



**TOWN OF DAVIDSON  
LIVABILITY BOARD  
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM - 216 S. MAIN STREET  
7:00 P.M.  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**III. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

**IV. ADOPT MINUTES**

- (a) Adopt August 20 Meeting Minutes

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

- (a) Non-Profit Grant Applicant Presentations
- (b) **Music at St. Albans**
- (c) **St. Albans Episcopal Church – La Escuelita San Alban**
- (d) **DavidsonLearns**
- (e) **Davidson Village Network**
- (f) **Davidson Community Players**
- (g) **Davidson LifeLine**
- (h) **Davidson Lands Conservancy**
- (i) **Ada Jenkins Families and Careers Development Center Inc.**

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**



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**Agenda Title:** Adopt August 20 Meeting Minutes

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## **Davidson Livability Board**

*Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, August 20, 2019*

### *Members Present*

Resai Bengur, George Berger, Dave Cable, John Cock, Patrick Coleman, Jim Dumser, Cheri Foreman, Amy Hartz, Deborah Keenan, Steedman Lyles, Martin Metzker, Jason Parker

### *Members Absent*

Jane Cacchione, Chloe deBeus

### *Parks & Recreation Staff Present*

Kathryn Spatz, Leslie Willis

### *Guests Present*

Trey Akers, Town of Davidson Senior Planner  
Karen Wichard, Town of Davidson Assistant Town Manager  
Harriet Rosebrough  
Angelia Natili

*Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM with 12 members present*

Chair Steedman Lyles called the meeting to order and welcomed guests and members of the Livability Board.

A motion to approve the June 2019 Meeting Minutes, with one amended change, was approved by a vote of 12–0 with one abstention.

Trees & Natural Assets Subcommittee Chair Dave Cable and Town of Davidson Senior Planner Trey Akers updated the Livability Board on the status of the tree ordinance. Cable shared the history of the drafting of the tree ordinance. Cable reported that one of the benefits from the extended timeline was a high volume of public input regarding the importance of the tree canopy in living, working, and recreating in the Town of Davidson.

There is a regulatory component of the drafted tree ordinance, and there is also an educational component. The purpose is to ensure a healthy, mature tree canopy in the Town of Davidson through preserving, protecting, and enhancing the canopy. Using scientific research and rigor, the tree ordinance intends to set an enduring policy in place that balances growth and economic development with maintaining and fostering a healthy tree canopy through public support and compliance and effective policies.

Two new functions of the proposed tree ordinance are the involvement of an arborist, a new Town of Davidson staff position beginning in January 2020, and the establishment of a Tree Fund. The arborist will play an integral role in the planning and permitting process for individual lots as well as master planned developments, offering guidance to assist property owners and developers in navigating proper landscape management and enhancing our tree canopy and natural environment.

The proposed ordinance reflects calibrated and prescriptive policy based on common sense, our operating history in implementing the current ordinance, experiences of other NC communities, and scientific data analyzed in the tree canopy and street tree inventory studies. The proposed ordinance, while being more rigorous, provides flexibility through education and payment-in-lieu options for specific nodes where the Town of Davidson Comprehensive Plan encourages economic development. Funds from the payment-in-lieu program will feed the tree canopy fund, which can be allocated to bolster the tree canopy through planting trees in another location in Davidson.

The proposed tree ordinance updates the assessed fees for permits and penalties, based on the gathered and analyzed data on the street tree inventory and the tree canopy study. For individual lots, there is a tiered penalty structure for loss of a tree or a specimen tree, which is modeled after other civil consequences in the Town of

Davidson Code Ordinances. For approved plans and permits, penalties for violating the tree ordinance are modeled after other, similar cities, municipalities, and towns.

A motion to approve the proposed tree ordinance and recommend the proposed tree ordinance for adoption to the Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners was approved 11–0 with one abstention (Dave Cable given his role in developing the draft ordinance).

Kathryn Spatz provided an update on the Armour Street Pier. The Livability Board discussed how the Town of Davidson might best allocate funds granted to the Town of Davidson from Duke Energy to be spent on upgrading park and natural assets on and adjacent to Lake Davidson at this site location.

A motion to recommend the construction of a joint-use fishing pier and an ADA-compliant, accessible kayak launch at the proposed site of the Armour Street Pier and adjacent public park to the Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners was approved 12–0 with no abstentions.

A motion to recommend an update to the “Discussion of Proposed Changes to Parks & Recreation Policies and Procedures” to read *“The Department shall work collaboratively with neighbors when developing park plans and shall respect adjoining property owner concerns. A buffer is desired but not mandated. The intention of this policy is not to explicitly prohibit park elements within the buffer but to look at each on a case by case basis.”* and recommend these updates to the Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners was approved 12–0.

No further updates from staff or Subcommittees occurred.

*The meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM with a unanimous vote, 12–0.*



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**Agenda Title:** Non-Profit Grant Applicant Presentations

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## Schedule for Non-Profit Presentations/Q & A with Livability Board

Date: September 17, 2019 Livability Board

Location: Davidson Town Hall Boardroom

- Allow no more than 3 Minutes for Presentation with 4 Minutes for Q & A
- All slides for presentation must be submitted by close of business  
Wednesday, September 11

7:10 p.m. Music at St. Albans

7:20 p.m. St. Albans Episcopal Church – La Escuelita San Alban

7:30 p.m. DavidsonLearns

7:40 p.m. Davidson Village Network

7:50 p.m. Davidson Community Players

8:00 p.m. Davidson LifeLine

8:10 p.m. Davidson Lands Conservancy

8:20 p.m. Ada Jenkins Families and Careers Development Center Inc.

8:30 p.m. Our Towns Habitat for Humanity



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