

DRAFT NOTES

Planning and Coordination Council Technical Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 4, 2011

University of Virginia - Newcomb Hall Room 389

- 1. Call to Order** – David Neuman, University of Virginia, called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM, after accommodating Channel 29 news service who were interviewing the Executive Director of the TJPDC prior to the meeting. In addition to David Neuman, voting members included Wayne Cilimberg, Mac Lafferty, and Bryan Elliott, Albemarle County; Kurt Keesecker, Lauren Hildebrand and Brian Haluska (for Jim Tolbert), City of Charlottesville; and Rick Rice (for Don Sundgren) and Tom Harkins, University of Virginia. Other interested parties included Kevin Fox, Julia Monteith, Andrew Greene and Ida Lee Wootten, University of Virginia; Andy Lowe, Albemarle County; Nancy Quirle and Kristel Riddervald, City of Charlottesville; Steve Williams, Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC); and Jeanne Chase and Susan Foard, Fry's Spring Neighborhood Association;
- 2. General Items of Interest** – Rick Rice, UVa Facilities Management, gave an overview of current and planned construction projects around Grounds. These projects include the Hospital Bed Expansion and the Battle Building in the Health System; the Hunter Smith Band Building and Thrust Theatre in Central Grounds; the new Alderman Road dorms and facilities management maintenance building in West Grounds; and the track and field improvements in North Grounds. Bryan Elliott reported that a new park, Preddy Creek, recently opened in the county and Wayne Cilimberg noted the start of their comprehensive plan update. Lauren Hildebrand reported that current construction projects in the city are focused on continued update of the sewer system and various school-related projects.
- 3. Sustainable Communities Grant (TJPDC)** – Steve Williams, Executive Director of the TJPDC gave an update on the HUD Sustainable Communities Grant that the TJPDC is currently implementing. He focused on two aspects of the grant: 1) establishment of a performance measurement system and 2) creation of a common land use map, often called 'One Map'.

 - **Review of Performance Measurement System** – TJPDC has been working since February 2011 on the creation of a performance measurement system that will be a set of indicators to assess the livability of the Charlottesville/Albemarle area. The system has six main areas: Housing, Transportation, Community, Economy,

Infrastructure and Natural Environment. Each area has a number of related indicators. The indicators have been presented to the public at an open-house in June 2011, as well as online. Public comments continue to be received and a database has been set up to track all comments.

- Review of “ONE MAP” (Common Land Use Transportation Map) – Another component of the grant is the creation of a map that consolidates land use and transportation elements in the grant area. Data was collected from the City, County, University and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and compiled to create the first of two maps. This map shows detailed uses as they were defined by the various agencies, as well as all transportation projects listed in the MPO Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). This map will be revised also to show the Western Bypass, since it has recently been added to the LRTP. A second map was created that simplifies and aggregates the land use categories across the localities. This map allows for a better comparison across agency boundaries. This PACC Tech meeting was the first time that the public has seen this map, and it will now be posted on the TJPDC website. Several comments were given by both PACC Tech members and members of the public. Going forward, Steve Williams indicated that suggested edits will be evaluated and incorporated as appropriate.

4. **Local Climate Action Planning Process Report** – Kristel Riddervold, Environmental Administrator, City of Charlottesville, Andrew Greene, Sustainability Planner, University of Virginia, and Andy Lowe, Environmental Manager, Albemarle County presented the final report of the Local Climate Action Planning Process (LCAPP). LCAPP launched in January 2009. The goal of LCAPP is to promote voluntary actions and synergies in the community to reduce the carbon footprint of the area. It consists of mitigation strategies and adoption strategies. A key aspect of LCAPP was to get community buy-in into the process. This was accomplished by establishing a diverse steering committee made up of prominent community members. The work of the steering committee was aided by approximately 50 subject matter experts. A community workshop was held in February 2011 to gain input from the general public. All strategies advanced in the LCAPP are not prescriptive or mandatory. The strategies strive to create co-benefits for the community; i.e. the strategy not only reduces carbon emissions, but saves money and/or improves water quality. The next steps for LCAPP are to present the report to the City Council and Board of Supervisors to encourage them to act on existing public and internal climate commitments and to build on stakeholder involvement in the process. The final report will be presented to PACC, the Albemarle Board of Supervisors, City Council and UVa Master Planning Council later this year.
5. **Plan for NE Corner of Emmet (SR 29) and Ivy (SR 250) Intersection** – David Neuman gave an update on the status of the northeast corner of the Emmet/Ivy intersection. The lease for the gas station that is currently on that location expires at the end of the month. At that point, the University will acquire the property from the UVa Real Estate Foundation.

This site and the adjacent property will be cleared of all buildings and any necessary environmental remediation will be done. After this, UVa will proceed with work to improve the functionality and the appearance of the site. If the City is able to join in the project, additional work can occur on University Avenue to add a bike lane and to widen travel lanes for vehicles.

- 6. Final Announcements/Adjourn** – David Neuman noted that the next PACC meeting would occur on August 18th, 2011 from 2:00-3:30 PM in the Byrd/Morris Seminar Room of the Harrison Institute/Small Special Collections Library. The next PACC Tech meeting will be scheduled in October.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.