

Draft Minutes
Citizens Advisory Committee
July 30th, 2025

Members Present: Vito Gentile, Sarah Mauck, Bill Wine, Mike Liskey, Mark Dotson (PC rep), and Lemuel Hancock (Director of Community Development)

Members Absent: Jessica MacDonald, Seth Coffman, Tim Stephens, Rochelle Dornatt, Scott Terndrup and Laura Bennett

Guests: Kim Woodwell (Alliance for the Shenandoah Valley); Ed Carter, Resident Administrator-VDOT, Edinburg office; Matt Smith, Assistant Resident Engineer – VDOT, Edinburg office; Adam Campbell, Planner – VDOT, Staunton District Office; Randi Davis

Chairman Gentile called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. and asked Mike to introduce Randi Davis who is a citizen in District 2 and is considering serving on the CAC.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda for tonight’s meeting was approved as amended to add ‘AARP’ to agenda item 7a.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the May 28 meeting were approved as amended. Under the Housing Study/Code Review section, “...1200 units in Strasburg...will come on line by April 2026”, rather than 200 units.

Route 55 Corridor Study: Adam Campbell provided an overview of the study being done looking at the overall safety on the corridor in Virginia. Senator French asked for the study to be conducted to examine safety concerns residents have raised. Not only is there a lot of traffic on the road today, but concerns exist over the impact of expanding Corridor H in West Virginia to the top of the mountain and the increase in traffic, especially heavy truck traffic, that this will bring. Adam provided a detailed overview of the study that generated many questions and comments from the group, about which he took many notes. Adam went on to say that traffic volume will be forecast to 2045. The completion date for the study is December 1 of this year.

Committee Member Updates: Vito attended the grand opening of CREW in Mount Jackson and was impressed with the facility and the good that it will do in the community.

AARP ADU Competition: Lemuel explained how the County was successful in its grant application to help expand housing opportunities in Shenandoah County. Like the rest of the country, our County is experiencing challenges with the availability of all types of housing, and especially housing where older citizens may age in place. This competition is open to anyone with an idea such as converting an existing garage to a suitable housing unit; converting a basement; remodeling older buildings into apartments, or constructing an attached Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) or a detached ADU on an existing property. While the County received the grant, Lemuel has been in contact with the towns and wants properties there involved in this competition too. He also asked that CAC members help spread the word about the competition and passed out informative brochures about the competition and how housing shortages may be addressed. The sign-up deadline for interested owners is September 1st, after which the properties will be selected and the plans showcased.

Revised CAC Charter: Mike inquired about the status of the revised charter per the CAC's action at the May meeting. Lemuel replied that legal still needed to review it before it can be presented to the PC for consideration and the BOS for approval.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:40.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on September 24 at 5:00 p.m. in the BOS meeting room.

Minutes prepared by Mike Liskey