

Planning Commission Joint Work session

City of Charlottesville Planning Commission/Albemarle County Planning Commission

March 22, 2011

Minutes

City of Charlottesville Commissioners present:

Mr. Jason Pearson (Chairman)

Mr. Kurt Keesecker

Ms. Genevieve Keller

Ms. Lisa Green

David Neuman (UVA Architect-Ex –Officio)

Not Present:

Mr. Dan Rosensweig

Mr. Michael Osteen

Mr. John Santoski

City of Charlottesville Staff Present:

Missy Creasy

Brian Haluska

Richard Harris

Michael Smith

Ebony Walden

Deronda Eubanks

Albemarle County Commissioners present:

Don Franco

Calvin Morris

Linda Porterfield

Tom Loach

Duane Zobrist

Mac Lafferty

Julia Montieth, Ex-Officio

Albemarle County Staff Present:

Wayne Cilimberg

David Benish

Also present:

Stephen Williams (Executive Director-TJPDC)

Summer Fredericks (TJPDC)

Mr. Pearson convened the meeting at 6:30pm.

Mr. Pearson turned the meeting over to Ms. Creasy. She gave an overview of the purpose of the meeting and asked for a round of introductions. Ms. Creasy then turned the meeting over to Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams gave an overview of the purpose of the Grant and what items will be focused on in the Comprehensive Plan. He stated that there are 5 issues of focus and stated that other agencies would provide input on certain issues such as, outreach, data analysis, research and mapping.

Mr. Williams stated that the Grant will have some basic focus such as Housing, Transportation, Environment and Economy.

Ms. Frederick gave the date, time and place of the first public kickoff event, which will be April 27th from 3-7pm at the Albemarle County Office Building.

Both the City and County would like their Plan to be available online in a searchable format.

Commissioners wanted both plans to be coordinated.

Mr. Keesecker wanted to know more about UVA's role in the grant and the role of other parties.

Mr. Williams stated that UVA is a partner and collaborator.

The City and County would like some focus to be on city/county edges such as the Rivanna River, MJH, 29 North and the Woolen Mills area. They would also like Entrance Corridors and their linages to growth areas in the County reviewed.

Mr. Pearson would like larger areas looked at for the plan to see what barriers we may face.

Mr. Lafferty wanted to know about coordination of planning with Jaunt, CAT and UTS.

Ms. Montieth would like natural areas looked at.

Mr. Benish stated that the performance measurements are valuable and that we are not relying on outside agencies to write the plan.

Mr. Pearson sees the potential for a shared vision between the city and county.

Mr. Lafferty would like the goals of the city and county looked at and see where they match up.

Ms. Keller proposed coordination on the city/county edges – particularly Woolen Mills, Pantops 29N/Hydraulic and physical planning solutions.

Mr. Pearson noted that 29 North, downtown and the UVA form a concentration of development which is the “L shape” area of density and the center of the community. He feels the Rivanna River should have a more active role in the community..

Ms. Green would like to see focus on transportation and trails. Mr. Lafferty agreed.

Mr. Morris would like some focus on the pedestrian bridge across the Rivanna River.

Mr. Pearson asked for Public Comment.

Tom Olivia, of the Piedmont Sierra Club, was pleased to see the goals. The club is really looking forward to this and would like to see natural areas addressed in the discussion.

Mr. Pearson closed Public Comment.

Mr. Pearson asked for any more comments. There were no additional comments.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm