

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Crozet Community Advisory Committee**  
**The Crozet Library**  
**Wednesday, October 19, 2016 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

**1. Agenda Review (David Stoner –CCAC Chair)**

David requests that the meeting ends at 8:40 pm.

**2. September Minutes**

Phil Best asks if there is a motion to approve last meeting minutes. Leslie approves, and there is a second to approve.

**3. Dave Oberg – Albemarle County School Board**

This will be on the ballot in November. He is here to educate all attendees and provide information.

Is the BOS permitted to issue a general obligation bond for 25 of the 26 schools? Red Hill is omitted because they are already undergoing renovations.

Students across the county are being taught in trailers and classrooms. This is a bad idea in parents and students mind due to several reasons because there is a security concern and it doesn't take into concern Special Needs Children.

Preschoolers are taking two different busses to get to school.

Controlled access is lacking in 4 different schools within Albemarle County, which is a security problem. These 4 schools have not been remodeled because structurally it is a problem at this point in time.

Phil Best asks which other schools lack controlled access and Dave Oberg replies that off the top of his head, he can't list them.

Lack of electrical outlets for computers is an issue. Classrooms are not allowed to conduct the educational programs they want to because there learning spaces are not yet modernized.

There are several fire concerns. You can't daisy chain power cords in classroom. You can't hold classes in hallways. Both of these things are currently happening.

If the bond referendum passes, this modernization will occur.

50% of the students will be attending overcrowding in schools very soon.

The bond referendum Murray High School, Baker Butler, Scottsville High School and one more school.

What is a GO Bond? It's a much cheaper way to borrow money because we get a much better interest rate. The residents of the county vote on it. Albemarle County has a fantastic credit rating. If the bond passes, there will be a tax increase. 1.3 cents per \$100 value. ~\$37.95 per median family in Albemarle County.

November 5<sup>th</sup> Last day to get absentee ballot in person.

November 8 Election Day.

Crozet Resident asks, "What is the school board definition of overcrowding?" It is a numeric value. It is based on space size, student to teacher ratio, Kostas Alibertis asks if this will solve the problem. Dave O. says no. It is a shortterm bandaid.

Crozet is building faster than our infrastructure. If we don't do it, we bleed to death.

#### **4. Project Presentation - Matt Lucas, Freetown Cabin Relocation to 1278 Crozet Ave.**

The cabin dates back to the 1700's. The Crozet community wanted to save it. Ann Mallek asked Matt if he could help. The Historic Community looked at the site along with FNR. The cabin is currently sitting behind the house on Crozet Ave in pieces. The Planning Commission is helping to increase density to allow R2 - R4. The paperwork must be approved by the community, Planning Commission, and then the BOS.

What will it be used for? Question from the crowd. The original vision was to have his son Justin live in the cabin. It could be rented out as a residential home.

Beth Basset asked about the stream that's close to it. The building has been approved where it will be placed.

Dave Stoner brings up the point that the subdivided lot would mirror what is currently next door.

If it is registered with the historic district, it would not be protected in Virginia...it's just honorary.

Many members of the board are complimentary of the project and would like to support the project.

It could potentially be pushed to the Planning Commission by November.

The Committee unanimously passed a resolution in support of the project and authorized Dave Stoner to prepare a resolution to support the project.

**5. Emily Kilroy discussed the changes in Proffer Policy and potential changes in how CAC public meetings were run, as a result.**

1. State code has changed to change the way the communities can look at residential rezoning.
2. Some CAC's have a lot of community meetings and cant' do anything else because they run out of time and are frustrated.
3. The community meeting was set up to inform the community of projects; however, not all questions have been answered during the meetings due to full agendas and lack of time.

How can we change the way we do community meetings?

Due to the proffer policy change the staff is asking how can we keep everyone on the right side of things? It is important to stay on the right side of state code. There is currently to state law against it because it is new.

Transportation, Schools, Public Safety and Parks are the only way to look at things.

We are a public body, so we can't request a proffer.

This would make the CAC discussions limit their suggestions/questions to the language in the Master Plan.

Mike Marshall says the BOS will just say no until you get the proffers you want.

Jennifer Moore says pulling this away from the CAC is a huge mistake.

Ann Mallek is doubtful that there is going to be a fix this year.

Some members are concerned about the logistics of the meeting and ensuring that the applicant takes the same care with the meeting logistics as the CAC is.

Dean Eliason suggests moving forward to create guidelines to the developer.

Ann Mallek suggests to share the information that you have and focus on the application rather than browbeating the community members to try to convince them that they are correct.

Jennifer More suggests that the CAC says they are here to absorb the information and gives the community the time to speak. Listen and absorb first and get the initial community feedback.

CAC members can only state what is in the Master Plan rather than give their opinion about a particular issue.

Dave Stoner suggests keeping the meetings at the same place and get the training the CAC needs in order to move forward.

Phil Best asks, what is broken? The proffers is the issue.

Alice Marshall states that it's about liability.

Martin Violette suggests to everyone to remember why we are here and who we represent implying that while we are members of the community, we represent Albemarle County.

Mike Marshall states that this is a win for the development community and suggests inserting community expectations being inserted into the Master Plan to help with these issues.

If we get scripted things that we are allowed to say, we are in a position that we are gagged into not saying what we need to say to have solid community engagement.

Emily says that she'll be back soon and the write up will come out in January.

## **6. Dave Stoner asked members to think about Focus Area Priorities for next meeting**

## **7. Announcements**

Freddy Weinberg: Fox Chase resident: budget to build a pathway from Cory Farms to Harris Teeter. There is no way to currently walk through Fox Chase to Harris Teeter.

Dave Stoner: the DCI public meeting is November 10<sup>th</sup> to present design concepts and present at Piedmont Place. (This has been postponed to Th Dec 8<sup>th</sup>)

**Meeting was adjourned 8:40**