

Crozet Community Advisory Council

Thursday, April 17, 2008
7:00 PM-9:00 PM
Meadows Community Center

CCAC Attendees: Tanya Brockett, Beverly Ergenbright, Mac Lafferty, Mike Marshall, Jo Ann Z. Perkins, Mary Rice, Jimmy Stork, Terry Tereskerz, Tim Tolson, David Wayland, Barbara Westbrook

County Staff Attendees: Lee Catlin (Community Relations), Rebecca Ragsdale (Senior Planner) Britton Miller (Community Relations), Ann Mallek (W. H. Board of Supervisor)

CCAC Absent: Gloria Johnson, Ed Adam, Veronica Warnock

Minutes prepared by Jo Ann Z. Perkins:

Agenda Review: Mike Marshall CCAC Chair: Mike welcomed all present and reviewed the agenda for the evening.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

New Member Application Process (CCAC Action Planning Retreat: Lee Catlin reported that the county had received four applications to the CCAC . She encouraged the present members to encourage applications. She reported that once the Board of Supervisors had reviewed the applications and decided on the new members, there would be Orientation meetings. These should be held in May. In June, the entire CCAC would have a retreat to plan our action/programs for another year. Mary Rice graciously offered her home for the retreat. Several dates will be sent via e-mail for us to select the best date and give suggested topics.

Infrastructure Project Updates: Lee Catlin gave the following project updates:

Old School Reuse: On April 18, there will be a meeting with the stake holders to prepare a list of priorities to go to the BOS. It is important that the community ideas are in the process and the timing is in sequence with the CIP process. (Later part of August is the time to get in the CIP process)

Western Park: There has been one community meeting. The county is going to the Leadership class of WAHS to go to the site to give their input.

Historic District: State Historic Committee has reviewed the materials and has reported that this is potentially a historic district. The part of the community that is in the historic district needs to be informed of the pros/cons of being in a historic district.

Master Plan Update: The CCAC needs to have a plan on the Master Plan prior to there being preconceived ideas. Working from the end forwards:

Last half of '09: BOS review the Master Plan Revision (6 months)

First half of '09: CCAC work on their revisions to present to BOS

Last half of '08: CCAC plan on their work groups, study community survey.

Mary Rice, Tim Tolson, and David Wayland will meet and propose timeline and milestones on the methodology on this revision and report at the May meeting.

Downtown Zoning Project Update: Rebecca Ragsdale reported that there are plans for a joint public meeting in June for Planning Commission and BOS in the Crozet area.

Development Review Updates: Rebecca Ragsdale reported that Patterson Subdivision and Watkins Proposal were approved. Special Use Permit for the Animal Wellness had also been approved. Crozet Station has submitted a formal request for their site plan for 20 units and an additional 10 units.

CCAC Discussion: Mary Rice suggested that the CCAC be more proactive in what is being proposed in the Crozet area. Mac Lafferty suggested that the Glens development should be on our radar. Mike Marshall expressed concern that the proposed commercial zoning boundary for downtown business area does not include enough undeveloped land. He was concerned that grandfathered commercial zoning on Rt. 250 near Interstate 64 interchange and projects at Old Trail and Clover Lawn are cheaper and easier options for commercial investors and would draw new businesses away from downtown. The CCAC granted Mike Marshall permission to approach Barnes Lumber Company owner Carroll Conley about the possibility of including undeveloped parts of the lumber yard inside the downtown boundary. He also said the Downtown business owners are scared over disruption from the Crozet Avenue Streetscape project, which they fear will prevent customers from reaching their stores. A similar fear exists in the Crozet Shopping Center over the plans to build apartments over the stores there. The CCAC wants to see detailed construction schedules to be assured that the least disruption possible is caused. A suggestion of Emergency Relief Fund to help businesses during construction (similar to what Staunton is doing) is another possibility.

Recycling: Jo Ann Perkins expressed concern that no news/updates/happenings on a Crozet Recycle Center has been out of the news too long. Ann Mallek gave the update that the consultant report has not been completely reviewed. She expressed concerns of having an unmanned center vs. a manned center. Education to the community might have to be made to avoid the center from becoming a dumping area.

Crozet Arts and Crafts/All night Long Fund Raiser: May 10 and 11 will be the next Arts and Crafts. May 3 is the charity ticket at Belk to benefit all night long prom party for county students.

Survey: Tim Tolson will chair the survey committee that will be given to the community by web site and by paper. Jimmy Stork, Barbara Westbrook, and Terry Tereskerz will also be members of this committee.

Demographics: Mary Rice will chair this committee to gather statistics about the Crozet community population and how the population relates to Master Plan/Water Supply/Sustainable Population/employment/car trips/ etc. Also on this committee will be Beverly Ergenbright and Jo Ann Perkins.

Commuter Rail from Crozet to Charlottesville: Mac Lafferty mentioned that a local group in conjunction with the Buckingham Railroad is researching into the possibility of a commuter rail connecting Crozet and Charlottesville with at several drop off points in Charlottesville. Price of gasoline and traffic congestion may warrant such a venture.

Western Park: The signage at the Western Park parcel still has it named as Old Trail Community Park. There was assurance that this sign would be removed and named to reflect the true Crozet community nature of the park.

Library Update: Tim Tolson gave us the latest library update.

The meeting adjourned at 9 PM