

Town of Davidson
Park at Beaty Street Task Force
6/27 Meeting Minutes

I. OLD BUSINESS

a. Elect Vice Chair and Communications Chair

- i. **Dave Cable** was nominated and elected Vice Chair
- ii. **Gabriel Schoen** was nominated and elected Communications Chair
- iii. It was noted that **Meredith Allen** will not be able to serve on the task force due to personal reasons

II. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discuss Dam with Doug Wright (TOD Project and Public Works Director)

- i. The shared folder (Pond Dam Watershed) has the dam information for the team
- ii. Doug estimates the dam at ~60 years old
- iii. Dams are regulated by the NC Dept of Natural Resources...the dam on the property is currently classified as a 'high hazard dam' due to repair work needed
- iv. There was some question from the task force around the need to repair the dam, but Doug was clear that the repairs need to happen; cost estimated at ~\$50k; Doug shared timeline of classification and proposal to repair
- v. The dam will be repaired in the short term, then it will be up to the team to propose longer term what will happen to it
- vi. The team will need to understand the pro's and cons to keeping vs. removing the dam...the Dam Jump Group will explore fully, but the discussion included the following thoughts:
 1. Many grants available for stream restoration...harder to find money to rebuild the dam
 2. Is the dam needed? The team will need to fully account for flood control

b. Review Jump Groups and Break into Jump Group Work

- i. The jump group summary was reviewed by the team (updated version available in the shared folder)
- ii. Some discussion on how to communicate task force progress externally and the need for clear, concise updates
- iii. The importance of public input was reaffirmed...and the need to be open to suggestions, not just offer a final proposal for public reaction
- iv. It was agreed that we would march towards a Feb 2019 goal but will need to build out a project plan with the right sequencing/priorities; at a high level the key milestones were:
 1. Initial roadmap / research with jump teams
 2. Pull-up to review and align
 3. Public input (mid Sept) – need to define how this looks
 4. Follow up work with a drive towards consensus (Oct)

5. Second read out to the public (mid Nov)
6. Finalization/recommendation (Dec/Jan)
7. Presentation to the Town Board (26Feb)

c. Discuss Resolution 2018-06

- i. It was brought up to the task force the need to clarify the first bullet of the Park Task Force resolution referring to 'recreational needs.'
- ii. The team did not reach a consensus on changing the wording but Denise will go back to the Town Commissioners to seek clarification on the term