



**Town of Davidson
Livability Board Regular Meeting
Community Room 120
251 South Street
Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**
- III. CHANGES / ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- IV. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. Meeting Minutes**
Summary:

Approve May Meeting Minutes
Summary:
- V. OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Staff and Subcommittee Updates**
Summary:
- VI. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. FY 2025 Non-Profit Grant Overview**
Summary:
- VII. ADJOURN**

Town of Davidson – Livability Board (LB)

Meeting Minutes: May 21, 2024

Members Present: Bruce Batman, Anne Bontempo, Cathy Denham, Lee Ann Gay, Kasia Worsham, Katie Zager, Sally Nardone, Gabrielle Craig

Members Absent: Jennifer Fielder, Michael Murray, Pam Foltz

Town Staff Present: Leslie Willis

Guests Present: Dave Cable, Davidson Lands Conservancy

Meeting called to order at 7:04PM eight members present.

•April 2024 minutes adopted with one change (motion: Anne, second: Cathy, vote: unanimous).

- In April 2024 minutes, the Trees and Natural Assets subcommittee update should read “Discussed and reported researching what can be done to diversity the tree canopy and preserve old trees.”

•Motion to amend May agenda, so that the first item is new business, followed by old business (motion: Anne, second: Cathy, vote: unanimous).

NEW BUSINESS

1. Staff introduced Dave Cable, the former executive director of the Davidson Lands Conservancy (DLC). He described the partnership the DLC has with the Town of Davidson and Davidson College, and talked about challenges related to the increasing value of land. There is less public funding for land conservancy than there used to be. He announced that the DLC has a new executive director, Beth Wytiaz, and invited the board to the Spring Celebration on June 13. He described the four pillars of DLC’s mission; land conservation, greenways and trails, urban forestry and wildlife habitat. He updated the board on initiatives the town and DLC have partnered on to achieve this mission. Current priorities include farm/property acquisition, and acquiring the land needed to fill in the Fisher Farm/Rocky River greenway gap.

OLD BUSINESS -

Staff Updates

- The next Livability Board meeting is a joint meeting with Mecklenburg County, Cornelius and Huntersville. The meeting will take place on June 12 at the North Meck recreation center. Town staff will send details.
- Discussed how the next meeting is a good chance to influence how the county spends its Capital Improvement Fund. The county contributed funds being used to clean up the Beattys Park pond. The county is also interested in regional trail connections and land acquisition.
- Discussed plans for a 7-mile greenway walk around North Mecklenburg

Subcommittee Updates

- Trees and Natural Assets-Did not meet, but will convene in next two weeks
- Parks and Rec - Did not meet
- Walks and Rolls-Worked on submission for a placemaking grant to paint crosswalk curb cuts on Main St in order to increase crosswalk visibility for Vision Zero. Discussed ways to monitor activities in Vision Zero plan. Discussed a possible traffic garden at Davidson K-8, and last week's successful walk/bike to school day.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM (motion: Bruce, second: Gabrielle. vote: unanimous).

Date of next LB meeting is Wednesday June 12, 2024 at the Northern Regional Recreation Center. LB will not meet in July.



Non-Profit Grant Process

Gina Carmon
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Livability Board
August 20, 2024

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Non-Profit Grant Process Guidelines

- Nonprofit agencies must serve the Davidson community and meet a public purpose that the town government does not directly provide but could if facilities and staffing were available. The nonprofit agency must be experienced in delivering that service.
- Nonprofit agencies must have 501(c) 3 status, a volunteer board of directors, and must provide to the town appropriate accounting measures, in compliance with the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act, to ensure accountability.
- Only those organizations exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of Title 26 of the U.S.C. established within one year prior to any application are eligible for operational funding; written evidence of 501(c)(3) establishment date is a requirement of application. Organizations past one year of establishing a 501(c)(3) status are not eligible for operational funding
- The number of agencies funded can change each year, and there is no limit on the number of agencies that can qualify and apply.



Non-Profit Process

- **Application Opens August 1- Closes September 6**
 - Parks & Rec Subcommittee will review applications prior to meeting
 - Livability will discuss and give draft recommendations on September 17 Meeting
- **Livability recommends allocation of \$50,000 on September 24 to Board of Commissioners meeting**

Non-Profit Process Updated (Last Year)

- The Town can grant funds to Non-Profits if a public purpose is being met:
 - **Activity/Service involves a reasonable connection with the convenience and necessity of the Town**
 - **Activity/Service benefits the public generally as opposed to a special interest or persons or a business**

Non-Profit Process Updated (Last Year)

- Livability Board voted to remove caveat that allowed newly formed non-profits to apply for operational funding.
- Livability Board Recommends Town Staff provides the following information to applicants:
 - Provide link to funding history
 - Reiterate that non-profits must serve Davidson residents.
 - \$50,000 available

Livability Board Recommendations FY 22-23

Organization		FY22-23 Request	LB Initial Recommendation
Ada Jenkins Center		12,500	\$
Cats of Davidson		7,500	3,000
Cool Kids Clubhouse		1,500	1,500
Davidson Farmers Market		10,000	1,000
Davidson Housing Coalition		10,000	5,000
Davidson K8 PTO		7,000	2,000
Davidson Lands Conservancy		10,000	1,500
Davidson Learns		1,500	1,500
Davidson LifeLine		10,000	7,500
Senior Community Connections (Davidson Village Network)		4,500	3,500
HealthReach Community Clinic		3,000	3,000
Heart & Hands Food Pantry		7,500	2,500
La Escuelita San Alban		6,042	4,500
Music @ St Albans		1,500	1,000
YMCA of LKN		5,000	2,500
Total		\$97,542	\$50,000

Livability Board Recommendations FY 23-24

Organization	Requested	Rec by LB
Ada Jenkins	\$12,500	\$6,250
Bags of Hope	\$20,000	\$10,000
Carnegie Mew HOA	\$3,500	\$0
Carolina Reptile Center	\$8,000	\$0
Cats of Davidson	\$5,000	\$3,700
Davidson K8 PTO	\$1,500	\$1,350
Davidson Lands Conservancy	\$10,000	\$3,000
DavidsonLearns	\$1,500	\$1,500
Davidson LifeLine	\$10,000	\$7,500
Health Community Clinic	\$3,000	\$3,000
Heart & Hands Food Pantry	\$5,000	\$5,000
La Escuelita San Alban-St Albans Episcopal Church	\$2,850	\$2,850
Music at St Albans	\$1,900	\$1,350
Senior Communiity Connections	\$5,800	\$4,500
Special Olympics NC	\$5,000	\$0
Totals	\$95,550	\$50,000

Questions?

