

Crozet Community Association Meeting (CCA) Minutes

January 11, 2018 at 7:30 PM

The Field School Auditorium

Welcome: Tim Tolson, President, welcomed 13 members at 7:30 PM.

Approval of the CCA's minutes of November 9, 2017: The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: (2018 Dues: \$10 annual contribution). Emery Taylor, Treasurer, reported that there was a total of \$19,369.11 in the CCA bank account, of which \$1,993.10 was CCA funds and \$17,376.01 were committed to the Crozet Independence Day Celebration (CIDC) fund. Tim Tolson apologized for not yet having made the planned donations to local charities which would bring the funds down close to \$10,000 for the 2018 CIDC.

Albemarle County Police Department (ACPD) visit and update. (Evening Patrol Division) Captain Darrel Byers introduced himself as the new captain for the Blue Ridge District, which spans the western and southern portions of the County including Crozet. Captain Byers discussed community policing, the relatively low crime rate, how to protect yourself from car break-ins and thefts.

Proposal: Atieno Bird, brought a signed proposal from the Crozet ACT, to encourage the CCA to state that Crozet explicitly welcomes diversity and inclusion. She asked the CCA to make a statement that Crozet is an inclusive community, as many municipalities have done in these alarming times when anti-immigrant sentiment is surging and when asserting that black lives also have value has provoked controversy. She read the proposed statement:

A Vision

Crozet is an inclusive community that welcomes, accepts and celebrates all people.

A Statement of Commitment - Crozet commits to:

- *Champion equality of worth among people, recognizing that equity and diversity exemplify our ideals and values as a community.*
- *Learn, acknowledge and honor the unique histories and lived experiences of all peoples in our community.*
- *Stand against any ideology of racial exclusion, superiority, segregation, or domination that perpetuates patterns of discrimination or exploitation.*

She explained that an African American friend from Waynesboro, told her that African Americans do not heavily attend her bridge-building workshops, and they have said the reason is that they don't think dialogue will make a difference to the lack of awareness of and perpetuation of the discrimination they face. When the KKK posted flyers in downtown Waynesboro, the Waynesboro City Council refused to issue a condemnation, these neighbors told her: "See?" When Atieno heard this story, she wanted to speak up and stand with the many people of color who are feeling targeted in this national climate. She asked if the CCA would be willing to speak collectively.

Discussion ensued as to whether or not such a statement was necessary, and the importance of all people in Crozet feeling welcome. Tim mentioned that the founding of the local Albemarle chapter of the NAACP occurred because in the early 1950's Lewis Carter, a black World War II veteran was hit and killed by a white man in a speeding car on a road here in Western Albemarle County. The citizens of Crozet felt that the local courts and law enforcement officials did not treat the matter seriously enough. A group of black people met to take action, as well as members of several churches in the Yancey Mills, Crozet, and

Greenwood communities. It is in character for Crozet residents to take a stand on such occasions. Now is one of those times.

Per Article VII of the CCA bylaws, a motion was made to consider the statement for inclusion in the CCA bylaws as a vision statement, in addition to our existing mission statement. The motion was seconded. After discussion, Jim Crosby agreed to work with Tim Tolson on drafting the final language for the vision statement, for final consideration at the March CCA meeting. The motion was unanimously approved, and will be placed on the agenda of the March 8th CCA meeting for a second/final vote.

Updates and News from Ann Mallek, our county supervisor:

Ann gave a variety of updates on county taxes, especially the proposed “rooftop” tax and other issues and concerns. She answered questions from those in attendance.

Old Business:

- Updates from Claudius Crozet Park. None.
- Update from the Crozet Master Plan (CMP) survey committee. Tim Tolson reported some preliminary result from the survey. There was a very good response rate. The two groups assessed, one a scientific survey and the other available to anyone, provided very similar responses. Highlights included the finding that respondents overwhelmingly supported concentration of commercial growth in the downtown area, and not along 250. More detail results were published in the Crozet Gazette (<http://www.crozetgazette.com/2018/01/05/crozet-survey-finds-residents-enchanted-with-area-yet-worried-about-growing-pains/>)
- Update from the Downtown Crozet Initiative (DCI) –Next meeting Thursday, February 1 from Noon to 1:30 at Crozet Pizza.

New Business:

- Election of CCA officers: Nominations were open for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Current officers are: President: Tim Tolson, Vice-President: Lisa Goehler, Secretary: Jo Ann Perkins, and Treasurer: Emery Taylor. Nominations were opened. Ann Mallek moved that the slate be accepted as is and Tom Loach seconded. There were no other nominations. The motion passed unanimously.
- Rename DCI committee to *Crozet Economic Development* or similar since the DCI is now incorporated and seeking 501(c)3 status. Those in attendance unanimously agreed to rename the DCI standing committee, the *Crozet Economic Development* standing committee. (Per Article III of the bylaws.)

Announcements –

- **Crozet Community Advisory Committee (CCAC) meeting Wednesday, January 17 at 7:00 PM at the Crozet Library.**

The next CCA meeting is March 8, 2018 at 7:30 PM at the Field School

Crozet Community Association Website: <http://CrozetCommunity.org>

Email us at: CrozetCommunity@gmail.com

Join our email list by signing up at: <http://CrozetCommunity.org/contact-us/>

This email list is moderated, so you cannot get spam because only approved email messages are sent. Volume is usually 4-6 emails a month, all related to Crozet & Western Albemarle events and concerns.

Mission Statement and Bylaws of the Crozet Community Association (CCA)

The mission of the CCA is to be:

- 1) a non-partisan forum for communicating information and issues associated with the quality of life in Crozet, VA,
 - 2) a representative advocate for improving and maintaining a high quality of life within Crozet, VA, and
 - 3) a source to establish interest and action groups on areas of concern or interest to the community of Crozet, VA.
- The CCA accomplishes this mission by working with residents, county/state representatives, community organizations (e.g. local homeowners associations, service organizations), and businesses.

Bylaws of the Crozet Community Association (CCA)

As last amended January 11, 2018

Article I: The CCA is a state corporation (*NOT a 501 (c)3 non-profit*) with volunteer officers and committee members. (P.O. Box 653, Crozet, VA 22932)

Article II: Officers will be elected for a one-year term, commencing on the first meeting of the calendar year immediately following their election. Positions will consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Candidates must be present at the election or have spoken with a current officer about their willingness to serve if elected. Majority approval by attendees at the first meeting of the calendar year will constitute election. Duties of the officers shall be as implied by their titles. All officers shall be responsible for keeping accurate records.

Article III: There will be 9 standing committees, which will meet independently of the CCA meetings and provide updates at each meeting of the CCA. They are as follows:

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| 1. Safety and Security | 5. Crozet Economic Development |
| 2. Education | 6. Recreation/Parks |
| 3. Publicity/Communication | 7. Fundraising |
| 4. Environmental | 8. Historic |

Committees may be eliminated or added as determined by the majority of attendees of a scheduled CCA meeting.

Article IV: Meetings will be held the second Thursday of the months of January, March, May, September, and November, and will generally follow Roberts Rules. Additional meetings may be called as determined by the President.

Article V: There will be annual dues collected each calendar year. The amount of the dues will be established and approved by attendees at a scheduled CCA meeting.

Article VI: Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws may be proposed at any scheduled CCA meeting. Upon majority vote of approval, such proposed amendment must be placed on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled CCA meeting for a final majority vote for adoption. Such adoption shall become effective at the subsequent scheduled meeting following adoption.

Article VII: Motions made at a scheduled meeting in the conduct of the general business shall be voted upon and moved for adoption by a majority vote of those present. Motions on new matters or topics of general community interest or impact made at a scheduled meeting may be presented at any scheduled CCA meeting. Upon majority vote of approval, such proposed amendment must be placed on the agenda of the next scheduled CCA meeting for a final majority vote for adoption. The context of the motion will be communicated in the meeting minutes of the meeting in which it is presented and noted as being presented for vote of adoption at the next subsequent meeting.

Article VIII: A quorum of 10 percent of the members who are current in their dues shall be required to conduct business at any meeting of the CCA.

Article IX: Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the CCA conduct of meetings where they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws.