

Davidson Livability Board

Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Members Present

George Berger, Dave Cable, Patrick Coleman, Jim Dumser, Cheri Foreman, Amy Hartz, Deborah Keenan, Steedman Lyles, Martin Metzker, Jason Parker, Craig Probst, Stephanie Shyrock

Members Absent

John Cock

Staff Present

Charlene Minor, Kathryn Spatz, Leslie Willis

Guests Present

Gordon Clark, Doug Wright

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Chair Martin Metzker welcomed guests and new members of the Livability Board.

Chair Martin Metzker updated the published agenda at the request of Trees and Natural Assets Subcommittee Chair Dave Cable to include an update from the Subcommittee.

A motion to approve the Minutes from the November 2017 Livability Board Meeting was approved by a 12-0 vote with one abstention (Jason Parker) after being amended by the Livability Board.

Chair Martin Metzker called for the annual election of officers. Steedman Lyles accepted a nomination to run for Chair. George Berger accepted a nomination to run for Vice Chair. Jason Parker accepted a nomination to run for Secretary. No other nominations were made. Chair Martin Metzker approved a procedural request to vote on officer candidates as a slate. Officers were approved by a unanimous 13-0 vote.

Former Chair Martin Metzker invited Doug Wright, Project & Public Works Director for the Town of Davidson, to share an update on the proposed Beatty/Sloan Connector. Doug Wright answered questions from the Livability Board about this project.

Trees and Natural Assets Subcommittee Chair Dave Cable shared an update on four ongoing projects: the tree canopy analysis, the tree ordinance, the street tree inventory, and increasing community engagement.

The Livability Board recommended that the Trees and Natural Assets Subcommittee draft a resolution to articulate support for the Town of Davidson to fund the street tree inventory project. This resolution will be voted on at the February 20, 2018 Livability Board Meeting.

Trees and Natural Assets Subcommittee Chair Dave Cable and Subcommittee Member Gordon Clark presented Trees Davidson's plan to coordinate spring tree planting at two sites: Avinger Street and South Street, and at Fisher Farm. The Livability Board passed a motion to endorse Trees Davidson's conceptual plan to plant native trees at Avinger Street and South Street, Fisher Farm, and future viable tree planting sites recommended to or by Trees Davidson, pending approval, if needed, by the Town of Davidson and/or Mecklenburg County and pending proper fundraising to support these projects. The vote was unanimous, 13-0.

No further updates from staff or Subcommittees occurred.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.