

Resolution 2019-14 TO ADOPT FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PARK AT BEATY TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the Town of Davidson's core values indicate that citizens must live in a healthy environment, so town government will protect watersheds, trees, air quality, and other elements of the town's ecology; and the physical, social, and intellectual well-being of Davidson citizens is fundamental to our community, so town government will provide and encourage enjoyable, safe, and affordable recreational and cultural lifelong learning opportunities.

WHEREAS, the town board's 2018-19 strategic plan includes priorities for greenways, open space, and parks as well as creating a plan for the town-owned Beaty Street property; and

WHEREAS, the Park at Beaty Task Force was created by the town board of commissioners in May, 2018 to solicit input from Davidson citizens to identify park and recreation needs along with ancillary public amenities in keeping with the natural, park-like setting and the hardwood tree canopy of the property; and

Whereas, the task force has investigated park and recreation elements needed, including walking trails and other amenities; and

Whereas, the task force has considered ancillary uses as appropriate, respecting historic character of surrounding parcels; and

Whereas, the task force has developed planning level cost estimates for the various options to help setting priorities and developing financing plans; and

Whereas, the task force has evaluated each option on the basis of capital and operational costs, potential impacts on the natural environment, potential revenues; and

Whereas, the task force has considered opportunities beyond current boundaries of the Beaty property portfolio that may enhance park, public spaces, and natural resource experience for the community; and Whereas, the task force has met with the Davidson Board of Commissioners for review and comment twice during the planning process before making final recommendations; and

Whereas, the Park at Beaty Task Force provided its final recommendations to the Davidson Board of Commissioners on March 12.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Davidson Mayor and Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the recommendations of the Park at Beaty Task Force, including:

- 1) adopting of the concept plan as presented by the task force on March 12
- 2) endorsing permanent conservation of the land
- 3) evaluating dam options
- 4) prioritizing the park as a high priority
- 5) prioritizing the Beaty Street section of the Charlotte to Mooresville Trail (Phase 2 of Potts/Sloan/Beaty Corridor)
- 6) requesting design funding from Mecklenburg county
- 7) charging task force leadership to assist with guiding the conservation, design, and implementation of the park beyond the disbanding of the Park at Beaty Task Force

Town of Davidson staff is directed to immediately begin to evaluate dam options, draft a conservation easement for the park land, request design funding from Mecklenburg county, and develop implementation strategies for the above recommendations.

Adopted on the XXth day of, 2019	
Attest:	
	Rusty Knox, Mayor
Elizabeth K. Shores, Town Clerk	