

Crozet Community Advisory Committee
Crozet Library
Wednesday, March 28, 2018 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Dave Stoner: Welcome's everyone and calls the meeting to order.

A quorum is established.

Introductions made by members of the CCAC and citizens present at the meeting.

Citizens Present: Mike Marshall (Crozet Gazette), Jennie Moody, Joan Day, Bevin Bosvert, Tim Tolson (CCA), Terri Miyamoto, Heidi Burnette, Jason Haium, Joe Fore, Freddy Weinberg, Jim Crosby, Paul Grady, Jim Duncan, Kashmi Ghei, Brian ?

Crozet Community Advisory Committee (CCAC) Members Present: Dave Stoner, Tom Loach, Doug Bates, Martin Violette, Phil Best, Sanda Mears, Allie Pesch, Jon McKeon, Shawn Bird

County Representatives Present: Ann Mallek, Jennie More, Emily Kilroy

March 2018 Agenda

1. Agenda Review (Dave Stoner – CCAC Chair)
2. Approval of Minutes
3. WAHS Wireless Tower SUP supplemental information (ACPS, Milestone)
4. CCAC Discussion follow-up: Crozet Survey and Master Plan update
5. Items Not Listed on the Agenda
6. Announcements
 - a. CCAC positions are open beginning April 2018!!
Apply by Feb 27. Link to application: <http://www.albemarle.org/boards/>
 - b. CCAC 2018 Officer Nominations in March
7. Potential Future Agenda Items
 - a. Mar – Continued discussion on Crozet Survey and Master Plan Update
 - b. Mar – Officer Elections
 - c. Apr – Western Park Master Plan Update (Bob Crickenberger, Albemarle County)
 - d. Jun - Crozet Drinking Water Infrastructure Plan Update (Mr. Mawyer ACSA/RWSA)
 - e. Summer - Albemarle County Stormwater Utility Plans (Greg Harper, Env. Services Chief)

Dave Stoner: After introductions, begins the meeting. Turns the floor over to Phil Best to conduct the nomination and voting process for the new CCAC that will become effective in April 2018.

No February minutes for vote. Leslie Burns will send out February minutes later.

Phil Best: States that Doug Bates and Allie Pesch are candidates for Chair; Allie Pesch and Shawn Bird for Vice Chair; Mike Kunkel for Secretary.

Doug Bates: recognized on the floor and withdraws his candidacy for CCAC Chair, which leaves Allie Pesch as the remaining candidate.

Phil: Declares nominations closed. Requests vote for CCAC officers.

CCAC Members: Elect Allie Pesch – Chair, Shawn Bird – Vice Chair, Mike Kunkel – Secretary

Doug: Thanks Dave Stoner, Phil Best, and Martin Violette for their time and leadership serving the community on the CCAC.

Ann: One or two open spots still available on the CCAC for next year. Would appreciate people interested in serving their community, in particular those who are familiar with what is going on in the Crozet community and county.

Dave: Also solicits new members to join the CCAC. Proposes that the agenda begins with Item 3, the WAHS Tower Milestone SUP.

The Milestone SUP will be heard at the next Planning Commission meeting on April 10 and heard by the Board of Supervisors on May 9. Do we want to say something? There were two different perspectives given at the last CCAC meeting in February.

Phil Best will not support the SUP as proposed.

Jennie More: The CCAC is not required to have a position. The Planning Commission looks at compliance with county ordinance. Let's not evaluate the carrot; it's Jennie's job.

Dave: The CCAC only makes a recommendation.

Jennie: Cannot consider health and safety as reason for denial as the proposal meets established US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) federal health and safety regulations.

Allie: At least the position of the tower should be moved.

Doug: Stated three points in favor of the SUP. He supports it to: (1) strengthen the cell phone signal (and can look past the aesthetics); (2) meet the need for more citizens coming into the Crozet area; and (3) to assist first responders.

Tom Loach: There is not communications from the tower with first responders.

Ann: CenturyLink and Comcast have big projects for underground fiber. They are not unsafe like cell tower sites.

Dave: One pro is the internet connectivity for students; saw no demonstrated health and safety issue with the towers. Has family history of educators and believes this is a good thing for Crozet.

Tom: Have any PTO's taken a stand on the issue? Should we (the CCAC) send a letter to the PTO's for their awareness and possible stand on the issue?

Ann: Stony Point PTO said no.

Sandra Mears: How was the position of the tower chosen? Were there other options?

Phil: Felt that there was poor information from Milestone; unimpressed by their communication.

Shawn Bird: There is a one-time exception for 20 feet (high) and 5 feet (width) addition to the tower.

Motion presented by Shawn Bird that the CCAC recommend denial of the Milestone SUP. Phil Best seconded motion. CCAC vote: 7 members – Yes; no (Sandra, Doug); 1 abstain (Tom).

Allie and Ann: School Board members and staff did not come to the CCAC to present or talk on the issue. Our paid county employee did not respond.

Ann: The School Board recommended that Milestone could use school property to build a tower.

Allie: Thinks it is a good idea to stop (the SUP).

Mike Marshall: The Ramazini Institute in Bologna, Ital contacted him. Invited Mike to listen to cell phone tower discussion. Discussion stated clearly not to put towers next to schools. No research has been conducted on cell towers and their effects on people since 2002.

Dave: Continues to the next agenda item. Main topic to discuss Master Plan. A lot of information from the Crozet Survey; the group would like to send to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. We need to update the Master Plan. Questions: What are the important things to update? What are the list of things to send to the BoS? Recommends that the group brainstorm - list what is important to consider; pick a succinct list of what's important now.

Tom: Get time with the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors to show them the survey data. We need to maintain our development standards and meet with the county and developers on development and rezoning. Follow up with bullet points (along the list of 5).

Jennie: Separate out what we think will go into formal review. Pull out 4-5 main things from the survey. Guiding principles from 2010 Master Plan can be cleaned up.

Jon McKeon: Likes the actionable list (of 5).

Tom: Invite other CAC chairs. Create a “global action council.” Need cohesion of the CACs.

Jennie: Need clear words and pull to the front.

Dave: We need to encourage staff to look at issues we see time and again.

Ann: Identify items and be clear.

Tom: Until the Master Plan is changed, our list is the standards that we expect.

Jennie: Until we get a formal review, the standards are clearly laid out.

Sandra: Are there dates to give to the Board?

Jennie: We need to give the board (real) data.

Tom: These are the things in a written resolution that go into county records.

Dave: Are these the issues that we want to present?

Ann: Answers a question that 16.6K is the build out total of people from the Master Plan.

Tom: There is a definite methodology for density and growth. Much more impact coming on these issues if they come from the group of CAC’s. Let’s give bullet points now. Invite other groups, then they take back to their respective groups to vote on for priorities.

Jennie: There is pressure to expand (Crozet); can’t keep the small town feel; victims of our own success; the boundary is everything.

Ann: Fears when developable land is gone; there are other growth areas in Albemarle County; we can make decisions about our density; redevelopment is a big issue in the (near) future.

Jennie: Two issues – we need to use the data to support our plan and to build allies.

Dave: Goes back to the five points; provided a copy table of contents to remind us of Master Plan; Master Plan says positive things we want, like transportation.

Jennie: Take the list and send to Planning Commission and Board; don’t mess with it until there is a new Master Plan for Crozet.

Sandra: Need to add transportation issues to the list.

Ann - suggest a joint meeting; what communities can suggest;

General opinion: Reemphasize the list with info from the Master Plan; make number one from (Dave's) list the heading.

Dave: Will get out the draft of the 5, expect in April.

Jennie: Need to work on date and get joint group for presentation of the survey.

Fox Chase resident: Voiced concerns of what's happening on the 250 corridor. All traffic feeding into one area; can't get anywhere without a car; we need to get surrounding communities together. Need safety infrastructure like lights, signs, etc.

Dave: Adjourns the meeting at 8:52 PM.