

Crozet Community Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2011
The Meadows, Crozet

CCAC Member Attendees: Mike Marshall, Jessica Mauzy, Nancy Virginia Bain, Tim Tolson, Lucy Goeke, Mary Gallo, Bill Schrader, Kelly Strickland, Tom Loach, Ann Mallek, and Jon Mikalson.

CCAC Members Absent: Charlie Mitchell, Meg West, Meg Holden, and Brenda Plantz.

Others Present: Jack Kelsey, Albemarle County staff

Minutes by: Jessica Mauzy

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

Minutes from the February meeting were unanimously approved as presented on a motion by Bill Schrader, seconded by Lucy Goeke. (Kelly Strickland was not present for this vote.)

Public Comment: None, no one present.

Announcements:

There are no applications for new members of the CCAC on file. We have two vacancies to fill - at least one should be a representative from Old Trail. Lucy and Tim have contacted people they know in Old Trail encouraging them to apply, but so far without success.

Mike circulated thank you cards for CCAC members to sign for those who have donated to the *Welcome to Crozet* signs.

Downtown Streetscape and storm water projects (Jack Kelsey) [See enclosed handout below]

Streetscape: Jarman Gap road will be closed for 60 days between June - August (when school is not in session).

Crozet Avenue: Streetscape project needs four more easements (out of 20) and none of those four seem very difficult.

Negotiations with the Church just took place - the street adjacent to it will not be a public street but will just be used as access to the businesses (shared access). VDOT will pay for the new church parking.

Tom Loach suggested that when the streetscape improvements happen, it would be nice if the new light poles had a mechanism for hanging decorative flags and perhaps hanging flower baskets. General support for this idea.

Approval to move forward with the utility relocation may happen by the end of April. By the end of the summer it should go to bid. Construction may begin in the fall - there will be a more detailed phasing plan once it is under contract.

Library Avenue and the alley have been paved - some adjustments to grading and drainage have been made.

Will Oak Street happen? That is still under investigation - it's not a legal Right-of-Way (ROW)

currently - there needs to be a plat dedicating the ROW to public use.

Library parking lot update (*Bill Schrader*): There is a phased site plan that is waiting for approval on April 4 by the ARB (includes the Library building)

Library design: (*Bill Schrader*) the mass of the Library building was a concern of ARB before, but we think it's been ameliorated now. The design has been altered as per ARB suggestions - the building height has been lowered by about 3 feet. There should be a new construction cost range by early summer, with the goal to have design plans and current building cost estimates ready for the Board of Supervisors strategic budget retreat in June. The main issue is the \$500,000/year required to pay back the loan.

Ann said she's lobbying her fellow board members to have the \$2 Million in county funds no longer required for Greer School addition (because it got a \$2 Million federal grant) reserved for library construction.

Storm water management pond update – as described in attached handout.

CSX ROW update: Ann M. met with the representatives from Buckingham Branch Railroad, CSX, and business owners about the parking issue in the Crozet Square. One negotiation that is on the table is for CSX to allow permit parking for square employees within the 50-foot railroad right-of-way. They laid out one possibility on the ground that provided traffic circulation using parallel parking. There is a conference call planned for next week and they are hoping to come to an agreement in the foreseeable future. Ann's keeping the pressure on as best she can.

Sign update: The CCA will donate \$200. There is now enough money to pay for three signs! The sign at the water treatment plant will be the first one. The fourth one will hopefully be approved for somewhere along 810 near Critzer's Corner. (Meg West has done a great job with this endeavor!!)

Trails update: The route greenway to Crozet Park from the west is being adjusted to accommodate a landowner adjacent to the park. The Crozet Trails Crew (CTC) focus for now is on linking the Lickinghole Creek basin to existing trails to the Park.

Leslie Burns is doing an awesome design for CTC t-shirts. They are soliciting a few t-shirt sponsors.

After discussion of walkable trails to local schools, particularly Henley and Western, all agreed the April CCAC meeting will be dedicated to discussing walkable and bikeable routes to the local schools and what the community can do to help the school officials feel comfortable with kids walking and biking. The CTC (Crozet Trails Crew) will assist by inviting school officials and PTO representatives to the meeting. Local schools include Western Albemarle High School, Henley Middle School, Brownsville Elementary School, Crozet Elementary School, and possibly Meriwether Lewis and Murray.

Outreach to WAHS feeder pattern schools' PTOs (*Mary Gallo*) Mary and Lucy have been contacting and meeting with PTOs of schools that feed WAHS, including Murray and Meriwether Lewis. So far all have been positive, supportive and interested in being better informed about issues that impact WAHS and area. Mary's exploring ways to keep them informed via email lists or point-of-contacts with the PTOs. Mary looking at website where we

could post resolutions for community members to “sign and support”.

Officer elections: General discussion about who might be willing to serve as chair and vice-chair. Mike very willing to have someone else serve as chair. General consensus arrived at asking Meg Holden to be chair and Charlie Mitchell vice-chair. Elections to be held at the next meeting, April 21. Mike will talk to Meg Holden and Charlie.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 PM

Tim Tolson gave a key to the CCAC bulletin board case in the Crozet Post Office to Jack Kelsey, CCAC chair Mike Marshall, and Bill Schrader. He kept one as CCAC secretary.

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