Places 29 Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2014

In Attendance: Council Members: Heather Stokes, George Larie, Elly Tucker, L.F. Wood, Cynthia Neff, Jane Williamson, Kimberly Swanson, Henry Weinschenk, Laney Kaminer, Peter Borches, Chuck Newton, David Bashline and Peter Skoro. Also attending: County Supervisors: Diantha McKeel, Brad Sheffield and Kenneth Boyd; Planning Commissioners: Bruce Dotson; and County Staff: Lee Catlin.

-Welcome

-Places 29 Advisory Council Mission/Operating Principles:

-Lee Catlin noted that the BOS has adopted a budget for the coming year and that the new budget restores funding for a Community Engagement position. The position is designed in part to support the County’s citizen advisory councils, including Places 29.

As to the mission of the Places 29 council, Lee noted that the council’s role, through collaboration and communication, is to support the Places 29 Master Plan which is a part of the County’s Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Brad Sheffield added that as they come before the council specific issues will in turn give rise to how the Master Plan and the Comprehensive Plan will be implement. At the same time, council members are free to recommend changes to the Master Plan.

Commissioner Ken Boyd recognized that the Places 29 Council is currently undergoing an evolutionary process in identifying its role, not unlike other advisory councils and the manner in which it provides feedback to the BOS.

More discussion ensued and it was noted that “land use” issues are the primary purpose of the Master Plan. That while transportation matters are contained in the Master Plan, transportation is a matter more appropriately dealt with by the MPO and its members and advisors. Commissioner Sheffield acknowledged that there are some overlapping “gray areas” in this
connection. For those members who interested in transportation there is an opening on the CTAC board: http://www.albemarle.org/boards/

A discussion followed about how items are placed on the council’s agenda and it was noted that the County staff and the Chairperson of the council work together to prepare the agendas for the council’s monthly meetings. It was also noted that council members are free to suggest agenda items for these meetings, via contacting Lee Catlin or Heather Stokes.

A discussion ensued about what kind of matters which could be included in future agendas. These pertained to, for example, infrastructure items and ways to encourage developers of commercial properties to include infrastructure items in their plans. The suggestion was also made that perhaps developers should be invited to speak to the council about their plans or redevelopment of existing centers/areas. Members noted that some of the shopping centers on Rt. 29 could perhaps be redeveloped. It was also noted that the cost of redevelopment is an important factor in land use decisions.

As time was running out, members noted that in the future the council should be task oriented and focused on its mission to assist the County in implementing the Master Plan. It was also suggested that perhaps a timekeeper be appointed to keep the council on task. The Chair also noted that working together collaboratively would help the council in accomplishing its mission.

- **Area Infrastructure Improvement Projects:**

  Commissioners Brad Sheffield and Diantha McKeel presented a list of Pedestrian and Bike Improvements Project currently underway in the County. (Copy of the list attached.) Commissioner Sheffield briefly discussed some of the listed projects and their affects on the Comprehensive Plan.

- **General Discussion:**

  The council returned to a general discussion about its role and mission in the future. Commissioner Ken Boyd suggested that the council may want to consider looking at the Crozet Advisory Council’s involvement in assisting the County in “Pre-Zoning” development areas located within the Crozet...
Master Plan. There was also a discussion of the council considering, for a future agenda item, the type of development that should occur along the route of the proposed Berkmar Drive Extension and the designation of the type of road.

**-Adoption of April 24 Meeting Minutes:**

A draft of the council’s April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes having been circulated to the members earlier, by email, the council discussed formally adopting the minutes. Member Elly Tucker offered a revision to the draft minutes pertaining to the Colonia Auto Center land use applications. The council agreed to incorporate the offered revision into the minutes and thereupon approved and adopted the minutes by voice vote.

**-July Meeting:**

The council agreed not to hold a meeting for the month of July.

**-The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m. The council will next meet on June 26, 2014, at 5:00 p.m., Room 235, County Office Building.**
PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE IMPROVEMENTS (DESCRIPTION OF NUMBERED PROJECTS ON MAP, 1-7)

1. **Powell Creek Drive Sidewalk**
   - This project would complete the sidewalk connections to the school complex at three locations and would allow for crosswalks to be installed in various locations, including at the intersections.
   - Design and Project Manual/Specifications are in progress; Bid/Award construction 2nd Quarter 2014

2. **Rio Road Crosswalk**
   - Install one or more Crosswalks on Rio Road between the Fashion Square Mall/Albemarle Square intersection and Old Brook Road to accommodate prevalent pedestrian mid-block crossings in this area.
   - Study, design and installation late FY14/15 or FY15/16 depending on level of improvements

3. **Commonwealth Drive Bike Lane striping**
   - Request to VDOT to stripe bike lanes on section between Hydraulic Rd. and Greenbrier Dr. with the next re-surfacing of project (within next 2 years).

4. **Rio Road, from Meadow Creek Parkway to Stonehenge & Pen Park Lane**
   - Install missing sidewalk sections to create an uninterrupted sidewalk from the Stonehenge neighborhood to Rio Road/John Warner Parkway trail.
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   - Extend existing sidewalk along frontage of Dunlora Forest on Pen Park Road to River Run entrances
   - Install crosswalk at Rio Road/Pen Park Road intersection
   - Revenue Sharing FY-14 project; scoping to request A/E proposals; Bid/Award construction 1st Quarter 2016

5. **Hydraulic Road, from Commonwealth Drive to Georgetown Road**
   - This project would install 1700 feet of sidewalk on the north side of Hydraulic Road from the western most entrance into the Stonefield development to the Georgetown Road intersection.
   - Provides for sidewalks on both sides of this five-lane wide section of Hydraulic Road
   - Revenue Sharing FY-13 project; Preliminary Engineering authorized by VDOT and design in progress; Bid/Award construction 2nd Quarter 2015

6. **Barracks Road, City Limits to Barracks West Apartments**
   - Construct a sidewalk on north side of Barracks Road from Barracks West apartments to the existing sidewalk on Georgetown Road.
   - Construct segments of sidewalk (where feasible) on the south side of Barracks Road between the Georgetown Road intersection and the City limits. Crosswalks will be installed at certain intersections.
   - Revenue Sharing FY-13 project; Preliminary Engineering authorized by VDOT and design in progress; Bid/Award construction 3rd Quarter 2015

7. **Ivy Road (Rt. 250), City limits to Kluge Center/UVA Police Offices**
   - Sidewalks, bike lanes, curb and storm drainage system improvements, street trees and pedestrian lighting from the former Kluge Rehab Center site/UVA Police Office area to the City line.
   - Paved shoulders to accommodate bikes from new bike lanes west to Canterbury Rd.
   - Sidewalk on south side from City limits ECC building/area. May also include sidewalk/crosswalk improvements at the intersection of Ivy Road and Old Ivy Road (RR underpass to Ivy Road).
   - Dependent on VDOT FY-15 Revenue Sharing award
   - Execution of the Revenue Sharing agreement and scoping of design 4th Quarter 2015; Bid/Award construction 3rd Quarter 2017

Road Surfacing Projects – Re-surfacing roads in various locations; will be done from this Spring through early Fall, 2014