville PTO), Katrien Vance, David Vance, Brian Cohen (JAUNT), Mike Marshall (Crozet Gazette), Neal Deans, Dennis Soden, Julianne Kirby (WHAS), Grace Kerrigan (WAHS), Christine Manning, Caroline Crutchfield, Aidan Clark, Allie Miller (Henley Parent Council Rep), Cheryl Whetsill, Jeremy Johnson (NBC 29), Lisa Martin (Crozet Gazette)

Crozet Community Advisory Committee (CCAC) Members Present: Allie Pesch, Shawn Bird, Tom Loach, Kostas Alibertis, Valerie Long, Doug Bates, Brian Day, Mike Kunkel, Joe Fore

Absent: Katya Spicuzza, Sandy Hausman, Jon McKeon, David Mitchell, Josh Rector, Jennie More

County Representatives Present: Ann Mallek (Supervisor – White Hall District), Andrew Knuppel (AC Planning - Staff Liaison)

October 2019 Agenda:

1. Introductions and Agenda Review (Allie Pesch – CCAC chair)
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Crozet Connect Bus Schedule Update (15 minutes – Stephen Johnson, Planning Manager, JAUNT)
4. Western Feeder Pattern School Discussion (45 minutes – Crozet, Brownsville, Henley PTO representatives and committee)
5. CIP Budget Schedule Discussion (15 minutes – All)
6. Crozet Master Plan Update Check-in (Andrew Knuppel and Staff – 15 minutes)
7. Items Not Listed on the Agenda
8. Announcements

Allie: begins introductions of CCAC members, all citizens present, and county officials

Allie: After introductions, begins the meeting.

Doug Bates presents motion to approve September 2019 CCAC minutes; Tom Loach seconds the motion; all CCAC members present vote for approval. September 2019 CCAC minutes approved.

Village of Rivanna Rep (Master Plan perspective):

- Intro to Village communities; only village in Albemarle County; about 2300 citizens; includes Glenmore community
- Master Plan (MP)
- 250 Entry into Village; Class F (over capacity) road by VDOT in 2008; 27K vehicles in 24 hours traffic
- Addressing traffic issues on Route 250 highest priority in their MP 2015; improvements before more development; heart of MP update centered on safety
- PC talk development; VDOT; know and be able to defend your MP
- County should recognize overburdened road; prevent development before proper infrastructure/roads in place; three accidents in last two months (I-64 and 250)
- Only CAC with traffic priority stated in Master Plan
- Respect the MP; otherwise won't respect or adhere to MP updates
- Tom Loach: meet with CACs to discuss what works and does not
- Doug Bates: tension between growth and infrastructure
- Land use map cut off densities (inconsistency); land use map and language/description discrepancy and relation to applications

JAUNT Update (Crozet Connect):

- Well received service since August
- 2400 rides since start; 11.5-ton reduction in emissions...
- Constructive feedback by citizens
- Propose adjustments to schedule to increase rides and adjust
- One week ago, revised schedule recommendation and possible new stops
- Feedback: tolerance on waits, work schedules, restrictions to access; also online survey (findyourconnection.org); paper survey on vehicles; findyourconnection.org has sked revision
- 7 AM most important; increase to four loops in evening
- East-West loop combination late in day test; longer ride
- Community input to work with county for MP transportation
- Keep later morning bus (15-18 likely ride)
- Considering weekend bus; challenge to identify need; need Crozetian feedback
- Circulator service to increase service with smaller number of stops
- Meadows request add stop
- New stops: in the Highlands East; West bus stop in Fontaine Research; move downtown stop (left hand turn); challenge on how to fully serve downtown mall

- Final revision on Nov 14 and take effect Nov 28
- Downtown transit center stop (out of the way)
- Commuter buses have GPS; plan to add to App soon...

Western Feeder Pattern Schools Discussion:

- School capacity, enrollment for Western Albemarle area
- Concerns voiced as we enter revision to the Crozet MP
- Ideal size and solution(s)
- Joe Fore talk to Crozet Elementary expansion gain traction; also alleviate Brownsville overcrowding; passed out budget calendar, resolution
- Next meeting is Advisory Council on Nov 15, 22; ensure we get in process early; held from 2-4 PM; 2nd floor county executive conference room
- Brownsville PT rep: reached out to community; learning cottages (over next 5 years), busing (Old trail Drive and RGT intersection), more access to bus, traffic safety, after school care lottery system (also Crozet Ele); level 3 tag on Brownsville (help with disabled and lower income); traffic and speeding around bus stops; growth concerns predict 900 by Christmas at Brownsville; more concerns that new developments will increase numbers more than projected; not using buses
- Dependability of buses (late or early; not comfortable with arrival so families will drive to avoid risk); substitute drivers don't know routes, arrive up to one hour late
- Funding problems with teachers, after school employees
- PTOs work together?
- Henley and Western projections are concerning
- Redistricting options for Brownsville and Crozet; Middle School planning study funded
- Proffer discussion; want local government interested in development; General Assembly stopped proffers in 2016.
- Henley overcrowding answer to Walton?
- Upper and lower grade split option for Crozet and Brownsville; MP has third elementary school; past due – need to add on to Crozet Elementary.
- Diversity question; ensure 15% affordable housing; Wickham only development that keeps resale at affordable price, all others can resell homes at market value; county did not accept Grey Rock affordable housing concept; \$214K considered affordable housing cost; developers can buy their way out of affordable housing; can we make affordable housing out of current housing stock?
- Joe's goals: budget awareness, motivate involvement; get group together from schools (PTOs); plan for those to attend county meetings for involvement
- Volunteers to attend meetings and involvement already over-volunteered; very little feedback from parents at schools to PTO reps
- BoS gives School Board funds, but SB makes the priority; Jonno Alcaro (At-Large) and David Oberg School Board reps
- Back entrance, road from back of Old Trail to Henley considered in old MP, but did not gain traction; one bus driver texts and drives....

Brian Day moves to approve CIP Resolution to Albemarle County Board of Supervisors for Crozet Elementary funding; Doug Bates seconds the motion; all CCAC members present vote to approve; Resolution for Crozet Elementary School addition funding approved.

Crozet Park funding proposal not well received by BoS

Crozet Master Plan update (Andrew Knuppel):

- Check In on process and how it is working so far
- Two community workshops done
- In phase 1: core values, guiding principles, shared understanding of the plan (needs, priorities, make plan...)
- Meeting 1 September high level issues, concerns
- Meeting 2: keep small town feel
- Thursday, Nov 7 6:30-8 PM is next session at Field School; under development
 - o Wrap up first two meetings
 - o Principles, Values, Focus areas
 - o Different approach than we did with Pantops
 - o In-depth on topics, including affordable housing
- First workshop results on AC website; over 1000 data points
- Next meetings:
 - o Next week Tuesday, Oct 15, 8-10 AM at Grit meeting with staff
 - o Sat Oct 26, 10 AM at The Square; shuttle by JAUNT
- Questions from last workshop:
 - o Meetings avoid conflict with CCAC; Phase 2 meetings on second Wednesday not good for CCAC location; larger venue and possibly vary the days to get better attendance; find location for Phase 2 meetings
 - o Way to resolve MP issues with community (e.g. I-64 interchange, map to verbiage mismatch, no ambiguity on decisions, etc.)
 - o Resurrect CCAC resolution from 18 months ago re: guiding principles?
 - o Need to resolve the affordable housing standards
 - o Need to answer the questions
- County adjust housing policy; only had 5 attend last meeting to review the county housing policy; next meeting on county housing – County office building, room 235, 6-8 pm Oct 22; form-based code not working, come up with solutions; preserve historic housing

County view on business, economic activity based upon Master Plan; market study; Crozet only MP that requires vertical mixed use – not financeable; restricted development for ten years...

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.