



**Planning and Coordination Council Quarterly Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)  
February 15, 2018**

**Albemarle County Office Bldg., McIntire Road  
Room 241  
2:00 p.m.**

**PACC Members in Attendance: Diantha McKeel, Jeff Richardson, Heather Hill, Nikuyah Walker, Mike Murphy, Pat Hogan, Colette Sheehy**

**Others in Attendance:** Tim Rose, Fed Missel, Matt Charles, Julia Monteith, Lewis Nelson, Megan Lowe, David Benish, Chip Boyles, Andrew Gast-Bray, Community Members; Media.

**1. Call to Order**

Diantha McKeel, Albemarle County Supervisor-Jack Jouett District, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Ms. McKeel invited those sitting around the table to introduce themselves.

**2. Approval of November 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Hogan, University of Virginia Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; Ms. Sheehy, University of Virginia Senior Vice-President for Operations, seconded and the minutes were approved by a voice call vote.

**3. Orientation and Overview of PACC**

Presenter: David Benish, Chief of Planning for Albemarle County

Ms. McKeel announced that the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting packet included draft minutes from the last PACC-TECH meeting and polled the group to see if everyone would like to continue to receive those prior to each PACC meeting. It was unanimous that the group continue to receive those minutes with the understanding that they would most likely always be in draft form due to the timing of PACC meetings.

Mr. Benish discussed the Three Party Agreement, which was established in 1986 (Attachment #1). He showed a map depicting Areas A, B and C (Attachment #2). Mr. Benish then presented a PowerPoint presentation, which provided PACC's Background, Structure and other components of the Three Party Agreement (Attachment #3). He explained that plans were amended in 2015 to include a master plan for the UVA grounds.

Ms. Heather Hill, City of Charlottesville Vice-Mayor, commented that meeting quarterly seemed limiting. Ms. Nikuyah Walker, City of Charlottesville Mayor, indicated that it seemed like the

planning was more for the benefit of the University. Ms. McKeel explained that PACC was formed so the City, County and the University would be able to collaborate on items of mutual interest located within Areas A, B and C. She added that this is a regularly scheduled meeting where all parties receive updates on what is happening in the City and County, i.e. guidelines and improvements and expectations for land that abuts all three entities Mr. Benish explained that PACC provides a platform where these matters can be brought forward, discussed and, if necessary, brought forward to the larger elected bodies as part of Comprehensive Plan adoptions.

#### **4. UVA Cornerstone Project**

Presenters: Patrick Stanley, University of Virginia, Director of Digital Engagement; Hannah Fitzhugh, University of Virginia Medical Center, Clinical Research Coordinator Ms. Fitzhugh explained that this cornerstone project is being proposed as a means to develop an easily accessible central repository for PACC/PACC-TECH agendas, minutes, presentations and handouts. Mr. Stanley stated that this information is currently located on three different websites and is dependent on which locality is hosting on any given year. The goal is to develop a high quality website where thirty years of information will be compiled and then made accessible and searchable by not only PACC but by the community at large. He added that this website would provide a benchmark for best practices by maintaining the repository and website with the goal of sustained improvement. Ms. Walker asked who would be responsible/take ownership of this website. Ms. Fitzhugh said the Thomas Jefferson Planning District has offered to host the site.

Mr. Stanley provided a timeframe of this project, which would begin in February and culminate in late summer.

Ms. Hill stated that this website will provide better engagement between PACC and the community and will be very helpful to the City. Ms. McKeel said this sounds like a wonderful project and very much overdue.

#### **5. Birdwood Presentation**

Presenters: Tim Rose, Chief Executive Officer for the University of Virginia Foundation; Fred Missel, Director of Design and Development for the University of Virginia Foundation Mr. Rose stated that the University held a planning session regarding this property in 2011. From that initiative, a strategic plan was created in 2012 and included the Cavalier Inn space and the Boar's Head property. Within that plan, the decision was made to combine both projects with the Boar's Head Inn being the focal point. Because the Old Mill section of Boar's Head Inn has significant historical value, the Foundation has an eye toward leveraging that history, enhancing what is already in place, continuing to foster Virginia hospitality and to connect to the natural surroundings. Mr. Rose identified the eight projects to be developed:

1. Changing the Boar's Head entry feature which will better connect to the Inn;
2. Renovate the Birdwood Mansion and its gardens which are rich in history;
3. Renovate the golf course;
4. Renovate/enhance the golf practice facility;
5. Construct a tennis facility;
6. Expand the squash facility;
7. Reorient the entrance to the Inn;
8. Upgrade the food & beverage experience.

Mr. Missel said the Birdwood property is located within Area B. He explained that adding a connector road becomes a very important piece of the project due to the need for a second means

of egress due to an expected increase in traffic and also for safety reasons. He reported that a special use permit is in place and is close to receiving site approval. He stated that this additional entrance would be a much safer alternative for Ednam residents as well.

Mr. Missel shared some pictures of the Birdwood Mansion and its adjacent garden. The plan is to restore the mansion and garden back to its original character. He said this initiative would benefit the shared hospitality with the Boar's Head Inn. He explained that the current historic garage would be expanded to become the new golf practice facility. The addition of a driving range, coaches' offices and locker rooms will also enhance the UVA golf program. He added that the golf course itself would be redesigned to include irrigation and bunkers, all of which should raise the level of play for both the men's and women's golf teams. He said the University is working with Mark and Davis Love on the design.

Mr. Hogan said this work is long overdue. It will also include a Par 3 course and putting green for resort guests.

Mr. Missel said the University has hired two new tennis coaches and, with that new leadership, the University is committed to updating its tennis facilities by adding 12 outside courts and a tennis pavilion. He said a special use permit has been submitted which will also include design work.

Regarding the Squash facility, Mr. Missel stated an additional 20,000 sq. ft., bringing the total size to 50,000 sq. ft. An additional five courts will be added bringing the total number of courts to sixteen. He noted that this facility would be the best facility in the country. He announced that the University is scheduled to host a large international squash tournament this coming summer; the first of its kind in the nation.

Mr. Missel stated that the Birdwood project will also leverage the natural resources of the area by adding 5 miles of trails behind the golf course and staff is continuing to look for more ways to expand those trails in the future which will enable better connectivity overall.

Regarding the Old Mill Room, Mr. Missel stated that a new arrival and entrance would be completed this summer with plans to reopen the Old Mill Room by September 15. Mr. Hogan added that the café and sports club are to be remodeled/updated and will make for a very nice restaurant when completed. Mr. Missel said the lobby area would look different, much fresher but also honor the history by incorporating the original beams. He said the Porch room would have a much nicer, brighter space as well.

Mr. Missel said UVA is working with six different committees on these projects. He added that staff holds a regularly scheduled monthly meeting with neighbors in an effort to keep them informed of the plans and progress. He stated that there is regular involvement/communication with County staff as well.

Ms. McKeel expressed appreciation to UVA for its good communication with the neighbors in that area. Mr. Missel offered to return to PACC with updates sometime in the near future.

Ms. Hill asked about dates for the squash tournament. Mr. Hogan said the dates of the tournament are July 29 through August 4 and the event has the potential to draw upwards of 1,000 players to this area.

Ms. McKeel asked about water usage and chemicals being used on the golf course specific to environmental impacts. Mr. Missel said the course would be Audubon certified which limits the use of certain chemicals. He added that they would also be irrigating the course using water from the ponds on the site. He explained that UVA would be working very closely with the Department of Environment Quality on this project as well.

#### **6. Wrap Up; Future agenda items**

Ms. Hill said she would like to hear discussion on topics related to: transportation; housing; parking; as well as how the three entities work together on other similar issues.

Ms. McKeel said she would like to receive an update on the Charlottesville/Albemarle Convention and Visitors Bureau (CACVB) Feasibility Study. Given recent events, she would also like to hear what is being done currently to ensure student safety on all of the campuses in this area.

Mr. McKeel stated that additional ideas and topics for PACC should be forwarded to Jeff Richardson.

#### **7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.