

5TH AND AVON COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

**April 19, 2018 • 6 p.m.
County Office Building-5th St. Extd.**

Co-chair Roger Schickedantz called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. There was a quorum present.

Present: Co-chairs Roger Schickedantz and David Storm; secretary Dan Heuchert; committee members Craig Roller, Rush Otis, Stephanie Blanch and Rex Linville; Planning Commission liaison Pam Riley; county liaisons David Fox and Emily Kilroy; Supervisor Rick Randolph; citizen Michael Barnes.

Absent: Members Glen Michael (ill), Jonathan Earl, Stuart Lowson, Ted Miller and David Thomas; Planning Commission liaison Karen Firehock; Supervisor Liz Palmer (ill).

Brian Roy and Christopher LeBlanc have resigned from the CAC.

Minutes: March's minutes were approved with minor revisions.

NIFI Update

No verdict yet from the state on the Cale crosswalk funding proposal. Letter to State Transportation Board may be helpful to send to May meeting in Culpeper.

David and Emily led a thorough consensus-building activity to identify the elements desired in the upcoming Avon Street corridor study. The committee identified and prioritized about 11 "chapter headers" for the study, and listed several possible individual project ideas.

Etc.

Emily: The Biscuit Run Park public visioning process will kick off soon and run through summer/early fall.

Liaison Update

Pam deferred.

Rick: Brad Sheffield's urban design students did two group Avon Street studies, which Rick reviewed yesterday and reported on to the committee. "They were very much in synch with this group." He will share the final reports with the CAC when finished. ... The state had done a Biscuit Run Park entrance study in Sept. 2017 to identify and price three possible entrance options. Despite these three options, VDOT is reported to be more interested in a roundabout at the Avon/20/BR entrance. ... SmartScale has prioritized Rts. 20/53 intersection improvements; Rick is concerned about timing that project with Belmont Bridge project and the resulting possible impacts on Avon corridor. ... Albemarle County's first-tier transportation projects listed Sunset Avenue extension as No. 7 (trying to improve presentation); No. 8 was Rt. 20

improvements from Rt. 53 to Mill Creek Drive. ... The Board of Supervisors is looking at alternatives to CAT for transit on Avon and 20 (perhaps a new-style JAUNT service?). There will be an opportunity to weigh in. ... The Cale crosswalk was highest-scoring Safe Routes to School proposal in state, as he had previously reported. ... Karen Davenport, 1701 Stoney Creek Drive (Mill Creek South), was appointed to the CAC on Wednesday. ... The Parks & Rec needs assessment has been completed and is publicly available. One major point: Growth areas are underserved. Priorities: walking/hiking/biking trails, adult fitness, youth sports. Biscuit Run will service the entire urban ring; thus the trail network is vital. He warns that Parks & Rec may be competing with schools for referendum funding. ... Stormwater fees: A dedicated fee is usually protected from yearly economic/budgetary cycles. Now that it will be funded out of the general fund, he's concerned that future budget pressures could affect the stormwater funding.

Other Business

Rex and Cynthia Neff have exchanged emails about supporting the county's Safe Routes to Schools proposals; with input from Kevin McDermott, they decided to wait to weigh in until May 7 meeting of Commonwealth Transportation Board Culpeper District meeting. Rex and Cynthia intend to attend to speak in favor of the projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Next meeting: May 17, 7 p.m., location TBA.