

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Albemarle County, Virginia, was held on June 6, 2019, at 2:00 p. m., Room 241, County Office Building, McIntire Road, Charlottesville, Virginia, for purposes of a joint meeting with Charlottesville City Council. The meeting was adjourned from June 5, 2019.

PRESENT: Mr. Norman G. Dill, Mr. Ned Gallaway (arrived at 2:05 p. m.), Ms. Ann Mallek, Ms. Diantha H. McKeel, Ms. Liz A. Palmer and Mr. Rick Randolph.

ABSENT: None.

OFFICERS PRESENT: County Executive, Jeff Richardson, Deputy County Executive, Doug Walker, Assistant County Executive, Trevor Henry, County Attorney, Greg Kamptner, Clerk, Claudette Borgersen, Senior Deputy Clerk, Travis O. Morris, and Director of Communications and Public Engagement, Emily Kilroy.

CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY COUNCIL PRESENT: Mr. Wes Bellamy (arrived at 2:17 p.m.), Ms. Kathy Galvin, Ms. Heather Hill and Ms. Nikuyah Walker.

CITY STAFF PRESENT: City Manager, Tarron Richardson, Assistant City Manager, Mike Murphy, City Attorney, John Blair, Director of Communications, Brian Wheeler, and Charlottesville City Council Outreach Coordinator, Matthew Murphy.

Agenda Item No. 1. Call to Order. At 2:01 p.m., Mr. Randolph, Vice-Chair, called the Board of Supervisors to order.

Mr. Randolph asked that everyone observe a Moment of Silence in recognition of the 75th anniversary of D-Day. He added his uncle, after whom he was named, went in behind German lines in Normandy as part of the 101st Airborne, accompanied by other Americans, Canadians, and Jewish Eastern Europeans who managed to escape Hitler. He said it was that day that provides the difference between America being free and being divided by the Axis, where German would be spoken in the eastern side of the United States and probably Japanese on the West Coast.

Mr. Randolph remarked that this was another great opportunity to have the two bodies together, and thanked everyone for their attendance.

At 2:03 p.m., Ms. Walker, Mayor, called the Charlottesville City Council to order. She announced that Councilor Mike Signer would not be present for the meeting, and Councilor Wes Bellamy would be late.

Mr. Randolph recognized the presence of the presiding security officers, Officer Reuschling and Officer Bryce Arritt.

Agenda Item No. 2. Welcome and Introductions.

Mr. Jeff Richardson welcomed staff and citizens to the joint work session. He also welcomed new City Manager, Tarron Richardson, and noted that he, along with Doug Walker and Trevor Henry, met with him for lunch several weeks earlier to get to know him and share ideas for this meeting.

Mr. Jeff Richardson stated that today, they would like to talk about areas in which elected officials, organizations, and the community could work together toward common goals. He noted that the last joint meeting was held in January, at which time they identified a summer meeting as an opportunity to discuss shared project priorities that could inform both bodies going into FY20-21. He noted that a status report of the Memoranda of Understandings (MOUs) was distributed prior to this meeting, and he expressed hope that meeting attendees has had an opportunity to read over and consider them.

(Note: Mr. Gallaway arrived at 2:05 p.m., and assumed the role of Chair.)

Agenda Item No. 3. Review of Meeting Outcomes.

Mayor Walker said she would provide a recap of goals and outcomes from the January meeting. She recalled that they had planned to meet today to inform development of the FY21 budget development process, to receive an update on the MOU work, to discuss collaborations and potential collaborations among both bodies, review alignment of the City and County respective strategic plans, and the opportunity to synch up CIPs.

Note: At this time, meeting participants introduced themselves.

Mr. Gallaway added that today the two bodies would look at potential connections and alignment of their respective CIPs, to see where they are currently connecting and the potential for connection on future projects; look at opportunities beginning with FY 2021 onward in CIP and strategic planning in the spirit of saving resources and delivering services that people in both jurisdictions could benefit from, as well as to inform both bodies in advance of the FY 2021 CIP development process to impact planning.

Agenda Item No. 4. Agenda Review.

Mr. Murphy provided an overview of today's agenda. He said they would cover highlights of the five MOUs, discuss CIP alignment, the strategic plan, recap and adjourn.

Agenda Item No. 5. Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) Featured Highlights.

Mr. Matthew Murphy stated that the focus of today's meeting was to identify areas for collaboration moving forward, but before doing that, they need to recognize where they have been. He said Board and Council members received a report of activities pertaining to each of the five MOUs. He said that he does not intend to review each MOUs, but would highlight one initiative in each area that enjoyed success in the past year.

With regard to education, Mr. Murphy stated that the Charlottesville/Albemarle Early Childhood Education Task Force was created in 2015 to provide preschool to all at-risk children in the area, with membership comprised of schools, local government, and community leaders. He said this year the Early Childhood Education Task Force was awarded a \$350,000 grant from the state to integrate financing with the public pre-k and Department of Social Services (DSS) subsidy programs. He explained that the hope was that the integrated financing would maximize the use of state preschool funds and increase access to high-quality preschool for four-year-olds. He noted that the planning period ends this month, and the project would be undertaken over the next two school years. He said that private nonprofit organizations that would participate are Barrett Early Learning Center and JABA Shining Stars, an intergenerational program. He said the project includes funds for a family liaison and quality classroom coaching for teachers. He said this year a joint marketing program was undertaken to publicize the three public preschool programs for at-risk youth, Head Start, and City and County programs, which would serve over 400 four-year-olds in the coming school year. He said the joint marketing resulted in positive news coverage of, not only the enrollment period, but also the positive impact that early education has on youth.

Mr. Murphy next reviewed the item relating to the environment. He said in 2011, the City, County and UVA undertook a collaborative effort called the Local Climate Action Planning Process (LCAPP) that focused on the following five areas: built environment, mobility, energy sourcing, materials, and the landscape. He said currently the City of Charlottesville, Albemarle County, and UVA are working towards making new commitments that relate to climate action. He said greenhouse gas emissions reduction, goal setting, climate action planning and implementation continue to be framed by these five focus areas. He noted given the timing, the three jurisdictions recognize the opportunity to collaborate. He said planning and implementation efforts are being pursued to build upon each other's work in recognition that climate change would not respect jurisdictional boundaries. He said they are collaboratively pursuing community engagement to inform their respective efforts and to collectively advance climate action in the region and have created a website, climateactiontogether.org, which would include process updates, upcoming events, a history of the project, and educational resources. He said that joint events would be held to share information, staff would coordinate to make sure processes and planning are aligned, and they would explore a climate change strategy with regional benefits to be implemented cooperatively. He provided examples of potential cooperative strategies: enabling private sector financial investment, energy performance upgrades to commercial properties, and supporting programs and services delivered by LEAP and other potential partners.

Ms. Hill asked what role the University of Virginia would play in climate action. Ms. Palmer indicated that Andy Lowe could provide this information, though he was not present at the meeting, adding that UVA was certainly coordinating with them. Ms. Kilroy noted that regular team coordination meetings have been held at which UVA has participated and been supportive, and the University has a lot of expertise on specific aspects of materials management, which they have been proactive in sharing.

Mr. Dill pointed out that Jesse Warren has led the last two Monday night meetings.

Ms. Palmer added that UVA has a representative at regular steering committee and technical committee meetings and was very much involved and quite far ahead of the County on their climate action plan.

Addressing the topic of pre-kindergarten education, Ms. Hill asked what demand was not being met for normal enrolled youth and if it was beyond their capacity. Mr. Mike Murphy responded that the initial focus of the task force was to address the needs of all at-risk four-year-olds. He responded that In the City, they have reached over 90% and felt they were ready to move on to the task force consideration of expanding to an age 0-5 focus. He noted that participation in the County was still in the mid-to-high 70s, and they would continue to work on the program for four-year-olds.

Ms. Galvin remarked that she had heard in the community that there was not adequate space for after-school pre-k programming. Ms. Mary Stebbins, with Albemarle County, responded that she serves on the task force, and they are looking at this concern in general for pre-k through elementary school, as it does impact some pre-k children because they do not have after school.

Ms. Galvin asked for a sense of the magnitude of the need. Ms. Stebbins responded that they are trying to get a handle on this. She said the children served by the mixed-delivery programming under the grant are all-day programs, though this was a small number of children.

Mr. Murphy moved to the topic of the redevelopment of affordable housing. He said the Regional Housing Partnership convened its inaugural summit in April, for regional decision makers to review the findings of the regional housing analysis and learn about tools and opportunities available to localities in Virginia to plan for and address the need. He noted that some of those in attendance at this joint meeting attended the summit and would build on local efforts to address affordable housing needs, including the City's partnership with the Charlottesville Redevelopment Housing Authority and Public Housing Association of Residents, to jumpstart resident-involved redevelopment in Charlottesville's public housing and Albemarle County's ongoing partnership with Habitat For Humanity to redevelop the Southwood Mobile Home Park.

(Note: Mr. Bellamy arrived at 2:17 p.m.)

Ms. Galvin asked why there was not any mention of the Hydraulic Small Area Plan, which she noted was right at their border, calls for affordable housing and the creation of a common code among the City and County. She noted that both she and Diantha McKeel serve on the Planning and Coordination Council Advisory Panel; it also falls under both transportation and economic development, as it addresses the repurposing of an aging shopping center, which was a pervasive problem in the County along Route 29.

Ms. McKeel remarked that the work around the Hydraulic panel was being used by the City as part of its small area plan.

Ms. Galvin agreed. She said the plan's implementation strategy calls for a code to be adopted by both the City and County to ensure consistency between the application and intent of the Hydraulic Small Area Plan.

Ms. Kilroy said she was hearing that staff should provide a separate update on this and offered to follow up.

Mr. Bellamy noted that he serves on the Charlottesville Redevelopment Housing Authority Board (CRHA), and they are interested in having a discussion with the County about how the City views public housing, as well as about providing more affordable housing. He noted that residents with vouchers go into the County, and the CRHA could look at ways to be more cohesive. He invited the County to send a representative to the Board's meetings, held the fourth Monday of every month, and offered to provide updates to the County.

Ms. Galvin stated that though the vouchers are funded by the City's housing fund, it was really a regional voucher program. She expressed agreement with the comments made by Mr. Bellamy.

Mr. Bellamy remarked that the Housing Authority does not do a good enough job in communicating with the County and expressed hope that they could build cohesiveness and collaborate.

Ms. Mallek said that Mr. Bellamy was describing the free choice vouchers and not the project-based ones. Ms. Galvin said that Charlottesville residents with vouchers cannot find a unit in the City and go into the County with a voucher that was funded by the City. She said this was an issue to talk about at some point. Ms. Palmer commented that it was no different with County vouchers.

Mr. Randolph remarked that Supervisors just had a discussion about their own voucher program. Ms. Galvin suggested that they talk about how to coordinate. Mr. Bellamy said he thinks they should not be working in silos and could probably do more by working together.

Ms. Palmer added that this was something that staff needs to clear up how this works.

Ms. McKeel suggested that they put together a list of items for staff to look at together.

Ms. Kilroy noted that the purpose of today's meeting was to foster this type of discussion and said she would follow up.

Ms. Walker asked how many vouchers the County receives that they are not able to utilize. Ms. Mallek responded that they have enough money for 438, though they are approved for 530. She explained that the federal government provides a flat amount of money, and as rents increase, the number of vouchers declines.

Ms. Walker asked if the County has separate funding outside of those dollars and if they use tax dollars to fund any vouchers, noting that the City funds about \$950,00 per year.

Mr. Bellamy remarked that sometimes when they have meetings, they develop lists but then do not talk about the matters until the next meeting several months later. He reiterated his remarks about the importance of working together on the issue of housing.

Ms. McKeel expressed her support for creating a culture where their respective staffs work together to solve problems that have been identified at joint meetings.

Ms. Palmer asked that staff provide clarity as to how they work together, perhaps today.

Mr. Randolph said that Mr. Bellamy's point was well taken and that it was a good idea to get staff

working on ideas within the coming month, after which the Board and Council could discuss next steps on how to integrate the program. He stated that the public's lack of understanding of political and geographic boundaries could unintentionally create barriers to housing for those who most desperately need it.

Mr. Bellamy suggested they establish a subcommittee, though he would defer to the Mayor and Chair. Ms. Galvin asked Mr. Bellamy if the members of his proposed subcommittee would consist of elected officials or staff members and expressed that she did not see a need to have elected officials serve since staff probably has the information.

Mr. Dill remarked that the Council and Board are doing a lot together as a result of their last meeting and that it was a good time to move forward with things.

Ms. Mallek said she was not sure they are ready to make changes today in terms of housing.

Ms. Kilroy offered to have staffs put together information on how the voucher program works and on opportunities for collaboration.

Ms. McKeel remarked that what she thought she was hearing was that elected officials do not want to wait for six or nine months until another meeting.

Ms. Galvin added that she feels the same way about the Hydraulic Small Area Plan, which was adopted over a year ago and since then they have heard nothing about it.

Ms. Walker remarked that citizens know if they live within the City, and City officials should make sure that they know they have an opportunity to stay there by creating affordability so they could do so.

Ms. Hill commented that they are not able to use all their vouchers in a timely manner because of supply and landlords not wanting to participate, and they may have to provide education to constituents who find themselves having to move to the County. She asked County representatives if they have this problem. Ms. McKeel responded that they have the same problem with landlords not wanting to accept vouchers. Ms. Mallek added that the dynamic would change as a result of more housing that has been built in the last few years. Ms. McKeel added that many vouchers holders have to be on a transit route.

Ms. Palmer said the County's plan calls for increased assisted housing choices, outreach efforts to potential voucher landlords, regular landlord briefings on fair housing, and a handbook on the Section 8 voucher program for landlords.

Mr. Bellamy said it would be beneficial if they could work together to build a five-year plan and added that the Regional Housing Board was trying to do something similar.

Mr. Gallaway expressed support for an ongoing, updated list of items from which they could all access and track progress.

Ms. Mallek asked staff to include the housing study chapter from seven years ago, as well as concrete descriptions of how each jurisdiction was able to use the federal program, when putting together the update.

Mr. Murphy reported that he would highlight two projects under the category of transportation. He reminded everyone that connectivity in the Old Lynchburg Road area was a topic of discussion at January's joint meeting. He noted that a concept study of Old Lynchburg Road, Sunset Avenue Bridge, and Moores Creek Greenway connecting Azalea Park was underway and with a goal to connect three small adjacent projects and bike and pedestrian connections between the County and City. He said the study would look into: 1) Old Lynchburg bike and pedestrian improvements from Timberland Lane to Azalea Park, 2) Moores Creek Greenway connectivity from Old Lynchburg Road to Sunset Avenue Bridge with potential trail upgrade improvements connecting Sunset Avenue Bridge to Old Lynchburg Road/Azalea Park, and 3) Sunset Avenue Bridge inspection, with current challenges and considerations needed in infrastructure and improvement.

Mr. Murphy said the study would provide needed bike and pedestrian improvements and cost scenarios to better help secure future grant funding and potential connectivity from Sunset Avenue Bridge along trail improvements of Moores Creek Greenway connecting Old Lynchburg Road to Azalea Park. He said the second effort was by the City, County, and Thomas Jefferson Planning District, in partnership with VDOT, to study bike and pedestrian connectivity between Pantops and Woolen Mills crossing the Rivanna River south of Free Bridge. He said this study would identify the best river crossing location, with shared-use paths connecting South Pantops Drive, Peter Jefferson Parkway, and the Old Mills Trail to the Riverview Park shared-use path, Broadway Street, and the east end of Market Street in all future bike/pedestrian infrastructure.

Ms. Palmer said that the area of Old Lynchburg Road Extended from Timberland Park to the Timberland Lane affordable housing complex to Azalea Park was a very dangerous stretch of road, and she has heard from the residents of Timberland Park that it was dangerous for children to get to Azalea Park so parents end up driving them. She said the County has set aside money in its CIP for this one project and if they do not get the grant, they want to go ahead anyway, and this was a poster child for a project the City and County could work on together. Additionally, she said that VDOT would replace the Sunset Avenue Bridge but it needs to be maintained and was technically in the County, but it would be great to have an arrangement to take care of grass cutting and management, as the County does not

have a public works department but the City does.

Ms. McKeel remarked that there was a lot of shared connectivity for which staff could look to establish an MOU under which the County could pay the City for maintenance, since the County does not have the equipment and the City does. Ms. Hill recalled that there was a pilot program. Ms. McKeel responded that they were hopeful, but it has not come to fruition as much as they had hoped.

Ms. Palmer said the County has more affordable housing going in the same area, and it was important to get safe connectivity to Azalea Park and into the City.

Ms. Galvin characterized the developments at the border of the City and County as “pedestrian generators” for which they do not have infrastructure in place to accommodate the new growth. She said she would like to see a list of projects the Council could look at during the budget process and CIP development.

Ms. Kilroy remarked that after the highlights of the MOU portion of the agenda, they would review the CIPs and look at a map to consider where those opportunities might be.

Ms. Walker asked if members of the Regional Transportation Partnership were considering additional bus stops in the growth areas. Ms. McKeel responded that they have not had this conversation and some of this work has to come out of the Regional Transportation Board (RTB), and they could get started this summer.

Ms. Galvin asked if they were investing in the Rivanna River improvement plan that has been discussed for years.

Ms. Kilroy recognized that Chip Boyles of Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission was nodding his head and asked him if he would like to add something.

Mr. Boyles responded that the County has signed the MOU for Phase 2, the community engagement and visioning phase, and they are awaiting signature from the City.

Mr. Murphy resumed his presentation with economic development. He said the City and County Economic Development Offices have put together a marketing strategy to comarket opportunity zones located in the community, which encourage long-term investments in low-income urban and rural communities, provide a tax incentive for investors to reinvest unrealized capital gains into opportunity funds to finance commercial and industrial real estate, housing, and infrastructure in existing or startup businesses. He said the County and City collaborated to generate a list of over 100 opportunity zone investors and developers, to whom they sent a personalized letter and marketing flyer with the four zones highlighted and an invitation to consider the Charlottesville/Albemarle community.

Mr. Murphy explained that the flyer highlighted their thriving economy, highway access, and population growth, and invited those interested to reach out to the City or County to learn more and to get started. He stated that this has led to five serious inquiries and already generated one success: a plan for a multi-family residential development in the Stonefield Shopping Center. He continued that a local software company has been in touch with the County seeking ways to expand, and the Economic Development Office was able to connect an opportunity zone investor with the developer to tweak the plan to include 20,000 square feet of commercial space for a mixed-use development in alignment with the County's Comprehensive Plan and investments that would retain local businesses and create more opportunities for local job seekers.

Ms. Galvin noted that the City has an opportunity zone and asked if anything like this was happening in the City. Mr. Chris Engel, Director of Economic Development, responded that there has been interest but not yet specifics.

Ms. Galvin asked what the nature of the project requests has been. Mr. Engel responded that they are across the board from business to multi-family residential. Ms. Galvin asked if there was any affordable housing component. Mr. Engel responded that there could be and some of the funds are looking at affordable housing as an investment.

Ms. Hill asked what were the timelines for these things to come to fruition. Mr. Engel responded that it was time sensitive to get the full benefit of the opportunity zone by the end of the year, though they would still have opportunities after that.

Mr. Bellamy said he would eventually like the groups to have a discussion about supporting minority businesses as this topic came up at a minority business breakfast he attended along with almost 60 local minority business owners. He noted that the City has a Minority Business Task Force and the Business Equity Fund, and suggested the City and County collaborate to support them with resources or training, such as on how to apply for and bid on contracts.

Ms. Walker pointed out that the person conducting the training was a County business owner.

Mr. Bellamy said he heard from attendees that they do not believe the County was as supportive of minority businesses and, therefore, there was an opportunity to work to show they all support minority businesses and provide the resources for them.

Ms. Mallek pointed out that they have a Small Business Development Center. Mr. Bellamy continued that the County's small business development representative was there and talked about there being a need for more resources for minority businesses. He said that as elected officials it was important that they show they all care about this and not just send them to the center.

Ms. McKeel asked Roger Johnson, Director of the Albemarle County Economic Development Authority, if he had anything he would like to add.

Mr. Johnson said that part of their strategy was to focus on primary businesses. He said they support small businesses in several ways, including the provision of funding to the Community Investment Collaborative (CIC), a group that focuses on small businesses and those who are underserved, as well as the Small Business Development Center. He said in fact, Albemarle is the largest donor to the Small Business Development Center and so they pay for other people to provide those services.

Mr. Bellamy remarked that the Community Investment Collaborative (CIC) only works with a limited number of businesses per session. He asked what could be done for small business owners who are not as familiar or attuned to going to the Small Business Development Center and that do not know how to navigate the system. Mr. Johnson responded that his office directs them through the process and they find their way to his office on a weekly basis. He reiterated that their strategy was not to focus on small business but on primary businesses that produce a good or service locally and sell outside the area to bring wealth back into the community. He noted that, though his office does not focus on small businesses, there are people who already do this work.

Ms. Mallek added that the Workforce Center on Rio Road provides business and worker services. Mr. Bellamy remarked that a business owner would not go to the Workforce Development Center to learn how to prepare taxes, prepare payroll, or to find more resources.

Mr. Dill asked Mr. Bellamy what the City offers. Mr. Bellamy responded that their biggest thing was the Business Equity Fund, in partnership with Community Investment Collaborative (CIC), which provides up to \$30,000 in small business loans with a low interest rate of 1% to 2% to socially disadvantaged individuals. He said they also host minority business breakfasts, a minority business work fair, and provide training on how to access the system. He commented that he does not always feel that the County takes the minority business piece and building the infrastructure and helping out these businesses the same way in which the City does, which was to the detriment of all their constituents, as they could show folks that they are in this together.

Ms. Walker remarked that she attended the second minority business owner breakfast, the attendance doubled from the first event to the second. She heard from attendees that it was clear it was a place for them, they felt they had a place to go with people to talk to. Ms. Walker stressed that it was important to make people aware they are targeted in terms of what their needs are.

Mr. Bellamy noted that he got the idea for the Minority Business Task Force from Virginia Beach, then started on some procurement and they have built out. He suggested the County work with the City's Minority Business Task Force or adopt its own and appoint members from the community to serve on the Minority Business Task Force. He recounted how some County residents attended the breakfasts and he had to tell them that the City cannot help them because they are from the County. He added that this has to be a targeted effort.

Ms. Kilroy said they would flag this as an item for follow up.

Mr. Randolph suggested Mr. Bellamy send notifications of events to the Board.

Agenda Item No. 6. Capital Improvement Program & Other Connections Discussion.

Agenda Item No. 7. Strategic Plan Connections.

Ms. Lori Allshouse, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, said this session would set up information, then engage in discussion with maps to inform an integrated discussion of the CIP.

Mr. Ryan Davidson, Senior Budget Analyst for Charlottesville, said he works on the CIP for the City.

Ms. Allshouse presented slides of some completed projects, including Ivy Creek Natural Area barn painting, which was an example of parks co-maintenance between the City and County. She said the next photo was of Gordon Avenue Library improvements to the children's area, which was another example of the City and County having worked together. She said the next photo was of River Run stream restoration, which was an example of how they obtain grants together. She said the improvements reduce pollution, minimizes tree loss, and stabilize the channel. She noted the next project she mentioned was the Rivanna River Corridor Study, Phase 1. She said another project, the City and County worked together on was interior improvements to the Preston Morris Building, also known as Juvenile Court Service.

Ms. Allshouse next presented examples of current shared efforts, including Ivy Creek Natural Area and Darden-Towe Park improvements. She noted that the City and County support non-profits,

education and service entities with contributions, including the ECC radio project and the 5th Street trail hub.

Mr. Davidson stated that there are many on-going projects. He highlighted three major projects: Darden Towe athletic field improvements, Courts Complex Project, and City-County Parks maintenance, which are being run and managed by the County, with the City contributing and acting as a partner. He said, on the other hand, the City-County co-owned facilities maintenance projects are run and managed by the City, with the County contributing. He pointed out that both localities are sharing the workload. He added that both localities are working together with the courts project, parking agreement, and garage. He noted that the libraries, CATEC, and court facilities are co-owned and would require major maintenance.

Ms. Allshouse then highlighted a list of other projects that are along the borders between the two jurisdictions: Rivanna Greenway Trail, Ivy Road Sidewalk Improvements, Rio Road Pedestrian Crossing at Greenbrier, Old Lynchburg Road Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements, and Avon Street Multi-Modal Corridor Study.

Mr. Davidson noted that for Pen Park River Run Stream Restoration, the County obtained funding and led Phase 1, with the City contributing, while the City was awarded a grant for Phase 2 and would manage this with the County contributing. He said that for the Hillsdale Drive Extended, connectivity was completed between the City and County, and there are several upcoming Smartscale streetscape improvements along Fontaine and Barracks Road. He then presented other shared efforts for which the City, County, and state would collaborate on: Planning Study-Rivanna River Greenway Trail for bicycle and pedestrian bridge over the Rivanna River connecting Pantops area with Woolen Mills area, and Transportation Corridor Study-5th Street Corridor from Harris Road to the end of the four-lane section of Old Lynchburg Road.

Ms. Galvin reiterated her earlier remark that the VDOT-funded Hydraulic Small Area Plan has been missing.

Ms. Allshouse stated that a benefit to working together was that it enables the localities to obtain grants.

Regarding Ms. Galvin's remark about the Hydraulic Small Area Plan, Ms. McKeel said the County worked on transportation improvements to the intersection. Ms. Galvin stated that it was a fully integrated land use transportation plan, which she wants to make sure they do not lose sight of. Ms. McKeel said VDOT was funding work around the intersection and the Hillsdale piece. Ms. Galvin reiterated that it is at the border, involves both parties, involves land use and transportation, recommends were that they should work on it together.

Ms. Kilroy announced that they would now break into small groups and then come back together for a broader discussion. She said she would distribute maps that focus on four geographic areas: Hydraulic Road, Rio Road Corridor, Pantops and Woolen Mills, and the 5th and Avon Corridor. She acknowledged that these are not all areas in which the localities share a border, but they are the four focus areas for today. She said staff did not want to focus on shared areas with UVA since they are not at the table today.

Ms. Kilroy said she would distribute a matrix sheet with the five MOU headers, the four geographic areas of focus, and a list of things that are going on that relate to MOU focus areas. She then reviewed a list of items on the map including public and private development projects.

Ms. Kilroy then reviewed the following suggested questions to ask during their group discussions: What are the challenges facing this area? What are you hearing from your constituents? What are the opportunities in this area? How does this area fit into the context of the strategic plan?

Ms. Kilroy said after the small group discussions, they would report back on the themes that emerged during the discussions, any particular high priority locations, and are there other important areas the County and City should collaborate.

Note: The small groups began their breakout sessions at 3:11 p.m. At 3:35 p.m., the groups reported out with a briefing of their discussions.

The groups report included the following overarching themes: 1) the need for a comprehensive bike-pedestrian plan sooner rather than later; 2) affordable housing needs; 3) access: vehicular, congestion, safety, environmental components, crosswalks; 4) economic development needed to help with funding; and 5) traffic issues: congestion, Hillsdale traffic calming.

During the meeting recap Ms. Kilroy asked the group about their ideas of short-term success:

- Ms. McKeel mentioned boundary areas (points of connectivity) where the County does not have Public Works, that the City could provide services to the County through MOU.
- Ms. Palmer suggested combining funding on certain connectivity projects that benefit both City and County.
- Mr. Dill mentioned the potential for connection across the Rivanna River near Pantops, but mentioned that there is pushback from residents who do not want more bike, pedestrian or car traffic through the area. Ms. Galvin agreed that a connection is needed.

- Ms. Walker mentioned that she wants staff to have conversations about equity during the planning process.

Ms. Kilroy then asked about long-term successes:

- Ms. Palmer advised that at the Solid Waste Authority meeting, they will get more information about a composting facility that both the City and County could consider.
- Ms. Hill advised that each locality in reviewing their CIPs could look for areas of opportunity for efficiency and collaboration or to obtain grants.
- Ms. Walker mentioned potential housing partnerships, with a specified number of units over a five to ten-year period, utilizing the County's land and a financial contribution from the City.

Agenda Item No. 8. Meeting Recap.

Ms. Kilroy then reviewed the actions from the focused discussion, from which she would put together an action list for staff and come back with information to the two elected bodies:

- understanding of how the housing voucher program works and what opportunities for collaboration might look like,
- an update on the status of the Hydraulic Small Area Plan implementation,
- information on how Sunset Bridge maintenance might work and levels of service that City Public Works may be able to provide,
- understanding of how minority business support works in the City and what collaboration with the County might look like,
- themes across all the areas about bike-pedestrian connectivity,
- City and County budget staffs to work together to look at what the FY 20-21 budget might look like with areas of collaboration,
- what a crossing of the Rivanna River would look like,
- understanding of what equity would look like if done jointly,
- Ivy composting report when it becomes available,
- affordable housing across both communities and what collaboration might look like, and
- congestion mitigation in areas of connectivity.

Mr. Dill noted that the County has a time-sensitive, negotiated legal agreement for the Brookdale housing development and asked if information on the technical details related to housing subsidies could be furnished.

Mr. Gallaway recognized Ms. Walker's earlier question about whether the County was interested in having a conversation about collaborating on housing. He added that there are some high-priority transit items the County would like to proceed with and asked the City representatives if they would like to partner. Ms. Galvin commented that she thought by forming the Regional Transit Partnership, the City had said "yes" to this question.

Ms. McKeel said that transit was a part of the issue of equity and affordable housing.

Ms. Galvin asked Mr. Gallaway if he was suggesting that he would like the RTP to work faster and produce solutions. Mr. Gallaway responded that he does not think this was the appropriate place for him to answer that question and get into this conversation, as the RTB was the right place for this conversation. He explained that he was using this as an example of a priority item for which the County needs to know where the City stands, similarly to how Ms. Walker would like to know where the County stands on the issue of housing collaboration.

Ms. Mallek said that what has been proposed for housing was a dramatic change from the County's policy, and the County group would have to discuss this amongst themselves and decide what they are willing to do.

Ms. McKeel asked participants if it was fair to say that housing and transit are the areas highlighted.

Mr. Dill added that environmental sustainability and climate change are items they pretty much all agree on and on which they could work together. Ms. Galvin said she thought they had a vehicle for that already.

Ms. Palmer pointed out that the next time they meet they would have the climate action plan and could look at things to collaborate on.

Agenda Item No. 9. Wrap-up and Next Steps.

Ms. Kilroy invited Dr. Tarron Richardson to wrap up the meeting and present next steps.

Dr. Richardson commented that these meetings are helpful in terms of understanding the true goals and initiatives of the County and City, and the importance of finding solutions to work together in

terms of education, transportation, the environment, redevelopment, affordable housing, transportation, and economic development. He said that he would work together with Mr. Jeff Richardson, and thanked everyone for today's meeting.

Ms. Mallek remarked that over the last five years, groups of veterans and descendants have been raising money to correct the spelling of the name of Frank Peregoy on the historic marker located on City property in the triangle of University Avenue and Emmet Street. She said the group has written letters to Senator Kaine's office and asked if the Army could fix it. She said they finally have the money raised for the sign and requested that the City Council approve this. Ms. Galvin responded that she has no problem with correcting the spelling of the name and thanked Ms. Mallek for bringing this to their attention. She said they would need a resolution for this.

Mr. Blair agreed that a resolution was needed.

Ms. Hill suggested that the two bodies meet in three months, not six months.

Agenda Item No. 10. Adjourn.

At 4:06 p.m., Mr. Gallaway adjourned the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Walker adjourned the City Council.

Chairman

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