



**OCCOQUAN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Council Work Session Minutes**  
**Town Hall - 314 Mill Street, Occoquan, VA 22125**  
**Tuesday, January 20, 2015**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Mayor Elizabeth Quist; Vice Mayor Pat Sivigny; Councilmember Tyler Brown; Councilmember J. Matthew Dawson; Councilmember Joe McGuire.

**Staff:** Kirstyn Barr Jovanovich, Town Manager; Matt Williams, Assistant Town Engineer/Zoning Administrator

**Absent:** Councilmember Jim Drakes

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Quist called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**2. Regular Items**

**A. River Park Discussion: Revised Conceptual Plan**

Mr. Matt Williams, Assistant Town Engineer/Zoning Administrator noted that site plans have been submitted for the entrance to the park, which includes a restroom and storage facility, and are currently under review. He further stated that the Town needs to discuss the use and design of the rest of the park. He requested that the Council discuss the thematic programming, layout of the site, and the pavilion.

Mr. Williams then presented the revised conceptual plan for the next phase of the park that includes a pavilion and stone dust trail. He noted that the new plan calls for a looped walkway throughout the park that will feature items of a historic nature representing the industries of Occoquan. Additionally, the location of the pavilion has been moved closer to the restroom facility and parking areas to allow for easier access.

The Council discussed the trail and agreed by consensus that the concept of a looped walking trail that featured industry-themed historical artifact displays was well suited for the site.

The Council then discussed the pavilion and agreed by consensus that the elliptical stage concept with stone work benches on the river side positioned closer to the entrance of the park was best suited for the site.

**B. Fiscal Year 2016 Goal Setting Discussion**

Mayor Quist opened the discussion by stating that the Council needs to set goals for 2016 to guide the budget discussions, comprehensive plan and

strategic planning. She presented a summary of past studies and plans and addressed common themes in those documents, including the 2013 Comprehensive Plan, 2013 Strategic Plan, 2012 Draft Town Council Action Plan, 2008 Resident Survey and the 1998 Occoquan Charrette.

After discussion, the Council agreed by consensus to focus on the following items for the remainder of the Council's two-year term: pedestrian safety and access, parking strategies, historic preservation and town appearance, community programming, development of the Riverwalk project, and stormwater management. The discussion will be continued at the February 3, 2015 Town Council meeting for goal finalization.

### **3. Adjournment**

The work session was closed at 8:45 p.m.

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Greg Holcomb, Town Clerk