



**TOWN OF DAVIDSON  
LIVABILITY BOARD  
216 S. MAIN STREET - TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM**

**MARCH 21, 2017**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. WELCOME AND RECOGNIZE NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS**

**III. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

**IV. ADOPT MINUTES**

- (a) Adopt February 21, 2017 minutes

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

- (a) 5 year Parks and Recreation Maintenance and Repair Plan - Doug Wright
- (b) North Mecklenburg Regional Recreational Center support

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- (a) Board of Commissioners March Presentation Discussion
- (b) Staff Update
- (c) Sub-committee Update



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**Agenda Title:** Adopt February 21, 2017 minutes

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## TOWN OF DAVIDSON LIVABILITY BOARD

Minutes of February 21, 2017

Present: Livability Board: Stephanie Shryock, Cheri Foreman, Dave Cable, Marty Metzker, Nicole Storey, Jairo Cadena

Absent: Livability Board: John Cock, Steedman Lyles, Mary Walsh, Rebecca Chaffin

Staff Present: Charlene Minor, Leslie Willis, Jesse Bouk

Guests Present: Heidi Dietrich, Jackie Poole

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Marty Metzker

1. An addition to the agenda was added to discuss the Beatty Street property. The Beatty Street property is an 18 acre town owned parcel. It was discussed that Town Planning Staff presented two RFP's to the Beatty Street Project Committee for their review and selection of the best one. They chose a plan from Luminas and have updated the Town's website with the most current information and plans.
2. January 17, 2017 minutes were approved.
3. Marty Metzker will do a presentation for the BOC at the March 28 work session. A deadline of the March 21 Livability Board meeting was placed for all sub-committees to put in their accomplishments and goals for the upcoming year. We will discuss the full deck at the March 21 meeting.
4. Watercraft update was given that wait-list has been contacted and has until March 1 to respond for the 2 spaces that are vacant. If the spaces are not filled after March 1, they will open up on a first-come, first-serve basis to the Davidson residents.
5. During staff reports, Charlene Minor announced the Arbor Day celebration that will take place on Friday, March 17 at 11:00 a.m. at Roosevelt Wilson Park. Tree seedlings will be handed out to attendees. Charlene also reported that there will be a beautification workday at Parham Park on Saturday, March 11 at 9:00 a.m. This was organized by the family who has adopted Parham Park through our Adopt-a-park program. Stephanie Shryock mentioned to staff that we need to be aware of the Davidson Elementary School K-8 expansion and that Anne Clark was open to listening to the community for their future plans. Marty Metzker asked if there was a LB member who would represent the group and attend meetings that CMS has pertaining to the expansion. Stephanie Shryock volunteered to be the representative.
6. Committee reports were given. Charlene Minor mentioned that there will be a tree planting along Jackson Street. Dave Cable talked about the tree ordinance update and that they met with the Davidson Planning Department staff. The planning department staff will be reviewing the recommendations from the sub-committee. Marty Metzker and Stephanie Shryock reported that the Parks and Recreation sub-committee presented the Bailey Springs Park plans to the

Board of Commissioners and there was an overwhelming positive response. The BOC wanted the sub-committee to get a full bid on the whole park plan and report back so they could possibly come up with more funding on the project.

The meeting adjourned to sub-committees at 8:05 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2017.



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**Agenda Title:** 5 year Parks and Recreation Maintenance and Repair Plan - Doug Wright

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**Agenda Title:** North Mecklenburg Regional Recreational Center support

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**Agenda Title:** Board of Commissioners March Presentation Discussion

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# Livability Board Overview

March 2017



# Current Status

- Officers:
  - Chair: Martin Metzker
  - Vice Chair: Steedman Lyles
  - Secretary: Mary Walsh
- Currently at 11 members
- 4 new members have recently been appointed by Board of Commissioners, terms beginning 2017.

# 2016 -2017 Livability Board Accomplishments

1. Planning finalized for **new Bailey Springs Park**.
  1. Incorporates needs of Parks & Recreation Plan
  2. Met with BoC in January to review plans.
2. Formed a informal discussion group with the Livability Chair counterparts in Huntersville and Cornelius to exchange ideas, coordinate activities and events where appropriate.
3. Members of the Trees & Natural Assets (T&NA) sub-committee completed a detailed review of Section 9 of the Planning Ordinance ([Tree Preservation, Landscaping and Screening](#)) and met with members of the Planning Department to review recommendations.
4. Recommended a Resolution to the BOC regarding support for the North Rec Center.
5. Members of the T&NA sub-committee met with representatives from Bartlett Tree Experts about updating the inventory last completed in 2007.
6. Conducted the **Arbor Day** Event.
7. Parham Park was adopted as part of the Adopt-A-Park program.
8. Created and executed a process to filter and recommend the allocation of non-profit Town funding.
9. On February 1, 2017, the Town of Davidson was certified the 37# Bee City USA affiliate in the nation
10. On February 13, 2017, the Town of Davidson was re-designated a Tree City USA for 2016, our 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.
11. Through a partnership with TreesDavidson and Davidson Lands Conservancy, several community tree planting events were held.
12. The Town promoted bike month activities in 2016 (don't remember what) and plans to do more in 2017
13. The town renewed its bike friendly community application

# Parks & Recreation 2017/18 Priorities

## 1 Year Goal

1. Begin construction of a new community park in Bailey Springs.
2. Continue to coordinate activities with Cornelius and Huntersville regarding mutually beneficial planning and recreational activities.
3. Continue to partner with Cornelius and Huntersville to influence the development, timing and design, of the planned North Mecklenburg Recreation Center.

## 3 Year Goals

1. Implement a regional joint use plan.
2. Expand community engagement in park maintenance.
3. Develop alternatives for increased program space.
4. Leverage metrics and benchmarking data to assess Master Plan Progress and identify additional opportunities.
5. Complete construction of new parks at the end of Armour Street and on South Street (Parks and Rec Building).

# Walks & Rolls 2017/18 Priorities

## 1 Year Goals

1. Construct a Plan Implementation Progress Report – using the Walks and Rolls Plan
2. Promote bicycle/pedestrian safety with educational opportunities
  - a) Coordinate a kid-friendly family bike ride during bike month
  - b) Maps that include bicycle and pedestrian routes
3. Greenway Update
  - a) Create a progress report with updates and future plans
  - b) Organize a greenway update public forum using the progress report and seeking public input on future plans
4. Promote the filling of key sidewalk or curb ramp gaps (need an ADA assesement)
5. Continue to work with Cornelius to promote key ped/bike connections: to the YMCA, the Mooresville to Charlotte Trail (Kincaid Trail is part), PSB connector, etc.

## 3 Year Goal

Strengthen our Intra-Town Connectivity by advocating and prioritizing the following sidewalk & greenways: Kincaid Trail extension, Potts/Sloan connector, and Summers Walk to River Run Greenway.

# Trees & Natural Assets 2017/18

## Priorities

### 2017 Goals

1. Planning Department is reviewing recommendations submitted (in 2016) for Section 9 of the Planning Ordinance (Tree Preservation, Landscaping and Screening): Assist as needed during period slated for final adoption (Fall 2017).
2. Prepare a detailed list of the long and short-term benefit of conducting a street tree inventory; how it would be used; long-term costs; and potential funding sources.
3. Review and share updated Urban Tree Canopy (UTC) analysis tree canopy data (summer 2017), then: (a.) determine how a tree canopy goal might help with management of the community forest; and if so, (b.) determine what percentage tree canopy goal to recommend.
4. Recommend landscape improvements, to at least two parks, and two new projects, to maximize wildlife and conservation management on public land throughout the community.
5. Assess the need and potential use of a resource to provide expertise, such as a consulting arborist; including number of hours and potential funding needed.

Accomplish 8th year of Tree City USA and 1st year of Bee City USA affiliate re-designation(s); select Tree City Growth Award Criteria (goal) that would benefit both.

### 3 Year Goal

Review the Town of Davidson Comprehensive Plan as it relates to the goals and subject matter of this sub-committee; and the Livability Board in general.



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