

**Minutes**  
**CAAR Public Affairs Committee**  
**Wednesday, November 13, 2024, 9:00 am**  
**Hillsdale Conference Center**

Roll Call:

**Present:** Jim Dickerson (Chair), Anita Dunbar Pam Dent, Matt Hodges, Matthias John, Sue Plaskon,

**Staff Present:** Neil Williamson

**Not Present, Excused:** Tony Girard (Vice Chair), Tim Carson, Josh White (Board Liaison), Tammy Wilt

**Not Present Unexcused:** None

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

**Antitrust Policy** – Neil highlighted the anti-trust policy.

**Approval of Minutes** – Absent a quorum the minutes were tabled.

**Board of Directors Update:** Neil provided a highlight of Board recent actions. Per President Elect Josh White’s direction, the Candance for the 2025 Public Affairs Meetings was discussed. It was determined to keep the monthly schedule and cancel when appropriate (often July, December)

**Issue and Reports**

**RPAC:** Pam indicated CAAR’s efforts are going very well:

	2024 GOAL	ACTUAL
Donations	\$33,000	\$58,506.13
Donors	376	478
Major Investors	11	24

Pam and Matt thanked Tiffany for her hard work all year.

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

**2025 Committee Sign ups** – Neil reminded members to sign up on the portal for 2025 committees.

**Day on The Hill** – Neil reminded members to sign up on the portal for January 14<sup>th</sup> Day on The Hill. Participation is limited to bus capacity.

**December Meeting** – The group determined to cancel the December 2024 Public Affairs meeting.

**Strategic Discussion** – Pancakes and Politics Question Refinement The group discussed and honed the following three legislator questions (and order):

- a. What can the legislature do to impact the lack of affordable housing both ownership and rental? How might regulatory reform fit into this issue? What, if any legislative initiatives are you sponsoring or cosponsoring this session?
- b. Last session the prohibition of Single Family Only zoning was proposed and failed, do you support this effort statewide? Considering this is a short session in an election year, do you believe significant housing legislation will be proposed?

**New Business for Future Meetings** – Jim asked for any new business items to be added to a future agenda. –

Matt Hodges encouraged CAAR to maintain contact with the UVA Foundation as their CEO Tim Rose retires.

There being no more business to come before the PAC, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM