

Crozet Community Advisory Committee
Crozet Library
Wednesday, January 16, 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: Terri Miyamoto (Crozet Trails Crew), Tony Townsend, Bill Spicuzza, Steve Bates, Paul Rady, Everett Wheeler, Zach Marlowe, Todd Johnson, Owen Marley, Gavin Moskalski, Donna O'Rourke, Jim Duncan (Real Crozet)

Crozet Community Advisory Committee (CCAC) Members Present: Allie Pesch, Shawn Bird, Tom Loach, Joe Fore, Brian Day, David Mitchell, Mike Kunkel, Doug Bates, Sandra Mears, Kelly Gobble, Katya Spicuzza, Jon McKeon, Valerie Long, Josh Rector

Absent: Kostas Alibertis

County Representatives Present: Jennie More (AC Planning Commission - White Hall), Andrew Knuppel (AC Planning - Staff Liaison), Kevin McDermott (AC Transportation Principal Planner) , Dan Butch (AC Transportation)

January 2019 Agenda

1. Agenda Review (Allie Pesch – CCAC Chair)
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Western Albemarle Transportation Updates (Kevin McDermott, Albemarle County 4. Transportation Principal Planner - 45 min)
5. Items Not Listed on the Agenda
6. Announcements
7. Future Agenda Items
 - February 13, 2019: Western Albemarle Feeder Pattern School Capacity and Enrollment (Roselyn Schmitt, ACPS Chief Operating Officer)
 - Feb/March? Improvements and traffic flow changes coming to The Square (NIFI project status update)

Note: CCAC will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month going forward

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

Allie: After introductions, begins the meeting.

Brian Day presents motion to approve December 2018 CCAC minutes, Doug Bates seconds the motion; all CCAC members present vote for approval. December 2018 CCAC minutes approved.

Allie: one thing on agenda; transportation

Kevin McDermott: Review of Transportation Projects, now and future; few years since he presented at CCAC meeting; much of this presentation covered by Crozet Gazette article.

Shows Crozet Area map; talk to Crozet projects

Crozet Square/Oak Street

- NIFI/Revenue Sharing Program
- Started work on design; incl both Crozet Square and Oak Street
- VDOT does not want lefts onto Crozet Avenue; alter design to two way travel, still with angled parking; right in, right out from Crozet Ave; no left in or left out
- Proposal would remove signal from Crozet Square; signal move to Library Avenue
- Design change; under VDOT review; likely a few years out for construction

Barnes Lumber redevelopment/Library Avenue Extension

- Also received Revenue Sharing funds
- Connections with mini-roundabouts
- Developer related improvements separate
- Funding for connection over to Hilltop Street
- Well along in design

Rt 240 Pedestrian Improvements

- Received highway safety improvement funds few years ago
- Several designs to fit within budget
- Adds segment of sidewalk in front of Starr Hill and Music Today building, crosswalks; worked with SH as they want to improve their beer garden area
- VDOT led project ready for advertisement; construction maybe this spring

Park Ridge Road Extension

- Approved project for Foothills development; private funding
- Connection from Library Avenue to Park Ridge in Western Ridge
- Privately built connection
- No timeline; as it is a developer led project; all approvals in place

Eastern Avenue Extension

- two separate projects - north and south; two phases
- Two phases because of clean up of industrial site on 240
- Because of water quality issues it will be many years before northern phase started
- Reason Park Ridge and Library Avenue connections are important
- Opportunity for White Hall to have another way in and out with building of southern extension first
- Build White Hall across the creek done by Foothills development; done by developer
- Two years ago, Eastern Ave was in top 20 for Albemarle County; now some funding, southern connection will be a high priority for the BoS this Spring; also look for state funding to move the project along
- Working with developer for a greenway underpass; developer assume maintenance responsibility

- Light at Cory Farm Road and 250? Not in original design, but will do a traffic impact analysis
- Could be a roundabout or light; state wants to move to roundabouts
- Pedestrian connections in the area; the roundabout will serve as a traffic calming benefit
- Park Ridge and Library extension possibly a roundabout; temper speed
- Variety of traffic calming efforts: striping, etc.
- Shawn Bird - cut through Acme only way to connect with 240? yes...
- Once water is safe, over time, they will be able to close some of the wells

250 Pedestrian Improvements

- Construction this summer/2019; retail issues cause delay turn lanes
- Final design ready, advertise; complete by this fall
- Pedestrian refuge in center to help slow traffic; great connection for Cory Farm

240-250 Roundabout

- Received highway safety improvement funds two years ago
- Public hearing this Spring
- High crash location; needed project

High, Tabor, Hilltop Street Sidewalks

- In the Comprehensive Plan, the BoS had extra funds for projects in the county
- Extend Tabor to High Street; existing asphalt path on Hilltop; back entrance to Crozet Park
- Up to Barnes Lumber for new development
- County received funds in summer; conceptual design in Spring
- Expand project to leverage with state funds; build as much as possible; connect to front area of Park

County Partnership with Perrone Robotics and Jaunt

- Automated bus service project
- Pilot project - circulate route around downtown Crozet
- Perhaps ready to summer
- Jaunt express bus from Crozet to Charlottesville; hope next year for service

Bridge on Crozet Avenue over Lickinghole Creek replacement this summer; public hearing in Spring; in kind project; no expansion of bridge; perhaps add pedestrian accommodations a possibility;

Paul Rady - will the road be closed? Not level of closure like Ivy; offer community the options: one lane for a month or closed for two weeks...?

Every two years go through prioritization process for BoS to consider

- Crozet Avenue intersection with 250
- Solicit inputs from CCAC

Tom Loach - biggest issue for Crozet Avenue and Jarmans Gap; consider Crozet Avenue in total

General recommendations for Crozet Avenue; VDOT push to ask developer for further analysis of the series of intersections (Tabor, Hilltop, etc.); developer offered \$75K for

signal; not much for a signal, but rather a detailed analysis for conceptual solutions for traffic; several options under consideration like synchronized signals

Tom - sidewalks a real need from Music Today to 3 developments Highlands, Wickham Pond, Western Ridge

Projects in Crozet Master Plan; high priority

New connections could be used instead; start from the east; walkable

Paul Rady - FHWA does not recommend mini-roundabouts in high pedestrian areas; should be full roundabouts

AC wants area to be a high pedestrian traffic area; real downtown area; high priority to address pedestrian and bicycle paths in area; work with developer

Brian Day - The Square funds available; why years?

Right of Way takes the time; utility issues with the Rail company; projects take longer than expected; design started; maybe 18 months before start

Allie - Oak Street progress before the Square?

Goal to have all of the sidewalks together; reduce impacts on businesses; synchronized projects to address traffic concerns

Josh - better pedestrian connectivity to schools between Crozet Avenue and Old Trail; project priority

Transportation planning process for around the schools; perhaps a second access around school; backlog of projects need discussion

Katya - 240-250 roundabout; safety concern; priority

Funding there; VDOT initial conceptual designs; to CCAC in spring? Unsure of schedule for construction.

Terri - would like to connect greenway, from east to west over Crozet Avenue

Tom - Spring for funding proposal on Lickinghole Creek bridge; to board in Spring, look for Smart Scale grant; important project; initial estimates at about \$12M; tight funding; state not interested in funding for new roads; Allie states a priority; burden can fall on the locality; talk with adjacent land owners to shorten span of bridge

Paul - sidewalk Crozet Avenue Meadows to downtown

Recommendation for trail or shared-use path; Dan Mahon work with to get more right of way for pedestrians along Crozet Avenue

Neighbor - Cory Farm connector will solve the problems

David - how much of 12M is construction

Bridge because of wetlands; length?

Allie - asked for Joel from VDOT to come, but unable; would like to ask questions

Eastern Avenue is a County project; span length review

Brian - High Tabor sidewalks

Do not have right of way on High, Tabor sidewalks;

Brian - why does AC build the sidewalks and not the developer

90's started requirement for new developments to have sidewalks; new properties have to plan for future connections between developments

Joe - starting sidewalks from Highlands from the east give connectivity to the trails

Need to work with HOA to get easements, right of way, for sidewalks; takes the most time and costs the most

Doug - sidewalks near the vet are in disrepair

Allie - prefer to spend money on sidewalks that do not exist

Allie asked for agenda items that all want to hear about; Joel come?

Tom - talk about Chesterfield Landing ; should have staff report back; CCAC position also talk about Gross vs. Net density

Jennie - Feb time during work session on Gross vs. Net density

Kelly - prioritize February

Allie - second hour for schools discussion

Jennie - have Frank Stoner come back; so plan back to Planning Commission; next several months as a review/update particularly for new members

Katya - joint Feb 4 meeting

Andrew - please RSVP for food request

Allie - confirm if all members received invite for Feb 4 All-CAC training

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM