

Places29 Hydraulic Community Advisory Committee

Greer Elementary School, Charlottesville, VA

January 28, 2019

Meeting Minutes DRAFT

CAC Members Present: Vito Cetta; Cynthia Neff; John Lewis; Jane Folgeman; Tori Tremaglio; Kim Swanson; Yolanda Speed; Julian Bivens; John Neal

- Albemarle County Parks & Rec: Bob Crickenberger, Dan Mahon, Amy Smith
- Daily Progress: Alison Wrabel
- Albemarle County Urban Planner: Michaela Accardi
- Present: 15

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Chair, Cynthia Neff at 1735. All were welcomed. Cynthia issued an apology for those who did not receive the December electronic communication. Possible glitch due to technology.

Approval of minutes: Upon motion by Julian Blevins, seconded by Jane Folgeman. December 17, 2018, Places29 Hydraulic CAC meeting minutes were approved.

Introductions: John Neal has returned after his health related absence. Daily Progress writer. Albemarle County Parks and Rec (APCR) staff members.

Business:

APCR – Bob Crickenberger, report attached (will be attached). Presentation on community rec needs, neighborhood and community parks, review of parks and rec plan. Detailed report.

In 2004 – Last needs assessment since June 2018.

- Walking trails and athletic fields were high needs in both assessments.
- Question in reference to the report: Is this land the county currently owns? Does this include Biscuit Run? How do we acquire this land by 2032? Response: Historically, 30 or more years, schools have used as community parks when schools are not in sessions.
- Where are the majority of the ‘urban ring’ parks? Ivy Creek, Darden Towe, Charlotte Humphries
- ***Parking is not required. Each park is different and driven by the community and neighborhood it surrounds.
- ACPR’s design team will do a conceptual design to include working closely with Environmental water resources, an urban forester from the Natural Heritage Committee.
- Charlotte Humphries Park: Gather community feedback from a select list of choices. Solicit information from tenants, day-to-day users, and other directly affected community members.
- Collaborative efforts with several partners is the goal, not working in isolation. Volunteers are needed from Places29 CAC to work directly with ACPR – Kim Swanson, John Lewis, and Cynthia Neff.

- Funding could be a concern, but ACPR will know in April, and funding from some sources may be available. ACPR will do all of the leg work prior to the design team meeting.
- Trail ambassadors/volunteers are needed to greet people, talk to them, have survey, cameras for documentation & data, possible Geo-cast.
- Next step: Start public engagement and online survey. Start ASAP.
- ACPR report ended 1830.

OTHER

- NIFI Project – Michaela Accardi passed on info from Matt Wortham. There is a joint CAC meeting on February 4, 2019. Safe Routes to School – Construction may start at the end of August and be completed by the end of 2019.
- Julian reported: Smart scale project. We did not get funded. West Main Street – Street Scape and Virginia Beach got the funding.

Adjourned: 1850