

Minutes
CAAR Public Affairs Committee
Wednesday, August 14, 2024, 9:00 am
Hillsdale Conference Center

Roll Call:

Present: Jim Dickerson (Chair), Tony Girard (Vice Chair)

Pam Dent, Tim Carson, Anita Dunbar, Matt Hodges, Sue Plaskon, Tammy Wilt

Staff Present: Neil Williamson

Not Present, Excused: Matthias John, Josh White (Board Liaison)

Not Present Unexcused:

Guests: Leigh Berry, Newcomers Club, Dave Norris, CAAR Foundation

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

Introductions: Members and guests introduced themselves

AntiTrust Policy – Neil highlighted the anti-trust policy.

Board of Directors Update: Skipped as Josh White was unable to attend the meeting

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

Issue and Reports

RPAC: Pam announced the October 8 RPAC event will be a murder mystery dinner.

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

August 7th Property Right Lunch Postmortem – The consensus was very positive and well attended. The panelists did a great job.

Code of Public Policy Infographic Project Team – Neil indicated the PT is making progress and meets again tomorrow via Zoom.

Strategic Discussion – Albemarle County Affordable Housing Trust Fund

The group was provided with several documents prior to the meeting outlining the pros and cons to CAAR supporting the establishment of a line item of \$10 million in the County Executive's budget each year. The actual allocation will be up to the Board of Supervisors. As an independent entity, the CAAR Foundation has approved the

concept. The Foundation can stand on its own, it would be more powerful if CAAR stood with them. IMPACT has endorsed the concept as has Livable Charlottesville.

The options presented to the committee were four-fold:

1. Support the Resolution
2. Oppose The Resolution
3. Amend the Resolution
4. Take no decision and punt to the Board of Directors

There was a balanced conversation regarding the concepts including the issue that the money could be completely programmed for rental assistance and that might not really agree with CAAR's primary directive of supporting home ownership. It was also discussed that this would represent a doubling of Albemarle County's current spending on affordable housing and the money would have to come from somewhere – either cuts or potential tax increases.

There was a MOTION and a SECOND to support Albemarle County committing to establishing an annual \$10 million investment in an Affordable Housing Trust Fund starting in FY26.

MOTION PASSED

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 September 11th. 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.