

**THOMAS JEFFERSON PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
Draft Minutes of October 2, 2008 Meeting

City of Charlottesville

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Fitzgerald Barnes  
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Nelson County

Fred Boger  
Connie Brennan, Chair

**Commissioners Present:**

Jason Pearson – Charlottesville  
Sally Thomas – Albemarle County  
Charles Allbaugh – Fluvanna County  
Grant Tate – Fluvanna County  
Carl Schmitt – Greene County  
Fred Boger – Nelson County  
Connie Brennan – Nelson County

**Guests Present:**

Peter Kleeman

**Commissioners Absent:**

David Brown, Charlottesville  
Ann Mallek – Albemarle County  
Jeri Allen – Greene County  
Fitzgerald Barnes – Louisa County  
Jack Wright – Louisa County

**Staff Present:**

Billie Campbell, COO  
Melissa Barlow, Dir. Of Trans. Programs  
David Blount, Legislative Liaison  
Rochelle Garwood, Sr. Planner, Env.  
Kevin Collins, GIS Specialist

**Call to Order:** Chair Connie Brennan called the meeting to order.

**Introduction of New Staff:** GIS Specialist Kevin Collins joined TJPDC on August 4. He is a graduate of JMU and a native of Harrisonburg. The Commissioners welcomed Kevin and introduced themselves by name and locality.

**Matters from the Public:** Peter Kleeman addressed the Commission regarding the MPO's consideration of establishing a Regional Transit Authority. The Planning District is expanding in population, with significant growth occurring in Albemarle, Greene, Fluvanna and Louisa. The MPO has a smaller footprint, consisting of the City of Charlottesville and the urban ring in Albemarle County. Mr. Kleeman urged the Commission to take a regional view for transit planning and consider expanding the boundaries of the MPO. Mr. Kleeman also noted that there was a seat for the TJPDC on the MPO. The seat has been vacant since Grant Tate left the position a few years ago. The TJPDC can appoint a citizen to the MPO; it is not necessary for the designee to be a Commissioner. The Commission directed staff to investigate the process and implications of expanding the MPO boundaries. Grant Tate indicated his support for filling the TJPDC seat on the MPO and suggested putting out a notice to Commissioners in all localities seeking nominees.

**Consent Agenda:** The Commission pulled IGR FY09-01 from the consent agenda.  
**Minutes:** **On a motion by Carl Schmitt, seconded by Sally Thomas, the Commission approved the minutes of the September 4 meeting as submitted, with Jason Pearson and Grant Tate abstaining.**

IGRs: An additional IGR was distributed at the meeting. FY09-14 concerns DEQ modification of a VPDES Permit for Lake Monticello Sewage Treatment Plant. **On a motion by Grant Tate, seconded by Carl Schmitt, the Commission approved all IGRs except FY09-01.**

IGR FY09-01: This IGR is concerned with the DEQ reissuance of a VPDES permit for the Zion Crossroads Wastewater Treatment Plant. The plant has had repeated violations of standards and poor reporting practices. Despite numerous warning letters, concerns have not been addressed. A public hearing is scheduled for October 22 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Louisa County Middle School. The Commission contemplated possible actions, including transferring the permit to the EPA and reusing the discharge, as some have commented. The Commission directed staff to respond, calling for a provisional permit with conditions and consequences for non-compliance.

**Commission Roundtable:** In lieu of a roundtable discussion, the Commission brainstormed potential topics for future meetings. Suggestions include: reduction of Single Occupancy Vehicles into Charlottesville; stormwater/TMDLs; age-friendly communities; carbon trading; land use – validation of agriculture/forestry use; tax relief; emergency preparedness (resilience) – access to federal funds (invite Pat Groot); recycling/hazardous waste; and broadband. The Commission also noted the need to stay engaged with cash proffer policies, discussed in January 2008. The topic for October will be broadband.

**Transportation Program:** Melissa Barlow discussed three issues related to the TJPDC transportation program:

Rural Program Restructuring: In addition to the September 16 memo to the Rural Technical Committee included in the meeting packet, Melissa distributed a handout including a chart of a quarterly plan of the Rural Committee and the TJPDC Commission (Rural Policy Board) and a listing of typical activities, past successes and areas of possible increased emphasis for the Rural Transportation Planning Program. Although it serves as the Policy Board for the rural transportation program, the Commission has only intermittent connection with the work of the Rural Technical Committee. The Commission considered a four or six-month cycle to bring rural transportation issues to the TJPDC meeting, possibly in lieu of the Commissioner Roundtable topic. County planners could rotate presentations to the TJPDC.

UnJAM Vision: The CHART Committee discussed a new vision statement at their September 3 meeting and submitted it to the MPO and TJPDC for consideration. The two-part statement includes a preamble and vision. Preamble: The era of cheap oil is over. This fact, coupled with the adverse effects on our climate caused by the consumption of oil, will increase the need and demand for alternatives to the automobile. Vision: The Thomas Jefferson Planning District's transportation system will provide safe, sustainable services, and protect the environment, our communities and quality of life, while addressing regional and statewide transportation needs. **On a motion by Carl Schmitt, seconded by Grant Tate, the Commission accepted the language of the new vision statement for UnJAM 2035.**

Update on Regional Transit Authority (RTA): In addition to a memo included in the meeting packet, Melissa handed out copies of the concurrent decisions so far and an article from the Richmond Times Dispatch. The decisions so far establish the City of Charlottesville and County of Albemarle as initial members, with possible future membership for other jurisdictions and entities. The Transportation Funding Options Group studied potential funding options. Based on initial discussions, the preferred option is a 1 cent increase in local sales tax. The newspaper article describes the Central Virginia Regional Transportation Authority, which consists of some of the jurisdictions in the Richmond Regional PDC.

**Legislative Program** David Blount presented the Legislative Program for 2009. He presented the program to Albemarle and Fluvanna Counties on October 1. Presentations are scheduled for October 6 in Charlottesville and Louisa, and on October 14 in Nelson and Greene Counties. For the Legislative Luncheon on October 23, David will boil the program down to a single page. **On a motion by Sally Thomas, seconded by Carl Schmitt, the Commission adopted the 2009 Legislative Program, reserving the right to reconsider if substantial changes are made by localities.**

**TJACH Board:** On a motion by Sally Thomas, seconded by Grant Tate, the Commission appointed Jim Miller and Adam Thompson to the TJACH Board. These members join the 8 board members appointed by the Commission at the September meeting.

**FY10 Budget Discussion:** Billie Campbell briefly presented options for the funding requests to localities, considering the per capita rate, the population basis, and the proportion of funding for specific funded programs. The Commission agreed that a per capita rate of \$0.60 (unchanged from FY09), actual 2006 population, and a redistribution of line items for RideShare, Legislative Liaison and Solid Waste based on 2006 population, keeping funding level for Charlottesville, Louisa and Nelson Counties. This results in a 3.34% increase for Albemarle County, 1.31% for Fluvanna County, and 1.85% for Greene County. The FY10 budget will be brought to the Commission for action at the November meeting.

**Executive Director Search:** The Selection Committee met September 30 at 7:00 p.m. to review ratings of the top ten candidates that Springsted selected. The Selection Committee selected four candidates for interviews, which are scheduled for October 13. In addition to the Selection Committee, candidates will also be interviewed by locality Chief Administrative/Executive Officers or their designees, and meet with staff. Due to the progress at the September 30 meeting, the Selection Committee did not meet prior to this Commission meeting.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.