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Building Local Economic Sustainability – How should we grow from here?

Creating the next great place, what does that look like? How much retail is too much? How much of our revenue should be from businesses as opposed to property taxes? What can local government do to promote business growth in specific sectors? Is mixed use development part of the local economic vitality solutions?

CAAR has reached out to gather three experts on economic development to discuss the opportunities and challenges that lay ahead. Please join us **August 2, 11:30 am – 1 pm \$15.00 Register on the portal**

Panelists:



Scott Beyer is a roving urban affairs journalist. Along with founding and managing The Market Urbanism Report, he writes columns for Forbes, Governing Magazine, and HousingOnline.com, and gives regular speeches and radio interviews.

Beyer was born and raised in Charlottesville, VA. In the fall of 2015, he began a 3-year cross-country tour, during which he'll live in 30 U.S. cities, one month each, to cover urban issues from street level.

Roger Johnson is Albemarle County's new (April 2018) Economic Development Director. Johnson brings 12 years of private and public economic development experience, including leadership positions with Progress Energy, Florida and the City of Wilmington, North Carolina.

Most recently, he served as the Director of Economic Development for the City of Greenville, North Carolina where he was responsible for the creation and implementation of all economic development strategies, programs, and policies.



Chris Engel is Charlottesville's Director of Economic Development. After serving seven years as the Assistant Director, Engel has been the departmental lead since 2012. The Office of Economic Development (OED) serves as a catalyst for public and private initiatives that create employment opportunities and a vibrant and sustainable economy.

The OED team works to enhance Charlottesville's economy, creating quality jobs, increasing per capita income and improving the quality of life for residents.

Economic Development staff promotes Charlottesville as a premier location for business and regularly works with entrepreneurs and existing businesses seeking to grow here.

Neil Williamson (Moderator) serves as President and Executive Director of The Free Enterprise Forum, a privately funded public policy organization in Charlottesville, Virginia. The Free Enterprise Forum is dedicated to fostering communication on a variety of growth, land, and resource management and economic development issues. Williamson also serves as CAAR's Government Affairs Director.

