

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	November 15, 2021
Action Required:	No Council Action Required
Presenter:	Lauren Hildebrand, Director of Utilities
Staff Contacts:	Lauren Hildebrand, Director of Utilities James Freas, Neighborhood Development Services Director
Title:	Land Use and Environmental Planning Committee 2021 Semi-annual Report

Background:

In 1986, the Planning and Coordination Council (PACC) was established with the purpose of promoting cooperation in planning and community development among the City of Charlottesville, Albemarle County and the University of Virginia (UVA). As an advisory body, PACC fostered cooperative planning and provided guidance and recommendations for decisions made by the City, the County and UVA.

In November 2019, City Council, Albemarle County Board of Supervisors and UVA approved dissolution of the PACC and established the Land Use and Environmental Planning Committee (LUEPC) in order to broaden PACC's collaboration beyond land use and to include environmental topics and sustainability. Also, LUEPC would allow professional staff to develop solutions on a continuous basis with regularly scheduled reports to leadership of all three entities. LUEPC is intended to be a vehicle to collaborate and coordinate land use and development plans and projects and to consider environmental and infrastructure issues facing the community.

Discussion:

LUEPC met virtually for the first half of 2021. Last year, the focus of the committee was to establish the charge and order of the committee. This year, the committee has concentrated on project discussion and coordination. The agendas for the monthly meeting are developed around themes – either geographical areas or specific topics such as sustainability. LUEPC's semi-annual 2021 Report (attached) has been compiled and includes the highlights of the meetings.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan:

This contributes to Goal 3 of the Strategic Plan: A Beautiful and Sustainable Natural and Built Environment.

Community Engagement:

The agenda and action items for the LUEPC's meetings are published on the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission's website for the community to review.

Budgetary Impact:

There are no budget impacts.

Recommendation:

There are no staff recommendations and the report is intended to inform City Council of the LUEPC's meetings.

Attachments:

Semi-Annual 2021 Report



Land Use and Environmental Planning Committee Semi-Annual 2021 Report

The Land Use and Environmental Planning Committee (LUEPC) was established to replace the Planning and Coordination Council (PACC) by the County of Albemarle, the City of Charlottesville, and the University of Virginia in 2019. The Committee is intended as a vehicle to share and coordinate land use and development plans and projects; consider environmental and infrastructure issues facing the community; and, from time to time, advance ideas and solutions that support the mutual advantage of these entities. As part of its charge, the Committee shall, not less than twice each year, submit a report summarizing the group's work.

The County, City and the University face similar environmental planning and project challenges. The committee, by its nature, creates opportunities to address these shared challenges by coordinating community messaging and institutional practices. While the focus of the committee last year was establishing the charge and order of business, this year has been focused on project discussions and coordination. The agendas for the monthly meeting are formed around themes – either geographical areas or specific topics such as sustainability. This report will focus on some of the key themes under discussion. The Committee's meeting agendas, minutes and presentations are posted on the LUEPC website which is hosted by the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC): <https://vapacc.org/>.

Charge Statement

The Land Use and Environmental Planning Committee is established as a vehicle to share and coordinate land use and development plans and projects; consider environmental and infrastructure issues facing the community; and, from time to time, advance ideas and solutions that support our mutual advantage. The LUEPC may also serve as an advisory committee to the City, County, and UVA. The Committee will meet regularly to discuss timely issues from each entity and share that information with the public and each entity's senior leadership at biannual updates of all three entities. Through its work, the Committee further seeks to ensure that the actions, policies, and processes of the Committee are reflective of an ongoing commitment by the entities to support an equitable and inclusive community. The Committee defines equity as all community members having access to community benefits and opportunities needed to reach their full potential and to experience optimal well-being and quality of life; inclusion means that all peoples shall be respected and valued as members of this community. The Three-Party Agreement dated May 5, 1986, remains in effect as to land use planning between the City, County and UVA.

Meetings

January 15, 2021: Fontaine Context Projects

- UVA: Elisa Langille, <https://virginia.box.com/s/9l2fg95ef1rtjk4rm7vtelm3h6i04gpn>

Ms. Langille shared the University's proposed plan for Fontaine Park. The uses for the park would generally remain the same, albeit with increased density and amenities added. The realization of this plan is contingent on further programming decisions and funding availability.

- City of Charlottesville: Kyle Kling, <https://virginia.box.com/s/o97n9liy923ffhguzwh6pr2rowsoxcc6>

Mr. Kling shared the City's plan to improve the streetscape along Fontaine Avenue. The goals of this project are to improve pedestrian, bicycle and transit opportunities and beautify the corridor entering the City.



- Albemarle County: Jodie Filardo/Kevin McDermott <https://virginia.box.com/s/59xnrgwg7txa3xcez6rpnvj17gtzi2a>
Mr. McDermott discussed the Smart Scale project for the Fontaine Avenue interchange. This project would include improvements to the traffic flow at the intersection of the US 29 Bypass and Fontaine Avenue. This project has been accepted by the CTB for funding, and further information will be announced soon.

- Rivanna Water & Sewer Authority: Jennifer Whitaker
<https://virginia.box.com/s/p4zt5xnrvd9nar11g1rysy5h7fv0sd86>
<https://virginia.box.com/s/bd9fvrwc5jttncj88wcu5ujtimzq7bzw>

Ms. Whitaker shared RWSA's plans to run a new water line from the Ragged Mountain reservoir to the Observatory Water Treatment Plant along Fontaine Avenue. Maps included provide further details. This project would be constructed 2023 – 2027.

February 19, 2021: The Future of Affordable Housing in the Charlottesville/Albemarle County Area

- UVA: Consultant Gina Merritt from Northern Real Estate Urban Ventures (based in Washington, DC)
Presentation Link: <https://virginia.box.com/s/f9a98cuupcqrn95gacznptfvrxfmfoa2>

Ms. Merritt, who has been hired as a consultant by the University, presented an overview of UVA's work to date to support the development of affordable housing in the community.

- Albemarle County: Stacy Pethia (Housing Principal Planner for the County)
Presentation Link: <https://virginia.box.com/s/t6o2qj1th23u16njin3ptr9wy0orvprox>
Ms. Pethia shared the County's recommendations for the new housing policy.

- City of Charlottesville: Jeanette Janiczek (Urban Construction Initiative Program Manager)
Presentation Link: <https://virginia.box.com/s/i3c2sfvdne9sky3yc8zlsicyqtccx5by>
Ms. Janiczek shared the plans for the Belmont Bridge replacement.

April 16, 2021: Ivy Road and Context (No March meeting due to multiple conflicts)

- UVA: Alice Raucher/Mary Hughes (OAU) <https://virginia.box.com/s/2rywr0wosbc1n607bx6v0mqadjky7e8v>

Ms. Raucher and Ms. Hughes presented the University's proposed Ivy Corridor project at Emmet Street and Ivy Road.

- City of Charlottesville: Kyle Kling
<https://virginia.box.com/s/sxjg2h3dcmy8d8mbccz700gf513nuwo6>

Mr. Kling presented the City of Charlottesville's proposed improvements to Emmet Street & Barracks Road.

- Rivanna Water & Sewer Authority - Rivanna Waterline: Bill Mawyer
<https://virginia.box.com/s/p3hc98k6kp7yldcduseoxmf97otsuyt4>

Mr. Mawyer presented on the proposed updates to the Rivanna waterline from the South Rivanna Reservoir to the Ragged Mountain Reservoir.

June 25, 2021: City of Charlottesville Housing update (no May meeting due to UVA graduation)

- City of Charlottesville: Alex Ikefuna/Brenda Kelley
Presentation Link: <https://virginia.box.com/s/o2d9hhykkuseyjh0gtt3if7yp3qabt5p>

Mr. Ikefuna & Ms. Kelley provided updates on the City's Housing Plan.

- Albemarle County: Blake Abplanalp
<https://virginia.box.com/s/3koxzbl367v7ijzrzgzzz8ftdmg2khdg>

Ms. Abplanalp presented on the County's sidewalk/streetscape project for Ivy Road.



July 23, 2021: Community Sustainability Projects

- UVA: Andrea Trimble (Director for UVA Office of Sustainability)

<https://virginia.box.com/s/ageol6ppylk8xe26s8lh7ibz5fdnpzy2>

Ms. Trimble presented on the Governor's Executive Order 77 (reduction in single use plastics) and the impact it will have for UVA.

- RSWA Recycling Updates: Phil McKalips (RSWA Solid Waste Manager)

<https://virginia.box.com/s/xjbs6evfw5n2tnfkqzft1mbjqxw1y75v>

Mr. McKalips presented on recycling updates for the RSWA.

- UVA: Urban Strategies Consultant Team

<https://virginia.box.com/s/3b52cv3evz6h06wxxjiks5olhpgunhic>

USI (Urban Strategies Inc.), who have been hired as consultants by the University, presented goals and an overview of the process of the development of the University's new Grounds Framework Plan.

LUPEC Membership

City of Charlottesville

Neighborhood Development Services Director

Director of Public Works

Director of Public Utilities

Representative from the City Planning Commission

Albemarle County

Community Development Director

Facility and Environmental Services Director

Representative from the County Planning Commission

University of Virginia

Architect for the University

Director of Facilities Management Operations

Director of Real Estate and Leasing Services

University of Virginia Foundation

Director of Design and Development

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