



Adoption of Recommendations made by the Park at Beaty Street Task Force

To: Davidson Board of Commissioners
From: Kathryn Spatz, Parks & Recreation Director
Date: March 26, 2019
Re: Adoption of Recommendations made by the Park at Beaty Street Task Force

1. OVERVIEW

At its March 13, 2018 meeting, the Board of Commissioners voted to create a task force to develop 100% of the town-owned land on Beaty Street as a park and to discuss the composition of the task force at its March 27 meeting. On April 10, 2018, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a resolution authorizing the Manager to begin the conceptual plan process for the park at Beaty Street. On May 22, 2018, the Board of Commissioners unanimously appointed 15 citizens who had applied to serve on the task force. (4 original members resigned due to illness/schedule conflicts/time constraints; one additional appointment was made by the BOC).

The task force has worked since late May, meeting as a full group twice a month, in addition to holding 3 public forums, 2 online surveys, and reaching out to the public in multiple settings for feedback. The task force has met with the BOC in August and November, 2018 to provide interim information and seek guidance.

The Park at Beaty Street Task Force presented its final report and recommendations at the March 12, 2019 meeting and recommended that the BOC: adopt the concept plan as presented, endorse permanent conservation of the park land, evaluate dam options, prioritizing the park as a high priority, prioritize the Beaty Street section of the Charlotte to Mooresville Trail, request design funding from Mecklenburg County, and charge task force leadership with guiding the conservation, design, and implementation of the park. The Livability Board met on March 19, 2019 and voted to endorse the task force's recommendations as presented to the BOC.

2. RELATED TOWN GOALS

Goal: The Town of Davidson will Increase physical and mental health of Davidson citizens. Preserve open space. Provide ample opportunities for play and discovery (active and passive).

Goal: Davidson will have inclusive engagement with the community to encourage substantive, respectful, and open dialogue, increase participation, and foster a sense of belonging.

3. OPTIONS/PROS & CONS

Pros: plan supports overwhelming broad citizen feedback; protects tree canopy; positive impact on water quality and wildlife.

Cons: cost

4. FYI or RECOMMENDED ACTION

We recommend the Board of Commissioners approve task force recommendations.

5. NEXT STEPS

Staff begins immediate review of dam options, conservation easement language, and request to county.