

# Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

*Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?*

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## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

### Responses

Do you approve of the proposed vision?

		%	Count
Yes	<div></div>	47.2%	17
No	<div></div>	52.8%	19

Why or why not?

Answered	28
Skipped	9

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Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?

		%	Count
Yes	<div></div>	38.9%	14
No	<div></div>	61.1%	22

Why or why not?

Answered	29
Skipped	8

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## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

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**value** values **version** want what your

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## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Mary Muchane

April 16, 2018, 3:14 PM

Proposed vision:

Davidson remains committed to controlling our own destiny as a distinct, sustainable, and sovereign small town. Our sense of community is rooted in citizens who respect each other, in racial and socioeconomic diversity, and in pedestrian orientation; all in the presence of a small liberal arts college. Our history and character guide our future.

**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

Yes

**Why or why not?**

Very similar to the original vision which has guided the town thus far.

Proposed Core Value #5:

Davidson is a small, historic, college town. We are a town that celebrates our rich cultural and architectural history. Our unique character is reflected in our land use, managed approach to growth, and preserved in our architectural history. Our land planning will reflect historic patterns of village-centered growth, connections between our neighborhoods, preservation of our rural area, provision of our public spaces, and new development will honor our historic character.

**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

Yes

**Why or why not?**

The expanded language helps inform the future of the town.

## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Name not shown

April 12, 2018, 5:48 AM

Proposed vision:

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**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

Yes

**Why or why not?**

No response

Proposed Core Value #5:

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

Yes

**Why or why not?**

No response

## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Name not shown

April 10, 2018, 8:01 AM

Proposed vision:

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**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

Yes

**Why or why not?**

No response

Proposed Core Value #5:

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

No

**Why or why not?**

The current climate in Davidson is to STOP growth! Where it says preservation of our rural areas, non-voting people in the ETJ have the RIGHT to develop their land even if their neighbors don't want them to.

## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Name not shown

April 9, 2018, 9:52 PM

Proposed vision:

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**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

No

**Why or why not?**

No response

Proposed Core Value #5:

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

No

**Why or why not?**

No response



## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Name not shown

April 9, 2018, 12:16 PM

Proposed vision:

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**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

No

**Why or why not?**

Not sure what a town can do to promote 'racial and socioeconomic diversity'. The town can't recruit Asians, African-Americans, Latinos, etc. to come live here, but they shouldn't stop them either. As far as 'socioeconomic diversity', we have certainly received a big helping of that with the huge new low priced developments under construction right now. Enough promotion of that. Sounds like a bunch of 'feel good' words that don't really mean anything. And, why can't we have pedestrian AND bicycling orientation?

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

Yes

**Why or why not?**

No response

## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

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Name not shown

April 9, 2018, 11:16 AM

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**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

No

**Why or why not?**

The original version is fine. What is the point of this exercise? I see no need to change the existing vision; move on, please.

Proposed Core Value #5:

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

No

**Why or why not?**

The original version is succinct, grammatically correct, and comprehensive. No need to change.

## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Rick Short

April 9, 2018, 6:21 AM

Proposed vision:

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**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

No

**Why or why not?**

It doesn't seem to be a material change or clarification of the original.

Proposed Core Value #5:

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

No

**Why or why not?**

Too wordy and again not a material change or solid clarification of the original. The benefit of this rewording exercise would seem to be in helping prevent the broad interpretations of this value experienced in the recent past. Vague language does not accomplish that.

## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Name not shown

April 8, 2018, 11:13 PM

Proposed vision:

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**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

No

**Why or why not?**

What is the purpose of changing municipal to small? Davidson is not a small college town as it was 50 years ago. The town that encompasses the college is a separate municipality within a rapidly growing metropolitan area of 2 1/2 million people. If the objective is to limit growth to a certain population, say so and how that might be achieved.

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

No

**Why or why not?**

Ambiguous and vague. What is the objective of managing growth and how will it be accomplished?  
What are the historic patterns that new village - centered growth will follow?  
How does new development honor historic character?

## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

John Swez

April 8, 2018, 7:33 PM

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**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

Yes

**Why or why not?**

I honestly don't see that much of a change.

Proposed Core Value #5:

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

Yes

**Why or why not?**

I honestly don't see that much of a change.

## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Name not shown

April 8, 2018, 9:32 AM

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**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

No

**Why or why not?**

Slight changes. Change "small-town" back to original "municipality"; more official and "small" is used several times. Your thoughts on changing "small" to "historic" liberal arts college; adds more significance to one of Davidson's noted landmarks.

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

No

**Why or why not?**

One suggestion: Davidson encompasses the origins of a small, historic, college town.

## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Name not shown

April 7, 2018, 9:14 PM

Proposed vision:

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**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

Yes

**Why or why not?**

Main change I see is the characterization of Davidson as "small town" instead of "municipality". In terms of population Davidson will not be able to remain a small town, but as aspirational description of the "feel" of our town I agree with that vision.

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

Yes

**Why or why not?**

I like the insertions of "rich cultural and architectural history", of "managed approach to growth" (which I interpret as proactively shaping the inevitable growth), and of "new development (honoring) our historic character" (again in the sense of accepting growth, change, and new development, but integrating new development in a way that fits into and respects the character of the existing development).

## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Susan Wittmann

April 7, 2018, 4:17 PM

Proposed vision:

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**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

Yes

**Why or why not?**

I like that we would now include the words "small town". That is exactly how I would like Davidson to represent itself. The phrase "in the presence of a small liberal arts college" says to me that Davidson (particularly town government) is again glad to have Davidson College as a part of our community.

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

Yes

**Why or why not?**

The first sentence is exactly what Davidson is - it is not a train stop and it is not a town, between Cornelius and Mooresville, that is striving to "catch up". The reason we moved here was because it was a small, historic college town. And being unique in that respect is how Davidson will continue to thrive.



## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Alice Sudduth

April 7, 2018, 2:46 PM

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**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

Yes

**Why or why not?**

I think it is accurate in what it says.

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

Yes

**Why or why not?**

I agree with it and especially the land planning portion, new development should honor our historic character.

## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Name not shown

April 7, 2018, 2:45 PM

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**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

Yes

**Why or why not?**

I like the new vision, seems clear and concise and still contains the content of the original.

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

No

**Why or why not?**

The disagreement about this value historically has been about a small town in size vs small town character. Now I am not sure now what value is being described. Why not look at all of the values and update them? Also to me the architectural history of Davidson is mill owner mansions and mill worker shacks and the red brick of the college, not sure we want to continue to with this type of architecture.

## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Craig Lewis

April 7, 2018, 2:22 PM

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**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

No

**Why or why not?**

The wording doesn't significantly change the meaning or intent of the previous phrasing. If we are going to make changes I would recommend that we drop the word "small". We are not a small town in isolation. Rather, we are a community that exists within a vibrant metropolitan region. Our mobility, our jobs, and even our utilities are interdependent on our connectedness to the greater Charlotte metro. I would recommend that we reword the first sentence to acknowledge and embrace this fact. "...distinct, sustainable, and sovereign town within a vibrant metropolitan region."

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

No

**Why or why not?**

Again, this doesn't propose any meaningful change. Also, I do believe that it important to acknowledge that only small parts of Davidson are in fact historic when in fact more than 80% of our population lives in homes built in the last 20-30 years. Don't drop historic altogether, but instead note that we have a mix of new and historic neighborhoods, all with the expectation that they contribute to the greater whole. As noted in my comments for the vision, I would recommend dropping "small" and insert a reference to the fact that we exist within a larger region.

## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Name not shown

April 7, 2018, 1:22 PM

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**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

No response

**Why or why not?**

No response

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

No response

**Why or why not?**

Regardless of the substance of Core Value #5, please note that the grammar as you have written it is incorrect. Sentences should have parallel construction.

## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Carolyn Ortmayer

April 7, 2018, 11:58 AM

Proposed vision:

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**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

Yes

**Why or why not?**

No response

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

Yes

**Why or why not?**

No response

## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Name not shown

April 7, 2018, 10:23 AM

Proposed vision:

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**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

No

**Why or why not?**

While I support and respect the new board's need to ensure vision and core values are clear and up-to-date before proceeding with decisions/actions, the amount of time elected officials (and presumably taxpayer-funded town staff at the board's behest) have spent on this topic is irresponsible. Most disappointing is that, having spent now 6 months on this topic, the board still appears to be operating without a clear set of goals to guide yourselves. What are your top priorities -- in terms of what you actually are going to do for the town in the next year? Give yourselves one more hour to nail them down, and then move on please. I'm guessing you'll determine that things like solid waste fees, town picnics, Beaty Street (for heaven's sake, please erect a small bench and sign that says "park" and move on), and yes, tweaking vision statements, must now take a back-seat to topics like the Mi-Connection debacle, borrowing huge sums via debt issues, related tax burden increases, traffic congestion, citizen safety, and treating one another with kindness. Please discipline yourselves to take action on high-priority town issues.

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

No

**Why or why not?**

Other than referencing architectural history, this seems largely unchanged. Why not be more specific? E.g., do we want high-density development to continue, or will we apply new limits? Will we continue to permit residential development that far outpaces transportation infrastructure's ability to support it, such that it takes 20 mins to get down Main Street? Will we rezone so we don't end up with apartment developments in established single-family neighborhoods? Please establish the short list of high-priority/high-impact actions this board will

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Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

actually do in the next year, and please get on with doing them.

## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Michelle Dufay

April 7, 2018, 10:20 AM

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**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

No

**Why or why not?**

It is a pointless change, without distinction. Why are you wasting your time on this?

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

No

**Why or why not?**

if your core value is an expression of your fundamental values/beliefs, why would you seek to change it? Will it be subject to change again next year or next week?



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Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Aaron Bowden

April 7, 2018, 10:08 AM

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**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

Yes

**Why or why not?**

How can anyone disapprove of something so fluffy? I just hope we didn't spend much on the authoring of it.

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

No

**Why or why not?**

Fluff. Take a clear stance to guide action or don't waste tax dollars on the ink. For example, replace "is" with "will remain."

## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Sandy Carnegie

April 7, 2018, 8:40 AM

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**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

No

**Why or why not?**

Remove "...sense of" in second sentence

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

No

**Why or why not?**

in 3rd sentence remove "...will..." and put in "shall"

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Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Steve Williamson

April 7, 2018, 8:26 AM

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**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

No

**Why or why not?**

No need to change the original. The wording between the two is so similar that there is no substantive change.

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

No

**Why or why not?**

Same reason as above. With all the important things that need to be addressed by staff, this was/is a VERY poor use of their time.

## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Name not shown

April 7, 2018, 8:21 AM

Proposed vision:

Davidson remains committed to controlling our own destiny as a distinct, sustainable, and sovereign small town. Our sense of community is rooted in citizens who respect each other, in racial and socioeconomic diversity, and in pedestrian orientation; all in the presence of a small liberal arts college. Our history and character guide our future.

**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

No

**Why or why not?**

The vision statement restates the original version with no significant difference. It is a silly waste of time. Focus on the issues in Davidson for which you were elected.

Proposed Core Value #5:

Davidson is a small, historic, college town. We are a town that celebrates our rich cultural and architectural history. Our unique character is reflected in our land use, managed approach to growth, and preserved in our architectural history. Our land planning will reflect historic patterns of village-centered growth, connections between our neighborhoods, preservation of our rural area, provision of our public spaces, and new development will honor our historic character.

**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

No

**Why or why not?**

A "core" value does not change over time. It forms the core or the basis of future thought or action. This is another silly use of your time. Focus on providing core services that are needed in a town like ours. Focus on reducing the tax burden you impose on citizens every time you sit in a meeting or make a decision. Focus on issues that preserve our small town. This is a silly waste of time.

## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

joan adams

April 7, 2018, 7:58 AM

Proposed vision:

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**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

No

**Why or why not?**

Please stop wasting time on rewording. Make better use of your meetings taking care of town business. The Core Values are fine. Wordsmithing is not necessary for improvement of the clarity and style of the Core Values.

Proposed Core Value #5:

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

No

**Why or why not?**

Please stop wasting time on rewording. Make better use of your meetings taking care of town business. The Core Values are fine. Wordsmithing is not necessary for improvement of the clarity and style of the Core Values.

## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Name not shown

April 7, 2018, 7:10 AM

Proposed vision:

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**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

Yes

**Why or why not?**

No response

Proposed Core Value #5:

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

Yes

**Why or why not?**

No response

## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Name not shown

April 1, 2018, 1:13 PM

Proposed vision:

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**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

No

**Why or why not?**

No response

Proposed Core Value #5:

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

No

**Why or why not?**

No response

## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Name not shown

March 31, 2018, 4:28 PM

Proposed vision:

Davidson remains committed to controlling our own destiny as a distinct, sustainable, and sovereign small town. Our sense of community is rooted in citizens who respect each other, in racial and socioeconomic diversity, and in pedestrian orientation; all in the presence of a small liberal arts college. Our history and character guide our future.

**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

Yes

**Why or why not?**

i appreciate the inclusion of a pedestrian mention

Proposed Core Value #5:

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

Yes

**Why or why not?**

i believe in urban planning to maintain liveability



## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Name not shown

March 31, 2018, 3:26 PM

Proposed vision:

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**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

No

**Why or why not?**

I prefer that we do not refer to the Town of Davidson as a "small" town in its Vision Statement. To me, that implies "minor," "trivial," unimportant," and "insignificant." Davidson may have a small-town character (on Main Street), but it is still a municipality with more than 12,000 people.

Proposed Core Value #5:

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

No

**Why or why not?**

The proposed version is repetitive and made up of four sentences with twice as many words as in the original version. It uses the words "architectural history" in two of its four sentences and it refers to the same concept twice (historic patterns and historic character). The second sentence in the proposed version sounds pretentious and is self-serving. I prefer the original version of Core Value #5. It is more succinct and matches the writing style of the other Core Values.

## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Name not shown

March 31, 2018, 2:59 PM

Proposed vision:

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**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

No

**Why or why not?**

I object to using the word "small" in the vision statement. We can and should be distinct, but I think using the word "small" limits our differentiation.

Proposed Core Value #5:

Davidson is a small, historic, college town. We are a town that celebrates our rich cultural and architectural history. Our unique character is reflected in our land use, managed approach to growth, and preserved in our architectural history. Our land planning will reflect historic patterns of village-centered growth, connections between our neighborhoods, preservation of our rural area, provision of our public spaces, and new development will honor our historic character.

**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

No

**Why or why not?**

I don't understand what is meant by "the town celebrates its rich cultural and architectural history." Empty stores on Main Street? Old, run-down houses scattered throughout town? Neighborhoods that are still segregated? And new development is to honor that? The proposed revisions/additions to this Core Value don't even fit with the cadence structure of all the other Core Values, which are each encapsulated into a single sentence.

## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Name not shown

March 30, 2018, 3:44 PM

Proposed vision:

Davidson remains committed to controlling our own destiny as a distinct, sustainable, and sovereign small town. Our sense of community is rooted in citizens who respect each other, in racial and socioeconomic diversity, and in pedestrian orientation; all in the presence of a small liberal arts college. Our history and character guide our future.

**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

No

**Why or why not?**

The original version better suits the town we moved to six years ago.

Proposed Core Value #5:

Davidson is a small, historic, college town. We are a town that celebrates our rich cultural and architectural history. Our unique character is reflected in our land use, managed approach to growth, and preserved in our architectural history. Our land planning will reflect historic patterns of village-centered growth, connections between our neighborhoods, preservation of our rural area, provision of our public spaces, and new development will honor our historic character.

**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

No

**Why or why not?**

There is a slant towards development in the proposed version. Davidson is unique and small. More construction will make it like a exurb.

## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Name not shown

March 30, 2018, 1:35 PM

Proposed vision:

Davidson remains committed to controlling our own destiny as a distinct, sustainable, and sovereign small town. Our sense of community is rooted in citizens who respect each other, in racial and socioeconomic diversity, and in pedestrian orientation; all in the presence of a small liberal arts college. Our history and character guide our future.

**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

Yes

**Why or why not?**

No response

Proposed Core Value #5:

Davidson is a small, historic, college town. We are a town that celebrates our rich cultural and architectural history. Our unique character is reflected in our land use, managed approach to growth, and preserved in our architectural history. Our land planning will reflect historic patterns of village-centered growth, connections between our neighborhoods, preservation of our rural area, provision of our public spaces, and new development will honor our historic character.

**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

No

**Why or why not?**

I agree with the vision; it's the wording that needs editing. The lack of parallel structure is confusing. I realize I don't know the background discussion for this version so I won't speak to that. But the lack of parallel structures in sentences is confusing. I've tried to address that in the draft below; I also altered sentence placement in an attempt to clarify the vision:

Davidson is a small, historic, college town. Our unique character is reflected in our land use, managed approach to growth, and our preserved architectural history. Our land planning will reflect historic patterns of village-centered growth, connections between our neighborhoods, preservation of our rural area, and provision of our public spaces. New development will honor our cultural and architectural history.

## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Name not shown

March 30, 2018, 1:25 PM

Proposed vision:

Davidson remains committed to controlling our own destiny as a distinct, sustainable, and sovereign small town. Our sense of community is rooted in citizens who respect each other, in racial and socioeconomic diversity, and in pedestrian orientation; all in the presence of a small liberal arts college. Our history and character guide our future.

**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

Yes

**Why or why not?**

It clearly states what I believe the town's Vision should be

Proposed Core Value #5:

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

No

**Why or why not?**

I take issue with the "new development will honor our historic character." I interpret it as all buildings should look like they were built during the same time period. I don't want all buildings to look the same. We can preserve our culture by controlling the size use and placement of buildings. They should be architecturally independent.

## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Frank Shults

March 30, 2018, 11:33 AM

Proposed vision:

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**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

No

**Why or why not?**

It is a difference without a distinction. The Board should use its time manage the town's affairs rather than playing around with the vision statement.

Proposed Core Value #5:

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

No

**Why or why not?**

A core value is one that does not change over time. It may be amended but if it is truly a core value it should endure over time.

## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Joseph Fiore

March 30, 2018, 9:33 AM

Proposed vision:

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**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

No

**Why or why not?**

What is our "character"? It could change over time. Our "setting", that of a small college town, is a more definite term, and a condition that will presumably not change.

Proposed Core Value #5:

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

Yes

**Why or why not?**

Like the mention of architectural history.

## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Name not shown

March 30, 2018, 9:15 AM

Proposed vision:

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**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

Yes

**Why or why not?**

No response

Proposed Core Value #5:

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

Yes

**Why or why not?**

No response



## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Edmund Bergan

March 29, 2018, 10:56 PM

Proposed vision:

Davidson remains committed to controlling our own destiny as a distinct, sustainable, and sovereign small town. Our sense of community is rooted in citizens who respect each other, in racial and socioeconomic diversity, and in pedestrian orientation; all in the presence of a small liberal arts college. Our history and character guide our future.

**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

Yes

**Why or why not?**

The other changes are somewhat cosmetic--but are stylistic improvements--while the new last sentence is a substantive change for the better. It's a statement of fact, not belief, and "character" is a far better parameter than "setting."

Proposed Core Value #5:

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

Yes

**Why or why not?**

All of the additions are highly constructive and will foreclose creatively expansive interpretations of this core value. The proposed changes are faithful to, and fully expressive of, the results of the recent election. Well done!

## Davidson's Vision and Core Value #5

Do you approve of the proposed changes to the vision and core value #5?

Name not shown

March 29, 2018, 7:17 PM

Proposed vision:

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**Do you approve of the proposed vision?**

Yes

**Why or why not?**

I like seeing the words "small town" because we seem to be losing the battle to keep the small town charm of Davidson. Please work to fill the empty storefronts on Main Street and maintain tighter controls on development.

Proposed Core Value #5:

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**Do you approve of the proposed Core Value #5?**

Yes

**Why or why not?**

No response