

Crozet Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes from October 13, 2021

***Note: This meeting was held pursuant to and in compliance with Ordinance No. 20-A (16); An Ordinance to Ensure the Continuity of Government During the Covid-19 Disaster.**

Members Present

Allie Pesch – Chair
Joe Fore – Vice Chair
Michael Monaco
Marc McKenney
Kostas Alibertis
Doug Bates
Sandy Hausman
Shawn Bird
Jennie More – Planning Commission
Ann Mallek – Board of Supervisors

County Staff

Rachal Falkenstein – Planner
Carolyn Shaffer - Clerk

Noting that a quorum of the members was present, Chair Allie Pesch called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

The minutes from the September meeting were approved by unanimous vote following a motion to approve by Doug Bates and a second by Brian Day.

CCAC Upcoming Meeting Topics Discussion

Committee members and the public provided comments about future CCAC agenda topics. It was decided that the November meeting will be a Master Plan Update debrief and engagement reflection. Other potential future topics discussed were:

- Presentation from the Equity office, like the Joint CCAC presentation but in a smaller group format and a closer look at our area's data.
- Economic development/Acme property (could probably be combined into one meeting, since Acme is in the heart of the employment district)
 - Status of Acme property remediation and redevelopment options
 - Challenges to business growth in Crozet
 - Business areas of need/opportunities
 - Resources available to Crozet-area businesses in terms of County economic development support
- Climate issues (ideally, with the new County climate director)
 - County's climate plan
 - Practical things that citizens/HOAs/businesses can do to help

- Larger projects/opportunities for the Crozet area, specifically (e.g., like rooftop solar in Master Plan land-use Goal 1.D.)
- Long-term climate-related challenges, issues (e.g., extreme weather, climate migration, changing agricultural patterns)
- Funding issues/opportunities
 - Property tax rates
 - Other tax revenue opportunities/challenges (specifically in Crozet, given our focus on residential development)
 - County budget priorities--capital budget vs. operational
 - Service/improvement district model for funding Crozet-area projects
- Master Plan implementation projects where the CCAC may be able to help--either with leg-work to assist staff or as a forum for discussion/community engagement with stakeholders (these would probably all be separate meetings)
 - Crozet transit plan (MP Transportation Goal 3A)
 - Downtown Neighborhoods Study (MP Land Use Goal 2A)
 - Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing Survey (MP Land Use Goal 3A)
 - Route 250 West Entrance Corridor (MP Land Use Goal 4A)
 - Placemaking Projects (specifically, things like locations, funders, and providers for public art) (MP Land Use Goal 5A)
 - Old Crozet School future use (MP Land Use Goal 5B)
 - Increasing tree canopy and eliminating invasive species (both county and HOAs/citizens) (MP Conservation Goal 5A, 5B, 5D)

Closing Statements

Allie read the closing statement, reminding all that the meeting was held pursuant to and in compliance with Ordinance No. 20-A (16); An Ordinance to Ensure the Continuity of Government During the Covid-19 Disaster

Next meeting: Scheduled for November 10, 7:00 pm.

The meeting will be held virtually, and details will be posted on the County calendar on the website.

Allie adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm

Video recording of this meeting is available on the Albemarle County YouTube Channel at https://youtu.be/zPw_D3MG_Lk