

Crozet Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes from November 10, 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
Valerie Long – Secretary
Michael Monaco
Mark McKenney
Kostas Alibertis
Doug Bates
Brian Day
Shawn Bird
Ann Mallek – Board of Supervisors
Jennie Moore – Planning Commission

County Staff

Rachal Falkenstein – Master Plan Liaison
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 May meeting were approved by unanimous vote following a motion to approve by Brian Day and a second by Doug Bates.

Crozet Master Plan De-Brief:

The Committee held a discussion about the adoption of the updated Crozet Master Plan, and the process generally.

General topics and comments included:

- the challenges of the process generally, especially during COVID, and how to encourage more and better community engagement in the future, and from a broader group of community members.
- Appreciation for the staff's professionalism and hard work throughout
- Concerns by several members who felt the community's input was not incorporated into the final plan
- Desire to have participation from a broader range of the community, including non-homeowners, those who work here but do not live here, younger people, etc.
- Perceived disconnect or tension between the goals of the Crozet community and the County as a whole; some felt that the County's broader goals were given more weight than the Crozet community's vision. Potential need to better frame the community's role in the update process and manage expectations.
- Suggestions about how to improve participation in the future in terms of scope, length of the process, and how to factor in citizen input

- Reflections on comments made at the final Board of Supervisors meeting
- The need for the County to clearly demonstrate and communicate progress on infrastructure projects to the community
- Idea of staff providing periodic updates on infrastructure projects to CCAC to further the goal of communication and to provide the community an opportunity to share comments
- Suggestion for a page on the County website that provides updates on all CIP projects

Rachel Falkenstein noted that she and her colleagues are working to get the approved Master Plan in final form and will soon post it on the County website.

Ann announced the CIP advisory committee meetings are coming up soon, which provides an opportunity for the public to provide input and learn more about the process. The meetings are scheduled for:

Wednesday, November 23rd at 2:00 pm
Friday, December 3rd at 1:00 pm
Friday, December 10th at 1:00 pm

Details on how to participate in these virtual CIP meetings are available on the County Calendar page of the County's website at <https://www.albemarle.org/community/county-calendar>

Ann announced that the new playground in Western Park in Old Trail will finally be starting very soon, perhaps as early as next week.

There were no other announcements or topics for new business.

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: tentatively scheduled for December 8th at 7:00 pm.

A tentative agenda item is an update from a representative of the Economic Development Department.

The meeting will be held virtually, and details will be posted on the County calendar on the website. <https://www.albemarle.org/community/county-calendar>

Allie adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm

A recording of this meeting will be posted on the County Calendar webpage.