

Crozet Community Advisory Council
Minutes
Thursday, August 16, 2007 7:00-9:10 PM
The Meadows Community Center

CCAC Attendees: Ed Adam, Tanya Brockett, Beverly Ergenbright, Gloria Johnson Mac Lafferty, Mike Marshall, Jo Ann Z. Perkins, Mary Rice, Jimmy Stork, Terry Tereskerz, Veronica Warnock, David Wayland, Barbara Westbrook

County Staff Attendees: Rebecca Ragsdale (Senior Planner), Lee Catlin (Community Relations), Susan Stimart (Business Development), David Wyant (W.H. Board of Supervisors), Britton Miller (Planner)

CCAC Absent: Tim Tolson

Minutes were prepared by Jo Ann Z. Perkins

Welcome: Mike Marshall welcomed all in attendance and gave each a copy of the agenda.

Agenda Review/Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved for the June meeting.

Crozet Downtown Zoning Project Update: Ken Schwartz, consultant with Community Planning & Design, gave an overview of the four community meetings. He stressed the importance of having another meeting since several issues have surfaced and the community needs to be aware of these changes. One of the concerns would be the change in acreage of the transition boundaries. Could the CCA have time at their Sept. 13th meeting to have this discussion? CCA President, David Wayland said that that meeting is partially devoted to David Wyant and Ann Malleck to speak about their platforms and there is other business as well. The meeting would have to be lengthened to hear Ken Schwartz's presentation. County will need to decide when to inform the community and how to inform the community.

Celeste Ploumis, Crozet resident at Route 250/Route 240 concerns: Ms Ploumis spoke on her 18 year residency at this location and how difficult it is for her to continue to maintain her quality of life at that location as traffic increases and commercial development occurs across the road from her property. Celeste wanted to hear any suggestions the Committee might have to help her and wanted to know the thoughts of the Committee on the possibility that she would try to have her property rezoned to 'highway commercial'. In the Master Plan, Celeste's corner is shown as 'preservation'. Celeste had already approached the Planning Commission who told her that changing the zoning for her property would entail a change in the Master Plan, and therefore, a Comprehensive Plan Amendment. The Master Plan will be reviewed in 2009, and the Planning Commission told Celeste that changes in the Plan might be considered at that point in time, but not before then, with regard to her property. The Committee expressed

empathy for Ms. Ploumis's plight regarding the noise and traffic at her residence, but the general sentiment of the group was that they would not favor any commercial rezoning on that corner in the foreseeable future. The Committee stressed that their thoughts on the matter were moot, however, since the Planning Commission had already told Celeste that they would not consider a Comp. Plan amendment to enable a rezoning until 2009.

Lisa McCauley Miller, Modern Barber Shop Porch petition: Lisa Miller brought the 1,700 signatures to a petition to save the 1910 porch in front of the barbershop. Terry Tereskerz made the motion that the CCAC approve a resolution to save the porch and accept the petitions. Barbara Westbrook seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Resolution, written by Terry Tereskerz, is as follows:

Resolution in support of Retaining the Porch on the LaCocina del Sol/Modern Barber Building in Crozet

WHEREAS, it appears that some portion of the porch of the LaCocina del Sol/Modern Barber Shop building (the "Building") fronting on Route 240 in Crozet may be in the Virginia Department of Highways ("VDOT") right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence, removal of the Building's porch, or some portion thereof, may be under consideration by the County of Albemarle; and

WHEREAS, it appears that petitions in support of saving the Building's porch have been signed by more than 1700 citizens of Crozet; and

WHEREAS, the Crozet Community Advisory Council believes that the Building's porch adds to the character of Crozet, is consistent with the goals of the Master Plan and is part of the history of the Building and in turn Crozet;

NOW THEREFOR, in consideration of the premises the Crozet Community Advisory Council unanimously adopted the following resolution at its August, 2007, meeting:

Be it, and it hereby is, RESOLVED, that the Crozet Community Advisory Council makes known its belief that the Building's porch as currently constructed and positioned adds to the character and ambience of Crozet and is consistent with the goals of the Master Plan and therefore should be protected; and

It was FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Crozet Community Advisory Council accordingly requests that all action be taken by the appropriate Albemarle County authorities to insure that no portion of the Building's porch is removed incident to any activities undertaken by either Albemarle County or the Virginia Department of Transportation, or any person(s) or entity(ies) acting on their behalf.

Crozet Town Hall Meeting Discussion: Lee Catlin gave us three important updates:

- 1) The County has proclaimed a drought situation for those on public water system and gave the restrictions on that proclamation. There was a long discussion about

- this, with Mike Marshall noting that Crozet has an ample supply of water at Beaver Creek, and probably at this time doesn't need to conserve water usage. Lee Catlin said the Board believed it would be best to apply restrictions to the whole County and not excuse the Crozet area.
- 2) Waldorf School is moving out of the old Crozet Elementary School and that the county has sent different safety consultants in to review the facilities. The playground has been declared unsafe and it will be removed. Soon to be available will be the report on safety/condition of the building itself.
 - 3) Town Meeting:
 - Date: Sept. 20
 - Time: 7-9 PM
 - Location: WAHS Cafeteria and some classrooms
 - a) Letter will be sent out after Labor Day from the county to Crozet area residents pertaining to this meeting. This letter will have three signatures, Bob Tucker, County Executive; David Wayland, CCA; and Mike Marshall, CCAC
 - b) There will be fact sheets and information on the county website also.
 - c) Poster has been designed and ready to be placed around Crozet announcing this meeting.
 - d) Project updates included in this meeting:
 - Phase I/II Sidewalk/Streetscapes
 - Downtown Crozet Zoning Project
 - Historic resources
 - Library
 - Old School Site Reuse
 - Master Plan for Western Park

Comments on Town Meeting: Add about a half hour prior to meeting for viewing the different stations, longer question/answer period, add classrooms that can be expanded to larger area when the discussion time is available, table available for CCA, CCAC members wear special name tags, recycle center update?, storm water? David Wyant will give the Recycle Committee the information he just received from the county as possible county property to be used for center. Storm water/streetscapes will be placed on our October agenda. An additional town meeting date may be decided after this Town Meeting.

Crozet Community Survey: Veronica Warnock reported that the Economic Development Committee will meet prior to the October meeting and will make a proposal at that time.

Crozet New Development Review Projects: Rebecca Ragsdale wanted to know the best method to give us information on the new projects. She mentioned the Liberty Hall (affordable housing proffer), Crozet Station (residential over commercial and the parking area in back), Sprouse's project, Blue Ridge Co-Housing, and Patterson's Subdivision. CCAC members felt that the printed overview list was helpful and then receive updates through e-mail about the specifics on the projects prior to the planning commission and board of supervisors meetings.

Additions to Agenda:

- 1) David Wayland asked if Streetscape Phase I was going to have trash cans, then “Who is going to do trash pick-up there? “ Susan Stimart said the County would be asked to place and to maintain the trash cans.
- 2) Barbara Westbrook requested that CCAC request that the county have a Community Bulletin Board so that the citizens of Crozet can have a central location to post events. She presented pictures of possible types. Who will be in charge of this? Possible candidates would be the downtown Businesses.

Terry Tereskerz made the motion, as part of the agenda of our October meeting, we request that the county make recommendations for such a board. David Wayland seconded this motion. Motion passed.

- 3) David Wyant suggested that there be a “Welcome to Crozet “ sign. CCA might want to work on this project.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM. We were all pleased that we had finally gotten rain, and did not mind leaving the meeting with the possibility of getting wet.