5TH and Avon Community Advisory Committee Minutes December 19, 2019 meeting

Present: CAC members James Cathro, Karen Davenport, Rob Finley, Craig Roller, Roger Schickedantz, Shawn Brydge, David Storm, Jonathan Earl, Glen Michael, Mary Katherine King; Pam Riley-planning commission; Liz Palmer and Rick Randolphcounty supervisors, Donna Price-county supervisor elect; county liaison Andrew Knuppel, and Margaret Maliszewski-county staff

Absent: Thomas Thorpe

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Previous meeting minutes approved as submitted

Presentation of Entrance Corridor for Avon St by Margaret Maliszewski -Explained entrance corridor guidelines by state and federal governments. Entrance corridors are roads significant for tourist destinations and major arterial designated roads. County ARB manages entrance corridors thru both site plans and building permits, considering what is visible from the road itself, including signage, landscaping, and mechanical structures on roof of any building.

Margaret asked CAC to decide whether or not to move forward with request to make Avon Street an entrance corridor. If approved, would need to go before Board of Supervisors and eventually to VDOT.

There was a discussion of advantages and disadvantages of entrance corridor designation among committee members. Several concerns were raised about how entrance corridor designation would affect the recent work on Avon Street corridor study with Line and Grade. The entrance corridor designation appears in some ways to conflict w/ the study.

Motion made: The CAC wants the entrance corridor designation to be consistent with ARB and Line & Grade plans but don't necessarily want to be held to arterial standards.

Motion passed unanimously.

Andrew reviewed the purpose and role of the CAC. With several new members, seemed appropriate to review.

The CAC has no legislative function. Rather, CAC is a first step in review of development plans and provide feedback to county staff and those planning projects, both new plans and revised plans.

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Rick and Liz both provided additional insight as to how CAC helps in the planning process and benefits provided to county staff and Board of Supervisors.

Planning commission updates: Pam

-Avon St corridor study was reviewed. Suggestion made to add a last section to discuss impacts of the study.

-Broadway St area getting a lot of development attention recently. Development in this area would also impact Charlottesville city. Received some feedback from area residents. Will pursue joint meeting with city planners.

-Pam also announced that she will not be serving another term on the planning commission.

Supervisor updates:

Liz- reviewed recent discussion of county leash laws and possible changes. There appears to be different needs for rural versus urban residents. Discussion tabled for further review.

Rick- review recently passed scooter ordinance. Similar to recently approved city ordinance. The county had to have something in place by January 1, 2020 to comply with state requirements.

-reviewed Champion Brewery request to use land owned by church for farm brewery. Board supported objectors, but state guidelines provide rules for farm breweries, cideries, winerys.

-board authorized transfer of county land to school board for a second learning center. Andrew commented there appears to be an aggressive timeline. Also provided school occupancy figures.

-transient taxes up 68% over previous quarter.

-county showing surplus for budget year. Discussion on how to use surplus tabled.

Also, this is Rick's last meeting. Donna Price, newly elected Scottsville county supervisor will take over in that capacity.

Topics for future meeting were discussed.

Joint CAC meeting to be held January 29, 2020.

Around the table: David provided updated school enrollment figures.

Motion made and unanimously approved to thank Rick and Pam for their time, hard work, and expertise.

Meeting adjourned