CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date: August 7, 2023

Action Required: No Council Action Required

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Title: Land Use and Environmental Planning Committee 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 both virtually and in-person for the first half of 2023. The committee has continued concentrating on project discussion and coordination. The agendas for the monthly meeting are developed around themes – either geographical areas or specific topics. LUEPC's Semi-Annual Report for the first half of 2023 (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 meeting minutes 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.

Alternatives

Attachments

1. LUEPC Semi-Annual Report