

AGENDA  
CITY COUNCIL

**COMMUNITY INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA  
at

Former Druid Hills Elementary School, 746 Indian Trail

**7:00 p.m., MONDAY, March 19, 2018**

**Welcome**

1. Conduct a neighborhood meeting regarding extension of the Dick & Willie Trail from Spruce Street to Smith River Sports Complex.

**Date:** March 19, 2018

**Item No:** 1.

**Department:** City Council

**Issue:** Conduct a neighborhood meeting regarding extension of the Dick & Willie Trail from Spruce Street to Smith River Sports Complex

**Summary:** At Council's January 9 meeting, this item was on the agenda for information purposes and a number of citizens spoke regarding the proximity of the proposed trail to the rear of houses along the trail corridor. Council expressed reluctance in granting the easement for the trailhead unless the concerns of citizens could be addressed. Since that time, the County negotiated an option to acquire additional land that would allow the trail to be shifted varying distances from the original location, but by an average of approximately 100 feet along Country Club Drive. City Council held a neighborhood meeting at Druid Hills School on Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> to hear neighborhood input on the trail realignment and residents were still not pleased with the trail being located behind residences in the neighborhood. Council took no action on the request to grant the easement for the trailhead at their February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Since that time, an alternate route has been proposed that removes the trail from behind the homes on Country Club Drive and instead brings the trail from the Spruce Street direction to the edge of the intersection of Country Club Drive and Sam Lions Trail (following the original route), and from there simply utilizes the street to connect back to the original trail route at the end of Country Club Drive. The neighborhood meeting is to discuss this latest option and to hear citizen input.

If the latest proposal proves to be a satisfactory compromise, City Council may reconsider the request for the easement for the trailhead at a later date.

**Attachments:** None. Maps will be provided at the meeting.

**Recommendations:** No action is necessary at this meeting.