Rural Technical Advisory Committee  
Minutes: September 17th, 2019

Committee – Voting Members | TJPDC Staff
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*Dan Butch, Albemarle County | Sandy Shackelford
*Chuck Proctor, VDOT Culpeper District | Dominique Lavorata
*Jim Frydl, Greene County | Nick Morrison
*Tom Egeland, Louisa County | Chip Boyles
*David Cook, VDOT Lynchburg District | Lucinda Shannon
Stephen Johnson, JAUNT |  
Kristian Zimmerman, RideShare |  
*Dylan Bishop, Nelson County |  
*Douglas Miles, Fluvanna County |  

* Represents voting members present

Call to Order:
Mr. Egeland called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm, and provided an opportunity for the attendees to conduct introductions.

Matters from the Public:
There were no matters from the public

Approval of Minutes:
The minutes were motioned for approval by Mr. Egeland and seconded by Mr. (?). The minutes were approved with a minor amendment.

Approval of Revised By-Laws:
Mr. (?) motioned to approve the amended by-laws. 
Mr. (?) seconded the amendment and it was approved unanimously.

The list of Rural Technical Advisory Committee members was updated with new staff representatives, and the list of alternatives were also updated.

There was a minor revision made to Article III to provide a procedure when the Chairman is the member that misses three consecutive meetings.

Article IV was revised to add a description for the roles of Chair and Vice-Chair.

Article V was revised to amend the requirements for how frequently the Rural and MPO Technical Committees shall conduct joint meetings.

Getting to Know More – Transit Oriented Development Principles in Rural Areas
Tom Egeland introduced the topic that came up during a Lake Anna redevelopment plan meeting. The Board(?) added 21 pages of design guidelines for their re-zoning for a shopping center(?). The committee discussed how to make TOD for rural development using human scale design principles.

There was a discussion about human scale and other TOD design principles that could be applied in rural mixed used developments. Below are some of the topics discussed:

- Book - Rural by Design, recommended by Sandy Shackelford
- Similar Designs/projects –
  - Crozet’s old trail area
  - The Nodal(?) development
  - The Crossroads Store design is a good design
- Place making
- Zoning for “village pockets” to guide density and open space

The topics suggested for the next meeting included:

- Best concept to engineer reverse frontage – is it a zoning, urban map, design guidelines? (Tom Egeland and Chuck Proctor’s ideas)
- 2019 Charlottesville Bike and Pedestrian Plan (have guest speaker go over it) (Brad Robinson requested)
- VDOT review of SmartScale (might be a re-occurring topic) Chuck Proctor will cover this in the next meeting

Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan, Phase III:
The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) renewed its contract with TJPDC for the coming year, starting in October. Dominique Lavorata, TJPDC Planner I- Legislative Aide, provided an overview of the Watershed Implementation Plan’s progress and upcoming goals and activities. Best Management Practices (BMPs) that are encouraged by the DEQ were presented and there was a discussion about the DEQ’s consideration to mandate some BMPs. Historically, this region did not recommend that the BMSs become mandated. However, this could be evolving.

Updates and Discussion:

Fluvanna County
- Holly Steel is leaving, and they will be hiring a new GIS technician who will be on the Complete Count Committee

Albemarle County
- They just completed their locally Administered Conference
- They are having a meeting on a transportation code
- The Rural and Long-Range Plans are going to their Board of Supervisors for approval.
- The county is looking to upgrade some roads(?) for example, 250 East is an arterial up to Shadwell(?) and then from there into Fluvanna it’s a collector then it turns back to an arterial. They want to re-evaluate that and updated it to arterial statuses. Albemarle County will be talking with the neighboring counties about this initiative soon.

VDOT Culpeper District
- Zion Crossroads Study had a kick-Off Meeting last week; that is moving along
- They have some trail projects in the County and City, (?)along Rt 20 at 64(?)
FY20 – Rural Transportation Program

- DRPT issued RFPs to run a bus line from Danville to Union Station with Charlottesville as a stop on the way; they are also looking into an East West Rout and a Martinsville to Richmond route; the Blacksburg to DC route is highly successful, they are returning 78(?) cents on the dollar

Louisa County
- The Board of Supervisors approved their Comprehensive Plan Update.

Fluvanna County
- Visited the Up Ridge (?) Training Center, went over their Board’s Strategic Initiative
- They are going to start working on a Pedestrian and Bike Plan.
- There was a 2011 UVA student project on ? Helpful for benchmarking and utilization? Chip will help them find this(?)

VDOT Lynchburg District
- Working on the Lynchburg Long Range Transportation Plans(?)
- Moving away from doing public meetings at a meeting space, they are transitioning to meeting at places where people are already at an event. They went to a fair and had surveys and a game with fake dollars for people to vote with it was very successful and he will be happy to share more about this strategy
- The next POC(?) Smart Scale Meeting will be in Lynchburg; this committee could tour some of their projects
- Smart Scale, safety issues(?)
- VTRAN’s Workshops were last month, it might be good to have an update in the next meeting?

Green County
- Is Looking at revising their private road standards to be uniform and allow for subdivisions for townhouse and condos. Which is new.
- They are adding insurance (?) into the bond and adding maintenance insurance(?)

Nelson County
- Working on creating a Solar farm ordnance
- Working on an extended stay transient camping use ordnance(?); they are looking for guidance on this? The group suggested that she Look up HIP Camps(?)

VDOT
- VDOT has a statewide license from Metro Tech(?) to assist with marketing to targeted areas in the state; they have an unlimited contract; TJPDC currently uses a similar location-based marketing system for the Ride Share program
- Street Scale – currently isn’t available, they are looking at renewing their contract; TJPDC staff commented that they used this a lot and more data is becoming available to make this an even more valuable resource for PDCs
- Their(?) consultant team helped ___(?)___ develop a plan to clean up a tire manufacturing site. They will have a finished document in November(?)

TJPDC
- As previously discussed in this meeting, the DEQ’s movement to mandate some BMPs is something the TJPDC will be following
The regional housing plans are having their public meetings this fall
- The US Census is coming up, TJPDC has implemented a Complete Count Committee to insure everyone in the TJPDC region are counted; the Complete Count Committee invited all the Board of Supervisors to an October 7th meeting, please encourage representatives from your area to attend
- Next meeting for Zion Crossroads October 4th
- TJPDC staff is happy to help coordinate SmartScale applications; if your County has more that the four allowed, the TJPDC can apply for projects within the MPO in addition to their allowed four projects; please let Sandy Shackelford know ASAP so we can plan ahead and coordinate among the counties
- TJPDC staff started the update for the four-year TIP for the MPO

Action Items & Other Business:
There were no actions items or other business

Additional Matters from the Public:
There were no additional matters from the public.

Closing:
Mr. Egeland (?) motioned to adjourn the meeting at (?) pm.