

Minutes
CAAR Public Affairs Committee
Wednesday, June 11, 2024, 9:00 am
Hillsdale Conference Center

Roll Call: **Present:** Jim Dickerson (Chair), Tony Girard (Vice Chair)
Pam Dent, Anita Dunbar, Matt Hodges, John Matthias, Sue Plaskon, Tammy Wilt
Staff Present: Neil Williamson
Not Present, Excused: Tim Carson, Josh White (Board Liaison)
Not Present Unexcused:

Call to Order: Chair Jim Dickerson called the meeting to order at 9:01.

AntiTrust Policy – Neil highlighted the anti-trust policy and provided a short synopsis of the policy and everyone’s individual responsibilities to enforce said policy.

Board of Directors Update: Neil provided a brief synopsis of Board of Directors activities including a recap of the leadership town hall that will be discussed under strategic discussion.

Minutes – Noting a quorum was present, there was a MOTION to approve the April and March minutes – MOTION PASSED.

Issue and Reports

RPAC: Pam reported CAAR has raised \$27,809.95 so far this year. The goal from VR is \$33,460. Pam encouraged all Public Affairs members to give the “Fair Share” amount. YPN Water-poluza generated significant support. Tiffany is working on the October 8th Jeopardy event.

July Meeting – By consensus, the July Public Affairs meeting was cancelled. If a situation arises that a meeting is needed staff will reach out to the Chair and Vice Chair to schedule such a meeting.

Locality Reports: Neil provided a brief update on activities in the various municipalities.

August 7th Property Right Lunch Update – Neil indicated all speakers are confirmed but one will be participating via Zoom. Lunch has been ordered and includes vegetarian options.

Code of Public Policy Infographic Project Team – Neil plans to launch this project team in late June

Strategic Discussion I – CAAR Town Hall output –

The group reviewed the results of the Town Hall identifying items of import to Public Affairs. Staff was directed to work with the communications group on many of the issues that fell into both communications and Public Affairs.

Strategic Discussion II – Albemarle County Public Property Records. At the request of the Board of Directors, the attached Policy Brief was developed requesting Albemarle to update their GIS with up-to-date pictography AND to digitize more of their public property records. There was a MOTION and SECOND to approve the Policy Brief and forward it to the Board of Directors. MOTION PASSED

Strategic Discussion III – Day on The Hill 2025 – January 14

It was discussed capping the attendance to 40 (as this is all that can fit in VR Legislative Offices). The group will leave CAAR at 7:30 am. Arrive on the Hill by 9 am. Split into three smaller groups and each group will meet with on legislator. We will reconvene and split into two groups to be recognized from the floor of the House and Senate. Lunch will be at the VR Legislative offices with remarks by a member of the Administration.

New Business for Future Meetings – Neil asked for any new business items to be added to a future agenda. – there were none

Next meeting will be the August 7th Property Rights Lunch. There being no more business to come before the PAC, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM



Policy Brief

TITLE: Albemarle Public Property Records/Updated GIS Imagery

BACKGROUND:

Albemarle County Geographic Information System (GIS) currently utilizes outdated imagery from 2018. Albemarle staff is aware of the issue and can access updated (2022) imagery from another source. This work around does not provide the public with the vibrancy of data layers available within the GIS.

While not legally binding, Albemarle citizens utilize GIS for a variety of purposes including but not limited to understanding property boundaries, restrictive overlays, and relationships between parcels. REALTORS® often work with their clients utilizing this imagery.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Charlottesville Area Association of REALTORS® (CAAR) urges the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors to direct staff to update and maintain the Albemarle GIS to include the most up to date imagery acquired by the county. Taxpayers paid for the acquisition of this imagery and should have full access to their use.

CAAR also strongly encourages the Albemarle Board to digitize property records fully as such digitization makes public records significantly more accessible to the public and reduces staff requirements for access.

Approved by the Board of Directors on June XXth, 2024.