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MEMORANDUM

To: Albemarle County Planning Commission

From: Rachel Falkenstein, Planning Manager; Charles Rapp, Planning Director

Date: 4/7/2021

Re: CPA2021-02 Comprehensive Plan Update – Planning Commission Work Session (4/13/2021)

At the February 3, 2021 and March 17, 2021 Board of Supervisors work sessions, staff presented a high-level, initial approach to update the Albemarle County Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan). The work sessions were intended to get Board feedback to help determine the appropriate phases, timeline, necessary resources, and associated budget estimates for the project. The proposed approach outlined a phased planning process from priority setting to adoption that would allow for a complete review and update of the current Comp Plan.

The Board provided feedback on the proposed approach and expressed concern about the length of time estimated for the project. Specifically, Board members shared a desire to see work be started on the Zoning Ordinance update sooner than waiting until completion of a Comprehensive Plan update. The Board asked for a follow-up work session to discuss in more detail the content for the Comprehensive Plan update to achieve a more targeted project scope. The Board also asked for Planning Commission feedback to help inform a proposed scope of work.

The purpose of the April 13 Planning Commission work session is share the initial feedback and direction that staff received from the Board of Supervisors during the recent discussions and for staff to share a potential revised approach that could allow for concurrent and phased Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance updates. This work session is intended for information sharing and initial feedback from the Planning Commission on this approach. Future work sessions will be scheduled with the Commission to allow continued review of this content as it is further detailed and refined. Materials for this discussion will be provided in a presentation during the work session.