

5TH & AVON COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Aug. 16, 2018

5th Street County Office Building

Present: Co-chairs David Storm and Roger Schickedantz, secretary Dan Heuchert, committee members Karen Davenport, Jonathon Earl, Rush Otis, Craig Roller, Robert Finley, Glen Michael; supervisor Rick Randolph; Planning Commission liaison Karen Firehock; county liaison Andrew Knuppel; city transportation planner Brennan Duncan. New County Executive Jeff Richardson was a late arrival.

Absent: Committee members Amy Brereton, Stephanie Blanch, Rex Linville, Stuart Lowson, David Thomas; Planning Commission liaison Pam Riley; supervisor Liz Palmer.

Roger Schickedantz called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. A quorum was present before any votes were taken.

Approval of Minutes

June and July minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Brennan Duncan, City Traffic Engineer

Mr. Duncan presented the city's work to assess the 5th-Ridge-McIntire corridor. They worked with the county's Kevin McDermott to take into account the county's development plans. This corridor has five times the state average number of crashes. The city would like to add a separate bike lane and multiuse path between Harris and Cherry/Elliott; and eliminate direct left turns and replace them with "R-CUTs," which require motorists to proceed beyond an intersection, then make U-turns to make right turn. The city asked VDOT to evaluate roundabouts at every intersection; the concept works at Preston/Market/McIntire/Ridge. They are seeking to add a lane between Elliott/Cherry and West Main to add queuing room.

They have not yet evaluated the impact of 5th Street Station Parkway.

So, there will be bike/ped traffic dumped at the city-county line; how do they get across 64?

This plan did not address land use; strictly traffic/multimodal planning.

Rush Otis - Southwood charette update

(Picking up where we left off at public meeting in March) Habitat has taken into account further input since then.

They have further refined the code of development, and worked to adjust residents' aspirations to match the resources available. They have formed internal residents committees to do more intensive planning and communications.

The focus is now on "Block A," a large area of residential space more internal to community, as the first phase, plus a more commercial area along Old Lynchburg Road.

Habitat presented the latest iteration of the planning last week to a joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission.

Future efforts will try to identify links between newly planned phases and future development areas.

They currently are working through rezoning of first village, hopefully by end of 2018 or early 2019; infrastructure development; with the first houses to be complete in 2021. Ultimate build-out is foreseen in 2033.

Rush assured the committee that everything is still being done within the constraints of the comprehensive plan.

Rush acknowledges tension between percentages of affordable and market-rate housing, on- and off-site. Habitat needs to have enough market-rate housing to make the finances work, while providing maximum amount of affordable housing. Habitat proposed 42 percent affordable housing on-site and 51 percent total.

Liaison Updates

Karen Firehock: Discussed Regent's School development at northwest quadrant of the U.S. 29 and Fontaine Avenue intersection, west of Trinity Presbyterian Church; they plan to develop 13 acres for school on a 19-acre site. Had staff meeting yesterday; staff comments are due by end of month. It requires a special use permit. ... Concerns about Southwood – want to have clearer idea of what happens along Old Lynchburg Road. Wants to make sure residents can afford what is developed.

Rick Randolph: Supervisors waived cell tower policy at 5th Street Station because there was not a visibility problem in an entrance corridor to approve cell tower there. ... He attended the Biscuit Run ambassador program launch. The program is modeled after one used for a trail between Richmond and Williamsburg. ... Second planning meeting on Biscuit Run coming in October. ... The board set aside \$35.1 million for the schools' proposed first learning center in the capital improvement plan; schools then deferred that proposal. The money **may** be available for rec uses. ... Aug. 11-12 events went smoothly. Rick estimated the county incurred \$50K-100K in overtime expenses. The board will discuss future anniversary security. ... The courts issue has been suspended until September to allow city to reorganize its negotiating team. ... Long-term budget planning coming up in next few months.

County to stay course in nonprofit planning process as city decides to go its own way. ... Southern Neighborhood Library still in five-year CIP at \$8M. Rick estimated that it will require \$1M-2M in fundraising from community. The plan is still to locate it at PVCC. ... In response to a question from Roger, PVCC is looking to sell some of its land along Avon Street to finance other projects on campus.

Other Business

None

Future Meeting Topics

Biscuit Run update (next meeting Sept. 20, 7 p.m. at 5th Street County Building).

Housekeeping

Some members' terms are expiring in September. Reapply for a two-year continuation through clerk's office.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.