

Crozet Community Meeting (CCA) Minutes

March 10, 2016 at 7:30 PM
The Field School Auditorium

Welcome: Tim Tolson, President, welcomed 24 members in attendance, calling the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. There were no additions to the agenda. Tim Tolson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Approval of the CCA's last meeting's minutes (January 14, 2016): Emery Taylor made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Phil Best seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (2016 Dues: \$10 annual contribution): Emery Taylor, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$8,626.45 in the account. The fireworks deposit for our July event has been paid.

These minutes are prepared by Judi Burbes.

Albemarle County Police Department (ACPD) visit and update. (Evening Patrol Division) Lieutenant Todd Hopwood, Blue Ridge Deputy District Commander for the Albemarle County Police, spoke regarding several topics.

- There have been three reported house break-ins in Crozet this year. These appear to be vandals (juveniles) breaking into unoccupied (under construction) houses. The polices are working with construction firms, encouraging that the sites be well secured at the end of each day. Additionally they ask that neighbors be vigilant in terms of nearby construction sites.

- County-wide there has been an increase in auto break-ins, mostly due to unlocked vehicles. Lt. Hopwood emphasized that valuables should be stored in the trunk of vehicles (or not stored in the vehicle at all!) and the cars locked. Many instances of auto break-ins and thefts are due to not locking the car.

- For any residents who might be leaving their home for an extended period of time, the County Police should be notified. There is a house check program, staffed by volunteers who will provide frequent drive by monitoring.

Presentation: Crozet Park, Kim Guenther, President of the Crozet Park Board, presented 10 facts about the park:

1. Land for the park was originally donated in 1958 as a place for affordable recreation for all. The park is structured as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.
2. The park actually sponsors several organizations including Crozet Trails Crew, Crozet Dog Park, and SK8Crozet.
3. The community provides countless donations of money and time to keep the park maintained. Various events and rentals provide funds that support the upkeep of the park (ball fields, structures, etc.)

4. The Park has a partnership with the county for maintenance and operation. The pool and fitness center are leased to the YMCA, as another partnership that provides a regular source of funds.
5. The Arts and Crafts Festival remains the largest source of funds for the park.
6. Use of the park continues to grow and is the second most used park in the county (behind only Darden Towe Park).
7. Between the pool, ball fields, trail, pavilions for picnics/etc. and fitness center, the park offers something for everyone!!
8. Community input matter. A recent survey provide actions that the park board has prioritized.
9. The future of the park is very bright. With the perimeter trail, improved parking, a pond side amphitheater, and facility expansion, great things are on the way.
10. The park is managed by Crozet citizens, for Crozet.

New Business:

- The Crozet Independence Day Celebration, parade, and fireworks will be held Saturday, July 2, 2016, with a rain date of the 3rd. A subsequent discussion on how to best ensure an improved traffic flow after the fireworks generated several recommendations. Tim will meet with county officials to determine which option might best handle the traffic quickly.

Old Business:

- Update from the Downtown Crozet Initiative (DCI) CCA sub-committee. Visit website for details: www.downtowncrozetinitiative.com

Announcements –

- **Crozet Community Advisory Committee (CCAC) meeting Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00 PM** at the Meadows (*Note Location Change*). **Details and notices on our website.**
- **Three member openings on the CCAC.** Apply online at: <http://www.albemarle.org/boards/> **Applications are due March 22, 2016.** If you **would like to speak to someone for further** information about possibly serving on the CCAC feel free to **contact Dave Stoner**, Acting CCAC Chairman at davidastoner1@gmail.com or **Emily Kilroy**, Community Engagement Specialist, at ekilroy@albemarle.org.
- **The Blue Ridge Heritage Project has its Albemarle campaign kick-off** on Wednesday March 16 at 1:00 PM at the Crozet Library. Details: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BlueRidgeHeritageProject/>

Adjourned to Ann Mallek's Town Hall meeting at 7:57 PM.

The next CCA meeting is May 12, 2016 at 7:30 PM at the Field School
 Crozet Community Association Website: <http://CrozetCommunity.org>