

Crozet Community Advisory Council (CCAC)

DATE: March 29, 2006
TIME: 7:00pm
PLACE: Mountainside Senior Living

MEETING SUMMARY

CCAC Member Attendees:

Jim Stork	Rachel Collier
Terry Tereskerz	Beverly Ergenbright
Tim Tolsen	Mac Lafferty
Maria Veronica Warnock	Mike Marshall
David Wayland	Jo Ann Perkins
Barbara Westbrook	Mary Rice
Ed Adam	

Members absent: Duane Zobrist

Others present: Board of Supervisor member David Wyant; Tom Foley, Assistant County Administrator; Lee Catlin, Community Relations Manager; Rebecca Ragsdale, Crozet Neighborhood Planner; Susan Stimart, Business Development Facilitator; TV and newspaper reporters

Agenda and Meeting Attendee Sign-In Sheet are separate attachments

I – Introductions, Discussion of Mission

Board of Supervisors member, David Wyant outlined some tenets of the Council's mission:

- A. Several Crozet Master Plan recommendations best served by community leadership*
- B. Broad-based representation: CCAC is comprised of members representing a broad geography and background; some are new residents and some are long-time residents*
- C. Civic engagement: provide feedback and input on civic/community issues associated with the implementation of the Master Plan*
- D. Collaboration: team-oriented to ensure a two-way dialogue regarding impacts, issues, related to the implementation of the Master Plan*

In discussing the Mission, each person was asked to define their expectations. The following includes some of the comments shared among the advisory council members:

Jo Ann Perkins – She brings Crozet Park Concerns and interest in expansion. She wants to adapt the model of Crozet Park partnership with the County to flow into the Master Plan implementation. She wants the CCAC to help with developing education-related, after-school,

non-athletic activities for the community's youth. She wants a sustainable community for the teenagers to be able to remain in the community.

Mac Lafferty – He wants to keep an open mind about the changes coming to Crozet and about the Master Plan, his property has been identified in the Master Plan to change from R-4 to R-36, and he want to remain open-minded about what that will do to his neighborhood. What will Crozet look like in the future? Walk-ability is a promise he is looking to see fulfilled. He has mixed views about the local tax.

David Wayland is concerned that the Master Plan be followed. He is afraid Crozet will disappear. He believes developers have the upper hand with respect to roads and traffic impacts. He considers eminent domain frightening. He wants development for all of us and not just developers. Last, he mentioned the idea of having citizen presentations and testimony to the CCAC.

Barbara Westbrook is concerned about the roads. She also suggested many in Crozet are unaware of projects and are feeling disconnected from the Master Plan and its implementation.

Mary Rice wants to be a part of the implementation of the Master Plan. She wants CCAC to help interpret the Master plan, including the Place-type map. She wants to help facilitate knowledge sharing and help dispel unfounded rumors.

Tim Tolsen echoed Mary's statement that the CCAC be a two-way communication instrument. From growing up in Warrenton, he is concerned about rampant growth and wants to see Crozet's growth better managed. He is also interested serving as a conduit of information, bringing his involvement with the library to the CCAC.

Beverly Ergenbright volunteered to be a resource to convey information about the East Crozet area.

Jim Stork wants to keep Crozet looking like Crozet.

II – Procedural Issues, FOIA (The Business of Operating the CCAC)

Rebecca Ragsdale explained the expectations from the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for every formal meeting. A question was raised, "What constitutes a meeting?" Information was provided that helped describe the definition of FOIA – basically, for every meeting of the CCAC, meeting notes must be prepared, an agenda must be prepared; and an attendance list recorded. All of these meetings are open to the public. For all subsequent meetings, the Council must have a note-taker. Another procedural item includes electing a chairman, vice chairman, and secretary.

PART III – Open Discussion, Identifying Items for Upcoming Meetings

The Council decided to hold elections for the next meeting to elect a chair, a vice chair and a secretary (for note-taking).

The Council decided on the next meeting to be held at the Meadows Community room, on April 20th from 7:00-9:00.

The CCAC members listed a number of topics they would like to cover at upcoming meetings, including:

- Planning 101
- Updates on Infrastructure projects
- Status of Current projects and proposals
- Population Build-out
- Creating a 12-month work plan, the “Action Plan”

For the next meeting, the CCAC agreed the next meeting’s agenda should include “Planning 101/An Overview of the Master Plan,” and “Population build-out”, and “Status of Current projects and proposals.”

CCAC members also discussed at length some strategies for meeting the Council mission to serve as a conduit of information between the Board of Supervisors and the community. A specific idea included having a Town hall meeting next summer to include the CCAC.