

**Minutes
CAAR Public Affairs Group
Wednesday, May 10 9:00 am
Hillsdale Conference Center**

Roll Call:

Present: Pat Crabtree (Chair), Rachel Burns, Jim Dickerson, Anita Dunbar, Matt Hodges, Hal Johnson, Sharon Merrick, Sally Neill, Sue Plaskon

Staff Present: Neil Williamson

Not Present, Excused: Janice O'Hara (Vice Chair), Quinton Beckham, Errin Searcy

Not Present Unexcused: Tony Girard

Call to Order Chair Pat Crabtree called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

Anti-Trust reminder –Chair Crabtree provided a short synopsis of the policy.

Board Report – Sharon Merrick provided a quick update on the April Board of Directors meeting. The Board action was around refined MLS rules for full reciprocity with other associations. In addition the lockbox conversion was discussed.

Issue Mobilization Grant Application Update – This is the largest campaign budget to date. \$100 thousand grant and \$25 thousand RPAC funds. Scripts and ads are now approved the campaign is ON HOLD until a public hearing date has been set for the Charlottesville Zoning Ordinance.

Issue and Reports

RPAC: Anita Dunbar and Hal Johnson shared positive results from the Major Investor Dinner. \$20,000 pledges received. Year to Date is 27,000 well on our way to exceeding VR goal of \$35,000.

Locality Reports:

- **Charlottesville** – Neil explained Zoning Module 3 will be released late next week.
- **Albemarle** – Neil detailed the county's continuing efforts to modernize the zoning code process the AC44 survey results. Neil also reported Albemarle's Economic Development Director Roger Johnson has left the County—J.T. Newberry is now acting ED Director.
- **Greene** – Announced the hiring of a new County Administrator last night.

Strategic Discussion – Property Rights Luncheon Zoning – tightening the scope.

After reviewing seven different refinements to the topic of zoning. The group supported staff exploring “Zoning the Future” – Is proactive rezoning eliminating neighborhood consent? Neil will work on potential speakers and angles for this topic at our next meeting.

New Business for Future Meetings - Chair Crabtree asked for any new business to be added to a future agenda. There were none.

Next Meeting – The May PAG meeting is set for June 14th.

There being no more business to come before the PAG, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM