

Crozet Community Advisory Council

Thursday, March 19, 2009

7:00 pm-9:05 pm

The Meadows Community Center

CCAC Members in Attendance: Nancy Virginia Bain, Paul Clark, Meg Holden, Mike Marshall, Jessica Mauzy, David Mellen, Jon Mikalson, Jo Ann Z. Perkins, Mary Rice, Terry Tereskerz, Tim Tolson, Bill Schrader, Barbara Westbrook

CCAC members Absent: Kelly Strickland, Jim Stork

Retiring CCAC Members Present: Mac Lafferty, David Wayland

County Staff in Attendance: Elaine Echols, Lee Catlin, Rebecca Ragsdale, Tom Loach

Guests: Celeste Ploumis, Will Yancey, Tom Goeke, Monica Periasamy, Tom Murray, Cynthia Curnow Armstrong

Minutes prepared by Jo Ann Z. Perkins

Agenda Review (Mike Marshall-CCAC Chair): Mike reviewed the agenda to add any additional items. He welcomed everyone present and all were introduced. The new members of the CCAC are Paul Clark, Meg Holden, and David Mellen.

Resolution for Green Olive Tree (Mike Marshall): Mike Marshall mentioned that the resolution written by David Wayland and approved at our February meeting will also be used by the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors at the April 1 meeting. It was mentioned that the Green Olive Tree has also been recognized as “Good Neighbor” by the Crozet Volunteer Fire Company and also by the Crozet Community Association. Jo Ann Perkins mentioned that others can also send in their nomination of the Green Olive Tree to NBC Nightly News-Making a Difference.

Appreciation for Outgoing Members (CCAC) Mike Marshall spoke in appreciation of the work of Beverly Ergenbright, Mac Lafferty, and David Wayland and the work they have done on the many projects of the CCAC. The CCAC membership hopes they will continue to support the different projects and the revision of the Master Plan. Both Mac Lafferty and David Wayland mentioned their enjoyment of having served on the CCAC and they are planning to continue to work with the CCAC. Lee Catlin gave each an appreciation from Albemarle County and mentioned that 12 people had applied for the three vacant seats on the CCAC.

Committee Assignments: Jessica Mauzy asked, “Who will become the ombudsman for the different committees the retiring CCAC members headed”? Jessica volunteered to head the Parks and Trails Committee. The Committee assignments will be an agenda item at the next meeting. Tom Goeke volunteered to be on a committee.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the February 19, 2009 were approved as sent by the last e-mail with date changed to data.

Update on Old Crozet School (Lee Catlin): Lee Catlin reported that the old Crozet Elementary will soon have new tenants: the Field School and Old Crozet School Arts. The Old Crozet School Arts have to have a Special Use Permit to use the building since they will have people driving to the school in the evening. These two tenants will be on a year-to-year lease and are leasing the building “as is”. Lee handed out a flyer that explained the maintenance of the grounds, leasing the school increase the County’s operating costs for the building, who will pay for alterations and improvements required for the tenants’ programs, will tenants be able to alter the historic details of the building, and what if the community wants to pursue development of a community center while the building is leased. For more details link to www.albemarle.org/oldschool.

Master Plan Revision Update (Lee Catlin): Lee Catlin, Rebecca Ragsdale, and Elaine Echols held a discussion on the Master Plan Revision that included questions and comments on the Data and Mapping items list, the upcoming CCAC and public Education session, and the questionnaire:

- What do we need to get “up to speed” on?
- What is in the plan and what is not in the plan that we need?
- What do we need for our training?
- Rezoning that has changed in the last five years
- Accomplishments of the Master Plan over the last five years (Quick Read)
- We should only use the most present maps. All maps should have the same color code.
- Maps should show existing conditions with all developments approved to date.
- Development area history should be added.
- Discussion about making comparisons to other areas that have been successful?
- What has been the impact of rezoning?
- Summarize how other places deal with their issues?
- Critical that the public meetings be informative, short, and meaningful to keep attendance
- What are the areas of focus for revision?
- ConAgra to 250 needs to be looked at since it is the largest bulk of land to be developed.
- Copies of the Master Plan can be placed at the library. It is also on the web.
- Concern expressed on density of downtown and the tapered density on the boundaries not followed.

Survey (Tim Tolson): Mike Marshall gave the history of the survey and why it is important to know what the citizens of Crozet think about the Master Plan. Tim Tolson and his committee composed a Crozet Master Plan Background Survey hand-out. It is asking for “Your Opinion about Crozet”. What kind of questions should we ask? Each

of the CCAC members should send 3 questions each to Tim before April 2. We can review the questions at the next meeting.

Committee Updates:

Transportation: Mac Lafferty reported that JAUNT has had a budget cut and will not be adding more routes. The rail service discussion going from Crozet to Charlottesville has been postponed.

Library: Bill Schrader reported that at the last Board of Supervisors meeting that many misconceptions have been corrected about the plans for the new library.

Recycling: Barbara Westbrook mentioned that aluminum cans are being recycled in Crozet by the Lions Club.

Development Review Updates (Rebecca Ragsdale): Rebecca Ragsdale reported on the three most recently submitted or active development projects in Crozet, while there are others that are still under review or at various stages of approval:

- 1) Old Crozet School- Special Use Permit
- 2) Restore 'n Station
- 3) Building Expansion at Tabor Presbyterian Church

No dates have been set on any of these for Planning Commission, Architectural Review Board, or Board of Supervisors meetings.

Tom Goeke gave a history of the Restore 'n Station, the massiveness of the project, and the vagueness of the project. Some contiguous property owners are exercising their property rights in the process of opposing the extent of this project.

Work Session: On a Saturday in April, we will have a work session to prepare for working on the revision process. We will also have a meeting on the third Thursday in April.

Announcements: Mary Rice announced that the CCA will have a clean up Crozet day April 25th. Anyone willing to work on that day and help organize, please contact Judi Burbes.

Jo Ann Perkins announced that on April 25th there will be a reception at Crozet United Methodist Church to honor the Green Olive Tree from 1-4 PM.

Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.