

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Albemarle County, Virginia, was held on October 4, 2016, at 11:30 a.m., Charlottesville City Space, 100 5<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Charlottesville, Virginia, for the purposes of a Joint meeting with Charlottesville City Council. The meeting was adjourned from September 29, 2016.

PRESENT: Mr. Norman G. Dill, Ms. Ann Mallek, Ms. Diantha H. McKeel, Ms. Liz A. Palmer, Mr. Rick Randolph, and Mr. Brad L. Sheffield.

ABSENT: None.

OFFICERS PRESENT: County Executive, Thomas C. Foley, County Attorney, Greg Kamptner, Clerk, Claudette Borgersen, and Senior Deputy Clerk, Travis O. Morris.

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CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Wes Bellamy, Mr. Bob Fenwick, Ms. Kathy Galvin, Mr. Mike Signer and Ms. Kristin Szakos,

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Maurice Jones, City Manager, and Ms. Paige Rice, Clerk.

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Agenda Item No. 1. Welcome and Call to Order. At 11:39 a.m., the meeting was called to order by the Chair, Ms. Palmer, and the Mayor, Mr. Signer.

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Agenda Item No. 2. Progress on Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs).

Mayor Signer summarized the purpose of the joint meetings and referenced the agreement on four MOUs that pertain to regionalism and City/County cooperation. He stated that the two bodies are firmly committed to cooperation and working together for mutual advantage and becoming one region. He said that both bodies have agreed to the MOUs, both in joint sessions and individually, and this is the first meeting they have had together since the agreement to the MOUs. He said the County Executive and City Manager will provide updates on the MOUs.

Ms. Palmer welcomed everyone and said the Board looks forward to working with the City Council as it is in the best interests of the community to have this cooperation. She stated that first the County Executive and City Manager will provide updates on the MOUs and then the discussions will touch on a couple of other subjects including age-friendly communities, technology, marketing and branding, and the regional transit authority.

Mr. Foley stated the presentation will be made by staff, who will summarize ongoing joint efforts of staff and the community as well as new opportunities. He referenced a handout of the presentation distributed to attendees, and introduced Mr. Mike Murphy to begin the presentation.

Mr. Mike Murphy, Assistant City Manager, stated the first MOU concerns affordable housing and said that he and Deputy County Executive, Mr. Bill Letteri, had convened teams of staff and stakeholders on this topic. He stated that they reviewed the feasibility of establishing a regional housing authority and have identified risk in this, and have recommended consideration of a housing consortium. He said if they were to collapse the housing responsibilities of several agencies into one regional authority, they would net out less in housing vouchers. Mr. Murphy said the City makes a significant investment in affordable housing and it is funded in the annual budget, which is not true of the County. He said they have discussed which areas within the urban ring are most suitable for affordable housing and explored the potential of a collaborative funding model. He referenced how the City has worked successfully with the VHDA, Habitat for Humanity and other partners on affordable housing and is about to embark on an effort with Virginia Organizing, believing that other opportunities exist. Mr. Murphy mentioned how grant funding applications are often more likely to be approved if they are joint, and how the City and County could look at submitting joint applications in the future when there is an overlapping need. He said the Board and Council could encourage collaborative opportunities if they discuss and identify specifics on areas of collaboration, such as the number of units. He stated that staff could then conduct a study of funding ratios and locations. Mr. Murphy said they are aware of the desire to review the small area plan around Hydraulic Road, which is advancing through VDOT and is not exclusively a housing or transportation issue.

Ms. Lee Catlin, Assistant County Executive, stated that she will present on education, noting how she has worked with Mr. Murphy and other staff on this focus area. She stated that the MOU calls for expansion of pre-kindergarten programs, as well as career and technical education that would prepare students for 21<sup>st</sup> century work. She said they first reviewed what was already in place and determined that they already have excellent structures and partnerships they can use to leverage opportunities. Ms. Catlin reported that she would review some opportunities brought forth that are not in the MOUs to provide a sense of what already exists. She stated that one example is federal Investing in Innovation grants, such as the \$3 million awarded to a consortium of Albemarle County, Charlottesville City, and Fluvanna County public schools to equip middle school students with experience using advanced technology in an effort to increase college and career readiness. Ms. Catlin said another example is Piedmont Futures, sponsored by the Charlottesville Business Innovation Council (CBIC), a program at PVCC that connects students with 14 local business and organization apprenticeship programs. Ms. Catlin said another example is a day-long Tech Tour, sponsored by CBIC, which takes 400 middle and high school students to 70 area high tech companies to expose them to careers in the community.

Ms. Catlin reported that Kids College at PVCC provides over 90 summer workshops for third through seventh grade students, and said that City and County career centers are satellites of the Piedmont Workforce Network. She stated that in the first year of operation, they have had over 1,000 first time visitors and 2,000 returning visitors. She said the Kids College opportunity would take what PVCC is already doing and partner with CATEC to provide technical opportunities. Ms. Catlin referred to the existing business/education collaborative and said the initiatives she has just reviewed are part of this effort, and they are looking to create links with the business community through apprenticeships and internships. She described collaborative efforts with libraries that include the career center at the downtown library, and community meeting space at the Crozet and Northside libraries. Ms. Catlin said that a goal is to build a shared workforce and increase partnerships in regional job fairs and training, as well as placing local residents in jobs available across both communities. She referenced the Charlottesville Growing Opportunity Program and said they were looking to expand this in Albemarle County.

Mr. Sheffield asked for the expected progress and next steps of the "Go" opportunities. Ms. Catlin said they have not nailed down exactly what they would do, but were looking at it.

Mr. Sheffield stated that Charlottesville has done an amazing job with this program and to implement it in the County should be fairly simple, adding that he would like to emulate this program in the County.

Ms. Galvin asked for thoughts on the status of CATEC. Ms. Catlin responded that they have met with CATEC staff, who discussed their strategic plan and their new academies, which are moving away from traditional training to incorporate more apprenticeship and internship options.

Ms. McKeel speculated that some of the opportunities within the MOUs are being further developed, while some need more initiative from City Council or the Board to move forward, and asked if she is correct in her assumption.

Ms. Catlin agreed with Ms. McKeel's assessment, stating that some opportunities are easier to accomplish as they do not require additional funding or policy direction, while others would require new investment or policy.

Mr. Murphy addressed Board and Council regarding pre-kindergarten programs. He credited the leadership of the Early Education Task Force and the United Way, as 71 children have been added to the program since their involvement. Mr. Murphy said that to increase the number of students and make the program sustainable, they would have to look towards private philanthropy. He next referenced the home visit collaborative and how they have done a good job with funding this resource, stating that there is more opportunity. He referenced the Albemarle collaborative, which is described in the document provided, and said it provides for longitudinal data tracking of students from early childhood to high school graduation and has been in the works for many years. Mr. Murphy stated that they have signed agreements and next fall would begin implementation with the first class, working the Department of Education. He said they would be able to measure results of Head Start and other early childhood programs for effectiveness and would look to work with the School Board and the student council. He said they are focused on four year olds and are able to provide pre-k seats to three-quarters of those eligible, although in the future they would like to also look at things they can do for children ages 0-3. Mr. Murphy commented that the fiscal path exercise indicates there are investments that can be made for children 0-2 to prepare them for pre-k, and they would focus on high-risk neighborhoods and inform parents of the value of pre-k. He added that the Board/Council could look at making pre-k funding part of the legislative agenda and request state funding support.

Mr. Doug Walker, Deputy County Executive, addressed the Board and Council regarding multi-modal forms of transportation. He discussed the potential creation of a regional transit authority combining CAT and JAUNT and efforts to increase collaboration between the City and County. He said the City, County, and VDOT are coordinating efforts to establish a Jefferson area bicycle and pedestrian plan, and noted that City and County staff are having regular discussions on this issue.

Mr. Bill Letteri, Deputy County Executive, addressed the Board and Council regarding environmental issues. He said the County and City have a long history of working together and staff of both bodies continues to do so, particularly in addressing mandates. He stated that there is mutual interest in advancing issues of sustainability and invited Leslie Beauregard to present the specifics of some issues.

Ms. Leslie Beauregard presented and praised the level of interest among City and County staff in regard to environmental issues, stating that there is a long list of issues they are collaborating on.

Mr. Letteri stated that they are establishing a mechanism for jointly pursuing cost-effective water solutions and utilizing a joint solid waste management plan team, and there are many other areas on which they can work together. Mr. Letteri mentioned the LCAT program and how a working group is developing a five-part framework to deal with aspects of the environment and sustainability. He noted that they are pursuing free technical support to obtain certification as a solar friendly community.

Ms. Palmer commented that it was an excellent presentation.

Ms. Szakos stated that she had some questions and said her understanding is that a lack of

participating employers is preventing expansion of the Youth Employment Program. She asked if data is available regarding the numbers of families with pre-k children that move back and forth between the City and County. She stated there have been members of the Council and Board, particularly on the Board, who do not believe environmental issues are important, and wonders if some of their environmental/sustainability efforts can be locked in so that the election of new members would not affect their efforts. Ms. Catlin responded that they have not had time to review this, but would do so the next time they agree to meet.

Ms. Galvin responded to the question about youth employment, stating that she and Ms. Mallek are both members of the Piedmont Workforce Network Council, which is working on a summit of youth employment and consider youth employment to be very important. She stated that this is an example of City/County collaboration in an established structure and said they have not fully utilized federal funds available for internships.

Ms. Mallek said this has been an historic issue for nine years, and to get change the efforts must be directed, but the feedback has been that parents are not supportive, as they want their kids to go to college instead. She stated that she hopes they can come up with better messaging to school officials of the importance of educating students on alternatives to college, and she looks forward to a change in dynamic.

Ms. Galvin said they do want action items to come out of this, which could provide more traction and open up opportunities for policy direction.

Ms. Mallek commented that the issue is a shortage of students, not a shortage of employers, in the workforce program.

Regarding the concept of locking in environmental initiatives, Ms. Palmer said this could be an action item.

Ms. McKeel stated that regarding data about movement between the City and County of families with young children, the County has some data, particularly within the urban ring.

Ms. Szakos said that families with little kids tend to move often, and it would be helpful to know exactly what they are dealing with.

Ms. Galvin asked about the Rivanna River Corridor Plan, stating that it is a very important piece to the community and they do not know what the action item is. Mr. Chip Boyles of the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission addressed her question. He reported that a committee has been working on this for two years and has made a recommendation that includes some staged action items ranging from doing something immediately that is low cost to an ultimate stage of development of a small area or natural area plan along the Rivanna corridor where it borders with both the City and County and a little bit of variance beyond. He added that they are working on obtaining rough cost estimates, and it is his understanding that both bodies would take this up during the budget process.

Mayor Signer asked both Mr. Foley and Mr. Jones for their view on the best way to wrap up these various opportunities, and said he is deeply impressed with the level of enthusiasm among the staffs. He pointed out that they have joint meetings only twice a year and they have a lot on the agenda, and asked if they could come up with recommendations to report to the two bodies. Mayor Signer proposed having joint meetings quarterly so they could move items towards action rather than waiting.

Mr. Jones said it would be great to come back together before the end of the year and have an in-depth discussion of the opportunities identified, as well as obtain direction from the Council and Board.

Mr. Foley stated they could come back with something that is more of an action plan than a proposal.

Mayor Signer stated that it could be a good idea for existing and proposed collaborations to be identified and branded, so the public knows what is going on with cooperative projects. He said a title they had discussed for this branding was Charlottesville-Albemarle Regional Cooperation Initiative.

Ms. Palmer stated that this sounds like a very good idea, as she often receives questions from constituents as to what the County is doing with the City.

Ms. Szakos suggested they come up with a name that is an acronym such as ONE Community.

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### Agenda Item No. 3. Age-Friendly Communities.

Ms. Marta Keane, Executive Director of JABA, thanked the Board and Council for the opportunity to speak and said the biggest part of the Charlottesville Area Alliance is working together toward an age-friendly community. She said that as people age, they provide benefits to a community while also requiring resources, although sometimes the benefits are lost in their requests for help. Ms. Keane reported that the platform for the Commonwealth Council on Aging and the Governor's Council on Aging looks at livable communities, so they are trying to bring what is already happening at the state level to the local level. She said that by 2024, one in four residents of the area would be age 65+. Ms. Keane noted that Charlottesville is particularly attractive to retirees, as many people stay in the area and others move

to the area, which has led to a population with an above average number of seniors. She referenced a handout and pointed to a graph that shows the rapid growth in the population of the aging in the area, stating that they are projecting that by 2030, Albemarle County would have 19,000 senior residents. She said that in the region, 26% of seniors live alone, with huge implications in terms of social isolation and safety. She stated that 11% of area seniors are at or below the poverty level, which is income of \$900/month. Ms. Keane said that since 2010, the City has seen a decrease in the senior population, which she speculates is due to a lack of affordable housing, although she expects the trend to shift as the City builds more affordable housing. She emphasized that they should not set separate goals or programs for seniors, as it is beneficial to the community to have programs that meet the needs of people of all ages, with walkability and access to services being important to millennials as well as to seniors. Ms. Keane stated that it is important to retain and attract people of all ages, and said that "age friendly" means being able to live safely, enjoy good health, and stay involved with the community. She said they have looked to the World Health Organization's recommendations regarding creating age-friendly communities, as well as those from AARP. She summarized her remarks as providing background on why we should care about age-friendly communities and introduced Sue Friedman, who would review ways to create an age-friendly community.

Ms. Sue Friedman thanked them for the opportunity to speak and said the Charlottesville Area Alliance began in 2014 when they realized there was not a collective and collaborative voice in the community to support age-friendly issues. She said the alliance founding group includes the Alzheimer's Association, Rosewood Village, Hospice of the Piedmont, JABA, JAUNT, OLLI, the Senior Center, and Westminster Canterbury of the Blue Ridge; additional groups that have joined the alliance are TJDPC, Albemarle County administration, Sentara MJH, UVA Health, and Region Ten. She described their vision as being that the greater Charlottesville area would be the most age-friendly community in the country, and the mission of the alliance is to lead advancements of an age-friendly community, aligned with initiatives at the state and federal levels. She stated the alliance has five areas of focus: assessment, advocacy, planning, education, and engagement. Ms. Friedman said they would measure effectiveness and identify areas of opportunity and challenge through analysis of eight criteria including outdoor spaces, transportation, housing, social participation and social inclusion, participation in employment, communication, and community support. She stated that they have a steering committee consisting of 13 members, and they welcome anyone who wants to join with them. She asked members of the Council and Board to sign the World Health Organization (WHO) document to demonstrate commitment to making Charlottesville the most age-friendly community in the country, adding that the document provides a four-page summary that she has distributed to members.

Ms. Szakos asked why she emphasized being the most age-friendly community instead of just being very good. Ms. Keane replied that being the most age-friendly community is part of their vision, and they should aim as high as possible.

Ms. Palmer thanked Ms. Keane and Ms. Friedman for their presentations and said they would talk about this at future meetings.

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#### Agenda Item No. 4. Technology Marketing and Branding.

Mayor Signer stated that this agenda item is about the creative economy, which he feels is an appropriate description of what they wish to build, as Charlottesville and the entire country move away from a model of being a "company town" where people work for one organization their entire life. He said the idea of a creative economy is one where the productivity of opportunity come from creativity such as innovation, technology, new intellectual property, and arts, and stated that it has a strong relationship to the culture of the region. Mayor Signer said that early this year, he started the Mayor's Advisory Council on Innovation and Technology, which consists of 45-50 leaders of start-ups, UVA, the Darden School of Business, I-Lab, financiers and venture capitalists, thought leaders and policymakers. He said that a recurring theme has been that the region is not telling a story and does not have a message to communicate to the outside world about a creative economy and thus, they are losing where they could be winning in a competitive environment. Mayor Signer mentioned Go Boulder and Venture Asheville as examples from similar communities, noting that marketing experts he has spoken with say that a branding/marketing campaign would cost about \$300K per year. He said there is already some activity on this front, such as the Central Virginia Partnership for Economic Development, which has determined a need for talent recruitment in the technology field, and they have a branding/marketing campaign with the Ivy Group. Mayor Signer stated that the Tom Tom Festival has developed a program organically with the presentation of Charlottesville as an historical connection to the founding fathers and has been very successful.

Mayor Signer stated that the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation is interested in a talent recruitment platform that can demonstrate to the outside world what the region can and should be. He said that he and Maurice Jones have met with UVA officials, including President Theresa Sullivan, and have asked them if UVA would be interested in joining in with a branding/marketing campaign, and the University's response was that they are very interested. He said at a meeting of the Planning and Coordinating Committee earlier this year, there was enthusiasm about this as well. Mayor Signer identified four steps to take to further a branding/marketing effort: have City and County staffs work on issues such as budget, contributions, return on investment, goals, potential partnerships, funding and operational vehicles, with the Charlottesville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau being a potential partner; have City and County staff's consult with each other; synchronize with other economic and planning activities that are already in the works; and have the Council and Board charge the Planning and Coordinating Committee representatives with further developing a plan before coming to a decision point.

He said this makes sense, as the committee already has representatives from the City, County, and University holding regular meetings.

Mr. Dill asked if the efforts of the Planning and Coordinating Committee would involve looking at what other localities have done. Mayor Signer responded that looking at other exemplars, especially with areas that are similar in size to Charlottesville, would be a great approach that is not particularly onerous.

Ms. Palmer said she is glad Mayor Signer mentioned synchronization with existing efforts, as the County is in the process of creating an economic development plan.

Mr. Sheffield asked Mayor Signer if he has a sense of why this has not happened before, and expressed surprise that something like this would not have occurred organically. Mayor Signer responded that it could be that with economic development specifically, there is a perception that the two entities are competitive rather than cooperative with one another. He said that in starting this cooperative initiative, they selected four areas where it is obvious that the two entities would benefit from working together. He stated that what makes this compelling is they would both benefit, as well as UVA, in creating the perception of a dynamic and creative economy.

Mr. Sheffield expressed his interest in not having the City and County being in competition for economic development.

Ms. Galvin said that clearly they need to make sure the economy is robust and strong, and this is clearly the area to consider. She stated that she far prefers a collaborative to a competitive approach. Ms. Galvin identified rapid population growth as a challenge facing both the City and County, which is positive but has negative consequences, so she wants to make sure that prior to making efforts to attract new people to move to the area, they identify what this means in terms of housing, traffic, and schools. She stated that families with young children cost more in services, and they should understand the intended and unintended consequences.

Ms. Palmer said the Board has had discussions about this issue, particularly in regards to budgeting as young families cost the County money and lead to tax increases, even though the locality welcomes them.

Mr. Dill described the tension of wanting to make the community better but keeping it to themselves, and not wanting everybody to know about it.

Mayor Signer stated that a key question is how to hold sacred the seedbed of the community, which is authenticity and culture, and avoid having a company come in with 4,000 employees all at once and transforming the heart of the community. He stated the challenge is to grow in a way that is authentic and deeply respectful of what makes the region so great, adding that this is why the work of the committee is important in creating a dynamic and successful economy.

Ms. Galvin cited a quote she has heard that "a city without children is like a chorus without songbirds" and they need to have a diverse community.

Ms. Mallek stated the second item on Mayor Singer's list is where she thinks they should start, and they encourage Economic Development staff to meet regularly to develop a concept.

Mr. Galvin agreed and suggested having both economic offices work together even more, as they could provide a lot of benefit.

Ms. Palmer asked for consensus about having City and County economic development groups get together and resuming discussion at the next meeting.

Several members of the Board and Council expressed their approval.

Mr. Randolph said that while marketing/branding are important, they need to look at the institutional entity that would be behind the regional economic development they are discussing. He said they should move beyond the donut that surrounds the empty bowl which is Charlottesville, consider a regional approach, and talk about the type of entity they would establish. He added that it would be beyond the Economic Development authorities of the City and County, so they should be in unison moving forward.

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#### Agenda Item No. 5. Regional Transit Authority.

Mr. Boyles said he would summarize the findings of a recent survey and thanked the Council and Board for the opportunity to speak. He mentioned the Go Virginia Program, which the Central Virginia Partnership for Economic Development is spearheading, stating that the program could potentially create a truly regional economic development plan and suggested they include this in their conversations. Mr. Boyles said the MPO has been working since November at the request of the Planning and Coordination Council to prepare a regional transit study, to review coordination opportunities among CAT, JAUNT and UVA Transit. He said the MPO staff has worked with a steering committee comprised of representatives from regional transit providers, as well as City and County staff and elected officials, to develop a report that analyzes current conditions, opportunities for organizational and service improvement, and development of a recommended action strategy. Mr. Boyles stated that a draft plan would be presented to

City Council, the Board, UVA, and the MPO Policy Board. He said they would obtain feedback and provide a final report to the MPO Policy Board for consideration to incorporate into the region's long-range transportation plan. Mr. Boyles stated that they have begun the initial work and are collecting existing documents and budgets from the three transit providers in preparation for a review of the budget, as well as financial and strategic plans, personnel policies, and operational procedures. He said they have completed an online survey of local decision makers and are following this up with individual in-person interviews. Mr. Boyles noted that they have interviewed transit staff and decision makers of the three transit agencies; they are creating an outline of opportunities for improved coordination among transportation providers; they have also been assessing other peer transit agencies, with particular emphasis on those in Virginia. He said that state laws, funding, and regulation vary significantly by state. He stated they have been working with the Virginia Transit Association and are studying how transit agencies are funded, noting that they are working with the Darden School of Business to review operational procedures.

Mr. Boyles reported that the next step is to consolidate all the data and continue interviews with decision makers, as well as with peer agencies in Williamsburg, Blacksburg, and Fredericksburg, State College PA, Clemson SC, and Chapel Hill NC. He said they would also review two prior transit studies, including one completed in 2008 by Charlottesville Regional Transit Authority and one in 2009 for the Transportation Tomorrow regional transit tool kit. He said that by December, they would have a draft and begin to make recommendations of how improvements can be made after having presented it to the MPO Steering Committee in November and obtaining feedback.

Mr. Boyles reviewed some initial survey findings, including that overall satisfaction with the transit services is very good; support for a regional system with added services is high; and there is good communication and coordination among the transit services. He said a challenge identified is funding from federal, state, County, and City sources. Mr. Boyles stated that they have identified some lost opportunities for shared services, noting that there is a lack of formal agreements among the transit services, and successful communication and coordination have been the result of the goodwill of staff. He said they have identified room for improvement in how decisions are made in sharing information with local government, both in outside agencies to local government as well as within the local governments. Mr. Boyles added that the MPO can play a larger role in sharing information and communication.

Ms. Galvin asked what the steering committee is. Mr. Boyles replied that it is made up of the three transit agencies, members of City and County planning departments, and UVA.

Mr. Sheffield said that he and Ms. Galvin would present a summary of reasons for establishing a regional transit authority and potential next steps.

Ms. Galvin stated that from their conversations, they have heard a desire for a sustainable and equitable approach and she would discuss socioeconomic and quality-of-life benefits. She stated that providing more affordable access to a wider range of better paying jobs is the single most important socioeconomic benefit to having an RTA. She said that good paying jobs should not be limited to those with cars, and commented on the costs of insuring and maintaining a vehicle for someone living in poverty. Ms. Galvin said the transit system does not meet the needs of some people traveling to certain job locations or at non-traditional hours, and said that routes and route transfers result in unreasonable commuting times and cause delays which can jeopardize the sustainment of employment. She said that some employers that are willing to hire workers from low-income communities are located outside of transit routes. Ms. Galvin described some recent efforts to collaborate with employers that are not located along bus routes to establish special routes, but said they have not met with much success. She stated they should think outside the box from a socioeconomic standpoint.

Ms. Galvin said she would now address the issue of quality of life and stated that transit could help reduce traffic in the region. She provided some national statistics on increasing accident and accident-related deaths, which are related to the increasing number of miles driven. She said the U.S. lags behind all the developed nations in road safety and public transit, and noted that the comprehensive plans of both the City and County call for improved transit access and reduced traffic. Ms. Galvin stated that there are three requirements needed to expand the use of transit: density, diversity, and design. She said that density involves residential and employment density; diversity involves mixed-use developments; and design involves making a community amenable and walkable.

Mr. Sheffield described the relationship between JAUNT and CAT as strong, stating that both operations focus primarily on tactical planning issues and not strategic ones, and that an RTA would provide a venue for a strategic focus. He said the general sentiment among the County Board is to invest more in transit, but there is a lack of shared governance and involvement in the decision-making process. He described some potential cost savings of an RTC, as marketing, training, and fuel purchasing could be combined. Mr. Sheffield said that another benefit of an RTA, according to Mr. Sheffield, is a coordinated communication effort which helps both with the decision making process as well as public perception. He added that comprehensive community engagement could be more effective.

Mr. Sheffield stated that he and Ms. Galvin agree that a next step is to have a facilitated conversation of concerns, hesitations, and expectations that define the context for implementation. He said that funding and service planning and other items can be laid out. Mr. Sheffield noted that he has spoken with Mr. Phillip Shucet, who said he is willing to work with them.

Ms. Palmer thanked them for the presentation and said she thinks it is a good idea to look at establishing a more formal relationship with transportation and suggested going around the room and

asking each member for their feelings about moving ahead with the discussion.

Mr. Randolph said that he approves and, as a representative of a rural district, thinks it is important to review feasibility of routes to make sure they are economically viable and not money losers.

Ms. Szakos said she approves, stating that there are concerns having to do with the rural-urban dynamic. She stated that she has some reservations, but agrees that they have a shared economy and should study the issue.

Mr. Dill said that he heartily supports this and looks forward to facilitated dialog and getting the community involved.

Ms. McKeel said she endorses the process and hopes they can get things done fairly quickly and agrees with Ms. Galvin's comments about transit being a socioeconomic issue, particularly in her urban ring district.

Mayor Signer said that he supports the study and wants to listen closely to what staff has to say about logistics, funding, etc. He emphasized his support for the inclusion of autonomous vehicles and mentioned three benefits: safety, equitability, and efficiency.

Ms. Mallek said that she supports the study.

Ms. Palmer said that, as they have majority support for authorizing a study, they would talk with Phil Shucet about moving ahead with it.

Ms. Szakos asked if it would be possible to get UVA Transit involved at the meeting, as it is important for them to be aware of what the City and County are talking about. Mr. Sheffield said that conversations with UVA are touchy when it comes to a regional transit authority, and they should be involved in discussions, although they do not want to be part of an RTA.

Ms. Palmer said they can bring it up at the PACC meeting.

Ms. Galvin asked about coordination with the rollout of Mr. Boyles' final report, for which they have notified elected officials, and the timing and what would drive the scheduling process. Mr. Sheffield said the joint body should give direction, as it is his view that the conversation they would have would feed into what Mr. Boyles is putting together, adding that they would have to speak with Mr. Shucet regarding his availability.

Ms. Palmer asked who was paying for it. Mr. Sheffield responded that if they can coordinate their meeting with a PDAP day, the cost could be next to nothing.

Mr. Boyles expressed his willingness to assist Mr. Shucet with any background information he may need in getting up to speed.

Mr. Murphy said it would be helpful for Maurice Jones to provide a presentation at the meeting as to the nuts and bolts of CATS and how it is run and any complexities, such as federal funding.

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Agenda Item No. 6. Adjourn.

At 1:39 p.m., Ms. Palmer adjourned the Board of Supervisors meeting.

Mayor Signer adjourned the Charlottesville City Council from the meeting.

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Chairman

Approved by Board
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