

CROZET COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Meadows, Crozet (5735 Meadows Drive)

Thursday, August 18, 2011

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Agenda Review. (*Meg Holden – CCAC Chair*)
2. Approval of Minutes from June 16, 2011 meeting.
3. Public Comment.
4. Announcements.
5. Introduction to Lodge at Old Trail project, <http://www.lodgeatoldtrail.com> (*David Hilliard*)
6. Discussion about children walking and biking to area schools. (*Josh Davis and some area school principals*)
7. Charlottesville-Albemarle Airport Runway extension project update. (*Bill Schrader*)
8. Jarman's Gap Road VDOT SWM pond at Old Trail Drive. (*Bev Thierwechter & Jim Rotherham*) (Letter attached to agenda addendum)
9. Sub-committees, ombudsman and supporting members of each. (Meet the CCAC handout; *Meg Holden*).
10. Project Updates/Information:
 - Recap of Crozet Independence Day celebration: dance – (*Mike Marshall*)
 - Crozet Square/CSX Parking log update (*Ann Mallek*)
 - Jarman's Gap Road Closing August 22.
 - Re-Store'N Station,
 - Library parking lot construction, (*Tim Tolson*)
 - StreetScape II and SWM project,
 - County Department of Community roundtable discussions on proposed zoning changes.
11. Items not listed on the agenda.
12. Future agenda items (*CCAC*)
 - a. Outreach to other county advisory councils.
 - b. **Other items?**

Adjourn

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July 25th, 2011

The Honorable Gregory A. Whirley
Transportation Commissioner
Virginia Department of Transportation
Commonwealth of Virginia
1401 E. Broad St.
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Commissioner Whirley:

The Board of Directors of the Old Trail Community Association in Crozet, Virginia, has ordered me to contact you to express our profound disappointment at how VDOT has treated the attempts of our developer, the Beights Corporation, to modify VDOT's plan for a detention pond at the entrance to the Old Trail Community as part of the Jarman's Gap Road project.

Our strong concerns center on how this pond, with minimal landscaping and a chain link fence, will create an eyesore in place of the current welcoming appearance at this entrance to our community. Furthermore, VDOT apparently plans to create a health hazard. Your staff told the homeowner whose property would be next to this pond that it would attract mosquitoes. The developer and their planning contractor, Collins Engineering Company, have been seeking a more environmentally sound and aesthetically-pleasing substitute – a bio-filter with landscaping compatible with our community standards. VDOT staff has rejected this approach on the grounds that the cost is excessive. The Collins estimate of the incremental cost of this approach is \$50,000.

The total budget for the Jarman's Gap project is \$16 million. We find it hard to believe that VDOT, which just managed to allocate \$197.4 million from its budget to finance the Western Bypass of US 29, cannot figure out how to reprogram \$50,000 within a budget of \$16 million to preserve the entrance to our beautiful community.

We, the more than 700 residents of Old Trail, have not weighed in on this issue before because we assumed that your staff would negotiate in good faith with the developer and his representatives to find a reasonable and aesthetically-pleasing solution that is acceptable to all parties. Unfortunately, that has not been the case to date. We are calling on you to ensure that the non-elected civil servants under your command become much more responsive to the community that will be impacted by this construction.

Thanking you for your prompt attention to this situation,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of
The Old Trail Community Association

James A. Rotherham
President

cc:
Senator Emmett W. Hanger, Jr.
Delegate R. Steven Landes
Delegate Robert B. Bell
Albemarle County Supervisor Ann H. Mallek