

Rural Technical Advisory Committee Minutes: May 17th, 2016

Committee – Voting Members

J.T. Newberry, *Albemarle County*
Chuck Proctor, *VDOT Culpeper District*
Allyson Finchum, *Louisa County*
Bart Svoboda, *Greene County*
Jason Stewart, *Fluvanna County*
Rick Youngblood, *VDOT Lynchburg District*
Sara Pennington, *Rideshare*
David Cook, *VDOT Lynchburg District*
Tim Padalino, *Nelson County*

TJPDC Staff

Chip Boyles
Will Cockrell
Wood Hudson
Nick Morrison

Call to Order:

Mr. Svoboda called the meeting to order at 1:15

Matters from the Public:

There were no matters from the public.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Svoboda asked if there were any comments on the draft meeting minutes. There were no comments. Mr. Stewart made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Finchum provided a second, and Mr. Padalino abstained from the vote. The Committee approved the minutes.

Updates and Discussions:

Ms. Pennington gave the committee an update on Rideshare. Rideshare recently participated in clean commute day, but weather conditions affected turnout to the event and pledges were down from the previous year. Mr. Newberry asked if the radio advertisements were effective marketing tools. Ms. Pennington said that she believed that they were.

Ms. Finchum provided an update on Louisa County. The proposed Lake Anna resort was denied so a new plan will have to be developed. A proposed 400-unit apartment complex was not progressing as expected, work was beginning a Lake Anna small area plan, there were a number of special use permit requests, and work is continuing on the comprehensive plan update, as well as flood plain ordinances that need to be adopted to comply with FEMA regulations.

Mr. Stewart said that Fluvanna was beginning to update its zoning ordinance and will be issuing an RFP for a consultant. He also said that once dormant projects were coming back to life.

Mr. Padalino gave a brief update on Nelson County. They are currently in the process of reviewing ordinance amendments, temporary events ordinances, as well as rewriting the flood plain ordinances.

Mr. Newberry stated that Albemarle County was experiencing some staff turnover and that the County was working on filling the vacated positions. They are also in the process of amending the farm winery ordinances and helping stakeholders understand the impacts on the transportation network that wineries and breweries would have.

Mr. Svoboda updated the committee on Greene County. He stated that they have seen an uptick in old projects becoming active again. They are also working to clarify to the public the exact meaning of agritourism and transient lodging. Work is also continuing on the update of the comprehensive plan. Mr. Newberry asked about Nelson County's tourist lodging policy. Mr. Padalino responded that Nelson County was not cutting off current Bed & Breakfasts but was creating a clearer definition of tourist lodging.

Mr. Proctor gave an update on VDOT. He stated that a VTRANS meeting had been held the previous day, HB2 work was also continuing, meetings with localities for traffic forecasting and modeling updates were also ongoing. He also stated that Madison County would now be housed in the Charlottesville residency.

Mr. Youngblood provided an update on the Lynchburg VDOT district. They had received a study on the Lock-in Festival and infrastructure improvements associated with increased traffic generated from the festival. The study was presented to the Secretary of Agriculture in order to receive greater buy-in. The study will look at the event plan that has already been developed. There is also a regional connectivity study in the Lynchburg area that will analyze lost economic development potential and its relation to statewide corridors. This study will hopefully be able to act as a template to help feed into VTRANS.

Mr. Proctor added that they will be looking at corridors for access management and signalization to facilitate more efficient through-traffic movements.

RLRP Update:

Mr. Morrison briefed the committee on the ongoing RLRP presentations to the local planning commissions and the next steps for the plan.

Mr. Youngblood added that statistics and data can be updated annually for projects in the RLRP.

FY 17 Projects:

Mr. Cockrell provided the committee with an update on what projects the PDC would be working on for FY 17. He said that the focus would shift from several smaller projects to one major and one minor project per year, and that each locality would get its turn with a larger project.

Ms. Finchum asked if the streetscape project in the town of Mineral would be considered a major or a minor project. Mr. Cockrell answered that it would be considered a minor project. The major project to be undertaken in the coming fiscal year is a corridor study in Greene County.

Zoning & Planning Committee:

The committee discussed possible topics for the Zoning & Planning Committee. Topics to be considered were further defining agritourism, floodplain and lodging ordinances, and limited residential lodging.

Action Items & Other Business:

There were no action items or other business

Additional Matters from the Public:

There were no additional matters from the public. Mr. Padalino motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Stewart provided a second, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:00.