

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

Roll Call:

Present: Jim Dickerson (Chair), Matt Hodges, Sue Plaskon, Josh White (Board Liaison)
Tammy Wilt

Staff Present: Neil Williamson

Not Present, Excused: Pam Dent, Tim Carson, Tony Girard (Vice Chair), Matthias
John

Not Present Unexcused: Anita Dunbar

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

A Moment of Silence: The group took a moment at 9:03 (when the second plane hit the South Tower in New York) to honor those lost on 9/11/2001

AntiTrust Policy – Neil highlighted the anti-trust policy.

Board of Directors Update: Josh White provided an update from his trip to the NAR Leadership meetings and the Board of Directors activities including dues increase and anticipated Member attrition. Josh also highlighted the Board discussion and passage of the Albemarle County Affordable Housing Trust Fund Policy. Staff will draft a letter for the President to sign in the coming week. It was discussed that the letter should include the benefits of home ownership and CAAR's support of home ownership initiatives without placing any restrictions on how the funds are to be used.

Minutes – Noting a quorum was NOT present, the Minutes were deferred to the October meeting.

Issue and Reports

RPAC: Neil updated the group that after Dues come in we will see an uptick in RPAC Participation. He reminded everyone of the October RPAC Murder Mystery event and complimented RPAC coordinator Tiffany Vann and the entire RPAC Committee for their creativity.

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

Code of Public Policy Infographic Project Team – Neil shared the results of the PT with the group. He highlighted the significant contributions from Lauren Graf and Ali DiGuardo on the graphics for the deliverable.

Strategic Discussion – Pancakes and Politics Question Brainstorming

Josh highlighted the issues currently being discussed at the VAR PPC

The group discussed areas where the legislators could express their vision

1. Housing Creation
2. Local vs. Commonwealth regulation of solar facilities
3. Urban Growth Areas being sufficient for 20 years of growth
4. Accessory Dwelling Units
5. First Time Homeownership Finance Options

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

Next meeting will be October 9th. There being no more business to come before the PAC, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 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.