



Davidson, NC 28036
October 25, 2011

**TOWN OF DAVIDSON WORK SESSION
OF THE TOWN OF DAVIDSON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Town of Davidson Board of Commissioners held their regular scheduled Work Session on Tuesday, October 25 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor John Woods, Commissioners Dreffer, Jenest, Venzon, and Wessner. Absent were Commissioner Williams and Town Attorney Kline. Town Manager Leamon Brice, Assistant Town Manager Dawn Blobaum, Public Works Manager Doug Wright, Interim Finance Director Holli Rogozinski, Planning Manager Lauren Blackburn, Chief Jeanne Miller, Parks & Recreation Manager Kathryn Spatz, PIO Megan Pillow Davis, and Town Clerk Lillian Smith were also in attendance.

Mayor Woods welcomed everyone to the October Work Session and welcomed Davidson College President Carol Quillen, Vice President of Finance and Administration Ed Kania, and Director of Facilities Management David Holthouser. After the commissioners, staff, and residents attending the meeting introduced themselves to President Quillen, Assistant Town Manager Dawn Blobaum made a presentation about Davidson and its intentional uniqueness.

Following the presentation, Mayor Woods explained the history of the Town/Gown committee, comprised of the Davidson College President and several staff members as well as the mayor, town manager, and several town staff, which meets on a quarterly basis. Ongoing Town/Gown topics were discussed. Topics included healthy and sustainable living, the station area plan and the redline rail project, business organization (DCIC), joint public art projects, and the Davidson College master plan. Mayor Woods suggested that the group engage in Town/Gown committee meeting in the first quarter of 2012 to discuss the Station Area plan, Master plan, and DCIC.

Town Clerk Lillian Smith presented a proposed Fee Schedule and described several changes being proposed for board approval at the November 15 regular meeting.

Advisory board and committee structure was the third item discussed on the agenda. Downtown Manager Kim Fleming explained the structure of the newly formed Davidson Civic Investment Committee which has begun initial meetings. Planning Manager Lauren Blackburn explained the Livability Board, a combination of the Greenways, Recreation, and Natural Assets boards. The idea of merging the three boards together was discussed during the September 23 retreat. Combining the three boards will broaden each member's responsibility, and they will have the capacity to create stakeholder committees or "jump teams" for issues as they come up or on an as-needed-basis. Public Information Officer Megan Davidson presented the idea of a Public Relations committee, an ad hoc committee to help implement the Town's Communications Action Steps and to help Megan to be more innovative in communicating the town's message to the community.

Finally, Town Manger Brice discussed a staff policy direction that was initially discussed during the September 23 retreat. The policy defined the three areas staff would focus on: Communication & Education, Responsible Stewardship, and Community Wellbeing. The board gave their blessing to staff to move forward with the new refined policy direction.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Lillian D. Smith,
Town Clerk