



South Street Steering Committee

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To: Davidson Board of Commissioners

From: Dawn Blobaum, Special Projects Manager

1. OVERVIEW

At your November 27, 2018 meeting, you requested that a citizen-led task force be formed to:

- Sponsor public engagement opportunities to solicit community input on ancillary uses for the available community space in the school building and recommend uses to the board of commissioners in March, 2019.
- Review and give feedback on the town use of the school building.
- Develop a master plan for the South Street site, with extensive public input.

Applications were available to the public from December 14, 2018 through January 3, 2019. We received 45+ applications to serve on the task force. The group includes community stakeholders, neighbors, citizens-at-large, advisory board members, and citizens representing various civic and non-profit groups.

The nominating committee recommends 15 individuals as the South Street Steering Committee. Additionally, because of the breadth and depth of experience of the other applicants, there will be subcommittee opportunities for all to participate, according to their desire and expertise.

The nominees are:

Co-chairs: Matt Churchill and Elizabeth Martin

David Holthouser

Deborah Keenan

John Burgess

Lorraine Degree

Shelley Rigger

Marion Sekerak

Shana Erber

Lisa Koenig

Al Sudduth

John Griffith

Wynn Mabry
Susan Manning
Monica Galloway

Stewart Gray will be an ex-officio member, representing the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission.

The first phase of the task force (input on community uses and review of previous work completed) will require some funding from the Public Facilities Capital Project Fund. These funds will be used for public input sessions, the architect's time for education of the task force on work previously completed, and any miscellaneous expenses. We're requesting \$10,000 for Phase I.

2. RELATED TOWN GOALS

Strategic Plan: Operations, Tactical Priority 2. Capital and maintenance needs.

Core values: 1) Citizens entrust town government with the stewardship of public funds, so government will provide high quality services at a reasonable cost. 2) Open communication is essential to an engaged citizenry, so town government will seek and provide accurate, timely information and promote public discussion of important issues.

Constituents: All Davidson residents.

3. OPTIONS/PROS & CONS

The board can make suggestions to change the list of task force members or accept the nominees as shown.

4. FYI or RECOMMENDED ACTION

We recommend appointing the nominated individuals and funding \$10,000 from the Public Facilities Capital Project Fund for Phase I of the task force's work.

Note: Completing the conceptual/schematic drawings and pricing for the existing town hall will also take place during the time period from January – the end of March. We will bring proposals from Creech and Edifice to the board to request funding for that work.

Additionally, Phase II of the task force work will include hiring a planning consultant for the master plan work. That phase will begin in early summer, and we will bring a proposal for funding to the board at that time.

5. NEXT STEPS

A tentative schedule for the South Street task force Phase I and partial Phase II is attached to the agenda.