



Legislation Text

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Receive Final Report of the Varsity Theatre Task Force.

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Overview: On [October 24, 2018 <https://chapelhill.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3707429&GUID=2849B6B0-3281-4615-B592-69BCF7349655&Options=&Search=>](https://chapelhill.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3707429&GUID=2849B6B0-3281-4615-B592-69BCF7349655&Options=&Search=>), the Town Council adopted a resolution establishing the Varsity Theatre Task Force with Council Members Rachel Schaevitz and Michael Parker appointed as Task Force Co-Chairs. The Task Force's charge was to consider the possible use of the Varsity Theatre at 123 East Franklin Street as a community performing arts center. The purpose of this item is to provide the Council with the Task Force's findings and recommendations, which are included in the attached report.

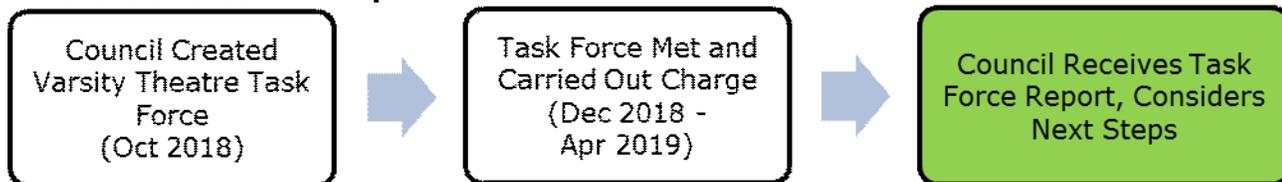
☆ **Recommendation(s):**

That the Council adopt the resolution to accept the Task Force's report, authorize the Town Manager to consider next steps, and dissolve the Task Force.

Key Issues:

- Task Force found a clear need for a community performing arts venue
- Renovation costs and physical limitations are significant drawbacks to using the Varsity Theatre

Where is this item in its process?



Council Goals:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Create a Place for Everyone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Develop Good Places, New Spaces
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Support Community Prosperity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Nurture Our Community
<input type="checkbox"/>		Facilitate Getting Around	<input type="checkbox"/>		Grow Town and Gown Collaboration

Attachments:

- Resolution

- Varsity Theatre Task Force Report
- Varsity Theatre Task Force Meeting Minutes: December 2018 - April 2019

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE VARSITY THEATRE TASK FORCE, AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO CONSIDER NEXT STEPS, AND DISSOLVE THE TASK FORCE (2019-06-26/R-4)

WHEREAS, the Chapel Hill Town Council established the Varsity Theatre Task Force on October 24, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force was charged with considering the possible use of the Varsity Theatre at 123 East Franklin Street as a community performing arts center; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has conducted research, contributed expertise, and responded to specific questions from the Council in order to fulfill the Task Force's charge; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has provided a report of its work for the Council's consideration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council accepts the report of the Varsity Theatre Task Force and authorizes the Town Manager to review the report and consider next steps.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council thanks Task Force members and Task Force Co-Chairs, Council Members Rachel Schaevitz and Michael Parker, for their commitment and contribution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council finds that the Task Force has fulfilled its charge, its work is deemed complete and the Task Force is dissolved.

This the 26th day of June, 2019.

The Agenda will reflect the text below and/or the motion text will be used during the meeting.

By adopting the resolution, the Council accepts the Task Force's report, authorizes the Town Manager to consider next steps, and dissolves the Task Force.