

Crozet Community Meeting (CCA) Minutes

March 9, 2017 at 7:30 PM
The Field School Auditorium

Welcome : Tim Tolson welcomed 36 members in attendance.

Agenda Review / Changes and additions from the floor? March 23 is a date change for the **Master Plan committee**.

Approval of the CCA's last meeting's minutes (January 12, 2017): Brian Day made the motion to accept the minutes. Jo Ann Perkins seconded. The minutes were approved as presented (both via the CCA website and printed at the meeting).

Treasurer's Report (2017 Dues: \$10 annual contribution) Emery Taylor reported \$10,482.78 in the CCA bank account, divided between the CCA (\$2,083.25) and the Crozet Independence Day Celebration (\$8,399.53). The Crozet Board of Trade has already paid the deposit for fireworks for our Independence Day Celebration on July 1.

A Moment in Crozet History –Phil James spoke on March 1912 about road conditions in Crozet and read some newspaper reports that mentioned how dangerous having traffic crossing the railroad tracks was. Low visibility and using a team of horses pulling a wagon could lead to a disaster. Only took 4 years for the underpass to be built and it celebrated 100 years. Crozet citizens did a deputation to emphasize the neglect on road conditions in the area.

Presentation: Update on the Albemarle County Budget process, *Ann Mallek, White Hall District Supervisor* and *Peter Lynch, County Assessor*.

Ann updated us on the budget process, decisions made to date, and the rate for advertising, which will be set at the budget meeting on Tuesday March 7. She provided budget summary handouts for each person. She gave a few highlights that were in the budget, but was under heavy time constraints so could not elaborate too much. Jo Ann Perkins encouraged her to vote favorably for the Senior Center because twice as many county residents use the center than Charlottesville, every penny spent to help seniors saves in other categories. The center needs and services have outgrown its capacity. The request is a one-time request for the capital investment; membership dues pay the operating expenses. The Senior Center is one of three out of 12,000 who do NOT receive public funding.

There will be more public meetings through March and a public hearing in April before the Board sets the tax rate.

Peter Lynch, county assessor, talked about the current property values and the appeal process. Deadline to file an appeal is March 15. He spoke on the new assessor system that the County is using. Urge us to call this week if we want to start an appeal.

Presentation: Perrone Robotics and Barnes Lumber property use. *Greg Scharer, COO, Perrone Robotics; Officer Andy Gluba, Jr., ACPD*.

Andy Gluba, Jr. spoke on the vandalism of the empty building on the former Barnes Lumber premises. There have been fires set inside and outside the building as well as graffiti too rough to mention. As best as the police can tell this was the work of 12, 13, and

14-year-old children. The property has been posted, the police are alerted, and the neighborhood has to be aware and watchful. Security cameras and security lighting will soon be up.

Greg Scharer spoke on the company and gave us a snapshot of what they are doing. They have been making observations of the problem and are concerned for safety of pedestrians who are unexpected visitors on their testing premises. Future plans are to landscape, develop a strong community watch, and even later have a community open house. He requested that we as a community help keep out trespassers, spread the word, and share ideas as to how to rectify the situation. Robotics party at WAHS March 11 at 3 PM. Maybe use some of the children in apprenticeships was suggested.

Old Business:

- Update from the Crozet Master Plan (CMP) survey committee (*Tom Loach*)
 - **Next meeting is March 23, at 7:00 PM at the Crozet Firehouse.**
This is beginning to windup. Survey should be at press soon.
- Update on the Downtown Crozet Initiative (DCI) committee: Lisa Goehler spoke on DCI becoming a 501(c)3 and become a freestanding organization on its own. Most of the meeting held recently devoted the time to discussing becoming this organization and how to go about doing it. Mahan-Rykal Architects are beginning to finalize a drawing for the plaza. Still a lot of things to do.
- Volunteer needed to be additional CCA member on the Albemarle County Police Department Blue Ridge District Citizens Advisory Team. Tabled

New Business:

Comments or Questions? Jo Ann Perkins reminded everyone to support the Crozet Arts and Crafts Festival and check out the new perimeter trail being built.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09.

These minutes were prepared by Jo Ann Z. Perkins, secretary.

Announcements –

- **Crozet Community Advisory Committee (CCAC) meeting Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00 PM** at the Crozet Library. Details and notices on our website.
- **The White Hall Ruritans Third Annual Sugar Hollow Bridges Run, Saturday, March 11 at 8:00 AM.** Race Information at <http://www.whitehallva.org>
- **The Crozet Lions Club Sixth Annual Pancake Supper and Silent Auction, Saturday, March 18 at 5:00 PM**
- **Crozet Board of Trade meeting, Monday, March 20, at 7:30 PM at Pro Re Nata Farm Brewery.**
- **Phil James, "A Century or so of Crozet History" at the Lodge at Old Trail, Thursday, April 20 at 5:30 PM. RSVP to 434-823-9100 or rsvp@lodgeatoldtrail.com**

The next CCA meeting is May 11, 2017 at 7:30 PM at the Field School

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