

**Pantops Community Advisory Council (PCAC)
Albemarle County Government**

Meeting Minutes

*Wednesday, November 19, 2008, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Kessler Conference Room, Martha Jefferson Hospital Outpatient Center
595 Peter Jefferson Parkway*

Members Present:

Barbara Elias Chuck Harris
Rita Krenz Nancy Hackman
Glenna Kennett Dan Goodall
Peggy Echols
Lynwood Bell

Members Absent:

Robert Bossi Anthony Dracopoli John Crosby
Ron Hoffman Dick Jennings
Ken Boyd, Albemarle County Board of Supervisors
Cal Morris, Albemarle County Planning Commissioner

Guests:

Sherrie Walker
Shawn Strubee, Alliance for Community Choice in Transportation (ACCT)
Randy Salzman, ACCT

County Staff Present:

Rebecca Ragsdale, Senior Planner
Britton Miller, Community Engagement Specialist

Next meeting: Thursday, January 22, 2009, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Room 235, County Office Building, COB McIntire (or Pantops location TBD)

I. Welcome and Introductions

Britton Miller and Rebecca Ragsdale welcomed the group. Committee and County staff members introduced themselves, followed by review of the meeting agenda. Britton notified the group that Tony McHale had resigned from the committee—the PCAC expressed their appreciation for Tony’s contributions to the Council. Britton also noted that Ken Boyd, Cal Morris, Anthony Dracopoli and Dick Jennings sent their regrets and would not be able to attend tonight’s meeting.

II. Bicycle Commuting on Pantops

Shawn Strubee from the Alliance for Community Choice in Transportation (ACCT) presented ACCT’s bicycle mentoring program, which provides free consultation and support for helping people get outfitted and plan routes for commuting by bicycle. Randy Salzman, also from ACCT, presented their recommendations for creating more bicycle/pedestrian-friendly communities.

III. PCAC/Master Plan Recap

Britton Miller reviewed the Council's roles and responsibilities as established by the Board of supervisors. Britton also reviewed the interest area priorities established by the Council: Traffic and Pedestrian Connections. Rebecca Ragsdale did a brief overview of the Pantops Master Plan structure and content.

IV. Review Pantops Master Plan Tasks and Timeline for Action Plan

Rebecca Ragsdale reviewed the Transportation section of the Pantops Master Plan Implementation Chart. After reviewing this section, Council members expressed their concern over the long-term implementation dates for the major projects because of increasing traffic congestion in the area and its impact on quality of life in Pantops and requested additional information on Transportation issues. County staff responded that they would look into scheduling an in-depth discussion on Transportation projects/status, and explore whether or not there could be roles for the PCAC in addressing transportation issues. The idea was also raised of starting with smaller steps and building on those successes as a possible approach to the group's first action plan. The group agreed that they would like to be fully updated on traffic/transportation before proceeding with action plan development. County staff also offered to put together action plan ideas from the Master Plan to provide a framework for the next action plan discussion.

V. Other Business

The group decided to cancel the December PCAC meeting because of the holiday season, and also agreed to look at a new day of the month for the regular PCAC meeting. The group also thanked Barbara Elias for hosting the October and November meetings at Martha Jefferson Hospital Outpatient Center.

Action Items

- Britton will email the PCAC membership and County staff to look for a new meeting day.
- Rebecca will work on action plan suggestions from the Master Plan.
- Britton and Rebecca will work with County staff on setting up a Transportation discussion for the next meeting.
- Britton and Rebecca will check on Park and Ride at Darden Towe or other Pantops location.

Suggested Future Meeting Topics:

Traffic/Road Network

Planned infrastructure projects/priorities – Traffic/Roads

Presentations from Pantops businesses about expansion plans or other projects

Presentations from Pantops neighborhood representatives about neighborhoods

How do proffers work?