

Places 29-Rio Community Advisory Committee  
Minutes September 24, 2020 Meeting  
Virtual Meeting held via Zoom according to BOS guidelines

ATTENDEES:

Committee – Todd Cone, Nancy Hunt, Audrey Kocher, Lee Kondor, Brian MacMillan, Martin Meth, Tom Paoletti, Pete Thompson, Judy Schlusell, Nicole Scro, Rick Seaman  
Board of Supervisors – Ned Gallaway  
Planning Commission –  
County Staff – Rachel Falkenstein, Carolyn Shaffer (meeting facilitator)

CALL to ORDER – Chairperson Marty Meth called meeting to order at 6:00 with a Quorum.

Statement read by Rachel on emergency ordinance authorizing the Virtual Zoom meeting and named all participants.

Approval of Minutes – Minutes for August 27, 2020 approved on unanimous vote.

2020 Voting Update (Jim Heilman, Albemarle County Electoral Board Secretary):

1. discussed voter registration increase
2. 2 Virginia State Constitution amendments on ballot
3. new laws covering voting, two new regulations recently passed
4. 3 ways to vote
5. 3,300 votes in person to date
6. [vote.elections.virginia.gov](http://vote.elections.virginia.gov) for information or county's website
7. mail-in ballot drop box a county office building extension
8. may have additional drop boxes at some schools
9. Oct 13, deadline for voter registration.

JAUNT On Demand Presentation (Brad Sheffield, JAUNT);

1. On demand ideas presented and many possibilities laid out
2. JAUNT's guiding principles for on demand: Responsive, Inclusive, Dynamic, Empowering and Safe.

Watchlist Updates (Marty):

1. Judy reported 29-Rio North CAC traffic concerns from RST development and 2 new developments on Berkmar Dr
2. Nancy requests adding following to Businesses Rt 29 Corridor section
  - a. Albemarle Square future
  - b. Entrance corridor: monitor Rt 29 development (redevelopment) for improved design/attractiveness of this entry way into Albemarle county
  - c. Monitor upgrades to Rio Hill retail for consistency with Small Area Plan/FBC
3. Brian noted trash and weeds along Rt 29 under Rio Rd overpass
4. Lee suggested \$20 million for realigning Hillsdale Dr may not be in best interest. Nancy recounted problems with intersection at Hillsdale Dr and E. Rio Rd

Liaison Updates

Ned Gallaway:

1. NIFI cross-walk project at Greenbreir Dr and E. Rio Rd possible completion in October or earlier if no problems develop
2. E. Rio Rd sidewalk right-of-way issues resolved. Possible construction to start next spring
3. Clean up along Rt 29 and Rio, local solution sought
4. BOS deferred home stay special request for Northfield Rd property until November 4 meeting at earliest
5. Rio Rd corridor study – need community meetings on study rollout
6. 29-North CAC needs members
7. Smart scale application – public participation planned for MPO projects

Rackel Falkenstein:

1. Rio Rd corridor planning may start in a few weeks
2. Rio-29 small area FBC
  - a. comments back from consultant
  - b. restarting steering committee

Marty – discuss December meeting plans at November meeting

Peter gave update on The Center's operations

Next scheduled meeting: October 22, 2020 6-7:30 PM

Adjourned at 7:20