

Ben Fulmer

From: Gordon Smith <gordonsmith@avlcouncil.com> on behalf of Gordon Smith
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 12:28 PM
To: Linden
Cc: councilgroup;Executive Air;Esther Manheimer;Gwen Wisler
Subject: Re: Proposal for Pritchard Park and Basilica of St. Lawrence Park

Thanks, Linden. It's great that so many people are impassioned about this downtown site. You may be aware that City Council unanimously decided to appoint a Task Force to work on a vision for the site. That vision was approved by the Task Force on a 16-1 vote. We're now working on getting a design firm to help us design according to those recommendations, which include green space, other civic open space, and some built elements. You can read their report here:

<https://www.slideshare.net/gordonsmithasheville/haywood-st-visioning-project-final-report>

Be well,

Gordon Smith

On Fri, Jul 7, 2017 at 8:33 AM, Linden <ontjesl@gmail.com> wrote:

Proposal for Pritchard Park and Basilica of St. Lawrence Park

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2. Green space is not a luxury; it is a necessity.

We should not sacrifice our green open spaces: vital in a growing downtown that depends upon its attractiveness to encourage visitors and increasingly, condo-owners. Once green space is lost to bad planning, it cannot be recovered Asheville voters passed the Parks and Rec bond to underwrite costs. Access to parks can be limited to residents without losing any of the environmental, health and public safety benefits still provided to everyone.

Asheville voters have spoken loudly and repeatedly about their frustration with downtown city planning that fails to **provide parking and protect green space**. This public opinion is growing and will not tolerate **failure to listen**.

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Create public parking structure on the current vacant building site using eminent domain on the grounds of attractive nuisance. Reclassification of Pritchard Park as "local residential membership open space" would allow lawful exclusion of others. DARN already participates in maintaining the park. The private park model is common in other countries and has proven success.

Basilica of St. Lawrence Park

The intersection across from the Civic Center is badly overwhelmed with traffic. Any additional traffic there would shut down access to downtown. Pedestrians are already at risk

Private residential membership dues would support a dog park in this location. The fence and landscaping are already in place. This supports the Downtown Master Plan of creating community and encouraging stakeholders.

The City already owns the land; local government must recognize that voters will fight any plan of short-term profit through sale to a developer.

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Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 8:34 AM
To: AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov;Executive
Air;esthermanheimer@avlcouncil.com;gwenwisler@avlcouncil.com
Subject: Proposal for Pritchard Park and Basilica of St. Lawrence Park

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From: Virginia Duquet <virginia_duquet@charter.net> on behalf of Virginia Duquet
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 6:37 PM
To: AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov;ashevilleparc@gmail.com
Subject: St. Lawrence Green Community Gardens

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to let you know that I am thrilled about the new ventures being started in the former “pit of despair”. I think it is great that the people of Asheville are finding ways to use this area and make it a beautiful downtown space not an eyesore. I urge you to support these local community efforts and to prioritize them over development of the site that only benefits corporations and tourists. We do more than enough of that development already! Instead, please allow city water for the Elder and Sage gardens so that these downtown residents can continue to tend and expand their garden space more easily. As a taxpayer, I am happy to see city funds used for this purpose and am not concerned about giving away water to this group and for this purpose. Rather I consider it money well spent. Thanks for your continued support and willingness to consider solutions for this area that help Asheville residents and preserve some of our unique downtown character.

Sincerely,

Virginia Duquet
119 Estes Court
Asheville, 28806

Ben Fulmer

From: Judith Bicking <graphics@bicking.com> on behalf of Judith Bicking
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 1:15 PM
To: AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov
Subject: St. Lawrence Green

Please supply water to the St. Lawrence Green, Elder and Sage Community Garden and please save it from development.

This garden truly represents Asheville's character – a caring community coming together to preserve a fragment of nature and to create a much needed respite in a city rapidly losing both nature and character through development.

Sincerely,
J. Bicking

Ben Fulmer

From: Cecil Bothwell <cecilbothwell@gmail.com> on behalf of Cecil Bothwell
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2017 5:23 PM
To: Gary Jackson
Cc: Esther Manheimer; Cathy Ball; councilgroup
Subject: Re: RFP for design on Haywood

Meanwhile, as indicated by the park effort recommended by Mayor Manheimer, I think we need to immediately energize multiple efforts in St. Lawrence Green.

If Portland, Oregon could host 162 events last summer, why can't we do the same? Why are we reluctant to have exciting things happen on this property?

What, really, is the reluctance beyond some other goal of selling our City property?

-c

On Mar 31, 2017, at 8:57 AM, Gary Jackson <GJackson@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:

We will work it in that way. Thanks for the direction!

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 30, 2017, at 2:28 PM, Esther Manheimer <esthermanheimer@avlcouncil.com> wrote:

Gary, your suggested process below, first to PED and then to Council, looks like a good one.

On Mar 30, 2017, at 1:08 PM, Cecil Bothwell <cecilbothwell@gmail.com> wrote:

makes sense to me if the RFP is as described in this thread.
thanks
-c

On Mar 30, 2017, at 12:02 PM, Gary Jackson
<GJackson@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:

Absolutely. My preference too. A month for turnaround would be minimum. Given complexity and workloads, 6-8 weeks is more realistic.

From: Gordon Smith
[<mailto:gordonsmith@avlcouncil.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2017 11:59 AM
To: Gary Jackson <GJackson@ashevillenc.gov>
Cc: Cathy Ball <cball@ashevillenc.gov>; councilgroup
<AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov>
Subject: Re: RFP for design on Haywood

Thanks, Gary. It would be my preference to move more rapidly.

Gordon

On Thu, Mar 30, 2017 at 11:22 AM, Gary Jackson <GJackson@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:

Cathy - Thanks for the explanation of what we typically do with RFPs.

Esther - This answers the question about what we typically do unless otherwise directed by action of Council. The key thing to remember here is that staff would, in the next month or two, would be preparing a request for proposals from design and engineering professionals. The request will be for submittals indicating their qualifications and track record of experience to perform the work, as outlined in the documents submitted to Council by the Council appointed task force. The purpose of the RFP process would be to find the best design professionals and firm(s). As with the Comprehensive Plan consultant RFP, the ultimate decision to accept the selection and authorize the contract for services would be made by Council action. This would be months from now. I presume the staff recommendation of the selected firm(s) would make a prelim stop at PED on way to regular agenda.

We have not planned on it but if you wish to add to the typical staff driven process, I concur with Cathy's suggestion for the review to occur at PED prior to full Council presentation. This extra step of policy review, could be intended to confirm staff's plan to structure the RFP - the scope of services, including infrastructure study, design work and expected leadership with community engagement (charette for example).

Gary

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Cathy Ball
<cball@ashevillenc.gov>
Date: March 30, 2017 at 10:39:42 AM EDT
To: Gary Jackson

<GJackson@ashevillenc.gov>

Subject: RE: RFP for design on Haywood

Gary,

I would note that we typically do not take the RFP back to Council but we have in some cases taken the scope of work to Council or committee for review. We did this in the RFP for the developer of the Park Maintenance property. I am not aware that we have ever informally given it to each member for independent review. This could be a real challenge to resolve the various input on the scope.

I would recommend that if we go get Council input we go to PED and then to full Council. I think we would need clear direction on the scope. (The Mayor's option #3)

Thanks for letting me provide input.

Cathy

From: Gary Jackson
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 6:14 PM
To: Cathy Ball <cball@ashevillenc.gov>
Subject: Fwd: RFP for design on Haywood

Suggest a response please.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Esther Manheimer
<esthermanheimer@avlcouncil.com>
Date: March 29, 2017 at 4:15:13 PM EDT
To: Gary Jackson
<GJackson@ashevillenc.gov>
Subject: Re: RFP

**for design on
Haywood**

What's our normal
protocol for rfps?

On Mar 29, 2017, at
3:03 PM, Gary
Jackson

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enc.gov](mailto:GJackson@asheville.nc.gov)> wrote:

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Ben Fulmer

From: Norman C Wussow <mnpopi@charter.net> on behalf of Norman C Wussow
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 4:48 PM
To: AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov
Subject: St Lawrence Green

GREEN SPACE ONLY, PLEASE!

There are lots of other places for commercial interests!

Norman Wussow
4 Mayflower Drive
Asheville 28804

Ben Fulmer

From: Ann McMartin <AnnMcMartin@hotmail.com> on behalf of Ann McMartin
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 3:08 PM
To: AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov
Subject: St Lawrence Green Space

Good Afternoon City Council Members,

I am contacting you today to ask that you design the St. Lawrence vacant space into a Green Space for all of Asheville to enjoy! With so much building downtown it might be nice to have a place where people can go and relax, meet friends, and connect with nature. Downtown is becoming one big massive cement and pavement mass and we need some trees and grass to balance all the recent development. I urge you to vote to make this space a Green space.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely
Ann McMartin

Ben Fulmer

From: Bonnie Cooper <bonniecooperphotography@yahoo.com> on behalf of Bonnie Cooper
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 12:26 PM
To: AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov
Subject: Park Space

Please maintain the area around St. Lawrence Church as green space/park space for all of Asheville.

Thank you,
Bonnie Cooper

Sent from my iPhone

Ben Fulmer

From: DrMaxFrontOffice <drmaxchiro@bellsouth.net> on behalf of DrMaxFrontOffice
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 8:35 PM
To: AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov
Subject: Public Park Space in Asheville

To the Asheville City Council,

I wish to register my opinion as a 20-year resident of Asheville and a past resident of places dealing with rapid business/tourist development. I have also lived on Manhattan and can attest to the vital importance of parks in enhancing the quality of life for residents and attractiveness for visitors. A city like ours will not thrive long-term laid out like a shopping mall, with businesses crowding shoulder to shoulder and a lack of green space and sky. We should take a cue from the success of the Biltmore Property which is enjoyed as much for the gardens as the house.

I am in favor of the City creating a park in the area by the St Lawrence church.

Sincerely,
Dr. Max Rouslin
81 Sheridan Rd.
Asheville 03



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Ben Fulmer

From: BellaSharpe <starpillows4u@yahoo.com> on behalf of BellaSharpe
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 6:09 PM
To: AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov
Subject: st. lawrence park

Hello City Council Member

Truly it is time to allow breathing space in downtown Asheville. The tall and empty hotels have blocked the western mountain views.
Do we really need yet another hotel with 50% combined occupancy year round.? I often visit your meetings and always ask myself "where is the vision"?
Asheville HAS the potential to become a futuristic, progressive, clean and self sufficient city, please allow some savings grace to all of the people who live and move here. Vote Green

Ben Fulmer

From: Maggie Burleson <MBurleson@ashevillenc.gov> on behalf of Maggie Burleson
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 4:41 PM
To: Brian Haynes; Cecil Bothwell; Esther Manheimer; Gordon Smith; Gwen Wisler; Julie Mayfield; Keith Young
Cc: Todd Okolichany; Gary Jackson; Cathy Ball; Paul Fetherston
Subject: Haywood Advisory Team: Final Report (unformatted)

Mayor and Council, Mr. Joyell won't have the final report with graphics ready until after tomorrow night's meeting. The Advisory Team signed off on the report last week, and a volunteer has just begin formatting it. He asked that this be shared with Council so that you would at least have the text available.

Thanks,
Maggie

Ben Fulmer

From: Neil Barrett <nemacbar@att.net> on behalf of Neil Barrett
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 3:59 PM
To: AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov
Cc: AshevilleCAN@googlegroups.com
Subject: Re: Basilica of St. Lawrence

If New York City was able to allow for a large green space, otherwise known as Central Park, in the center of Manhattan, why is it that the city of Asheville, can't commit to keeping the area in front of the Basilica "green". A park in that area would add tremendously to the character of the city and bring a certain natural beauty that would far outshine more buildings for various retail purposes.

Neil M. Barrett
nemacbar@att.net

Ben Fulmer

From: Judith Bicking <graphics@bicking.com> on behalf of Judith Bicking
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 3:13 PM
To: AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov
Subject: St. Lawrence area

I live in Asheville and think that the city-owned property in the St. Lawrence area should become green space.

Ben Fulmer

From: deemare@juno.com
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 2:28 PM
To: AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov
Subject: Green Space

Hi,

I'm really concerned about what's going to happen with that little space near St. Lawrence basilica. We really need a green space there where people can sit and relax around trees and plants to get away from the hubbub of the city. If it gets turned into business space, then we'll never have the opportunity to have a green space there again. Green spaces in cities are really important, and the larger Asheville grows, the more we'll need green spaces. It would be like a little jewel showing off another of Asheville's jewels (St. Lawrence basilica). Please turn this site into a green space for the people and to add to the beauty of our special city.

Thanks,
Ruth Stambaugh

Ben Fulmer

From: Dancewater <dancewater2@gmail.com> on behalf of Dancewater
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 12:54 PM
To: Gordon Smith; Asheville City Council
Subject: Re: Green space

Gordon -

the people of this city has made their position clear on what should be done with this area, and no matter how many task forces you organize and fund, that position is not going to change.

We can try to put people in office who actually listen to us. That is what we tried in the past, and I think it will be successful again in the future.

Susan Oehler

On Mon, Mar 27, 2017 at 12:22 PM, Gordon Smith <gordonsmith@avlcouncil.com> wrote:

Thanks for writing in, Susan. The good news is that City Council unanimously approved a Task Force to identify how to move forward with the site. That Task Force is returning its findings, after a year-long intensive examination of the site and its possibilities/challenges. It's my understanding that the Task Force is recommending a combination of passive civic space, active civic space, and some commercial elements. I look forward to hearing their presentation on Tuesday.

Thanks for your input,

Gordon Smith

On Mon, Mar 27, 2017 at 12:06 PM, Dancewater <dancewater2@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear city council:

I would like to see a park across from St. Lawrence. And if you decide to do something else, I think you will have a hard time getting reelected.

Thank you for your time,
Susan Oehler
Asheville NC

Ben Fulmer

From: Jeanine Maland <jeanine.maland@gmail.com> on behalf of Jeanine Maland
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 10:35 AM
To: AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov
Subject: St Lawrence area - your vote

I urge each of you to do the right thing for our Asheville citizens and conscious community.

Many of us view your critical city council vote as a tiny step for Life! on this fragile planet.

Vote for a fully Green Space for the St. Lawrence area. Stiffen-up your spines.

Vote for a beautiful view for the people of St. Lawrence.

Vote for Asheville residents & tourists sitting on the bench talking, discussing, reading, thinking...

Vote for the chatter of the birds; for the blooming flowers; for the variety of new life.

Thanks to each of you for your important service to Asheville - to our present and to our future.

And much gratitude to those of you who have consistently listened to and supported our passion for keeping the St. Lawrence area a FULLY GREEN SPACE.

Sincerely,
Jeanine Maland
Asheville, NC

Ben Fulmer

From: Shinesign@aol.com
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 10:34 AM
To: AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov
Subject: St Lawrence area

Please do not put big business before residents. WE live here and want that space to be used for us, a green space for the population of Asheville as well as the tourist industry to enjoy.

Thank you
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We are Divine enough to ask and we are Important enough to Receive
Wayne Dyer

Ben Fulmer

From: Schmidt Family <fortunesmiled4@gmail.com> on behalf of Schmidt Family
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 10:30 AM
To: AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov
Subject: I believe the city-owned property in the St. Lawrence area should become green space

Dear City Council,
That area will be hopelessly congested if a hotel is built there. A park is much more valuable in many ways.
We have enough hotels, we want a park.

David Schmidt
73 Evelyn place 28801

Ben Fulmer

From: healing@billwalz.com
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 9:21 AM
To: AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov
Subject: St Lawrence Greenspace

If NYC can allow trillions of dollars of potential commercial property and tax revenue to be devoted to Central Park, the same with San Francisco and Golden Gate Park, with Chicago and Lincoln Park, Boston and the Charles River Park - and the list goes on, city after city recognizing the value of green space, supposedly higher consciousness Asheville can give up one block to the aesthetics and refinement of a small park sitting opposite the beauty of St. Lawrence. Do the will of the people not the developers!

**Bill Walz
Asheville**

Ben Fulmer

From: Keldwyn Teves <keldwyn@bellsouth.net> on behalf of Keldwyn Teves
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 9:20 AM
To: AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov
Subject: St Lawrence property

Please please please listen to the thousands of residents who have let you know over and over and over that we need and want this to be a Green space.

Our downtown is overdeveloped with hotels, stores, etc.

Last summer I tried to go downtown on a Tuesday at 1:30 to watch a film at the Fine Arts and there was not one parking space in the entire downtown area. I drove around for over 35 minutes, and finally had to come home.

Our city is no longer resident friendly during tourist season. Are we ONLY a tourist destination or do those who live here deserve some amenities we can use and enjoy? Is developer money the only thing you listen to and care about? Please listen to us. Give us this very small parcel of land for beauty and respite from the towering hotels.

With hope
Keldwyn Teves

Ben Fulmer

From: Bev O <theschlag@aol.com> on behalf of Bev O
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 8:54 AM
To: AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov
Subject: GREENSPACE

Please do not waste anymore time deciding this. The city NEEDS to provide green space downtown and the St. Lawrence property is the perfect place for it. DO THE RIGHT THING NOW!
Truly,
Bev Ohler

Ben Fulmer

From: Cynthia Heil <cheil17@att.net> on behalf of Cynthia Heil
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 8:46 AM
To: AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov
Subject: Green space at St. Lawrence

Please consider making Asheville a city for its residents, not developers, chain businesses, and tourists. They all have quite a chunk of our city now. We would like to keep what little is left for the people who live here, people who have a vested interest in our city, people who VOTE here.

Please consider the downtown residents who want a green space, maybe even a place where they can have a community garden.

Please give the residents a park at the subj. location.

Cindy Heil

Asheville, NC 28806

Ben Fulmer

From: DONALD HARLAND <dharland@bellsouth.net> on behalf of DONALD HARLAND
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 8:41 AM
To: AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov
Subject: St Lawrence Park

The City owned property in St. Lawrence should be green space. We do not need more buildings, hotels, or retail outlets in this area.

Donald Harland
Candler, NC

Ben Fulmer

From: juli Fleur <jewelfleur@hotmail.com> on behalf of juli Fleur
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 8:38 AM
To: AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov
Subject: RE St Lawrence Green

To whom it may concern,

I believe the green area should be reserved only for a park. We have enough building happening in Asheville - more green space is always a good thing. Spaces to sit and reflect and take a rest whether you are a tourist or local are needed - sometimes its hard to decide where to eat and you need a place to sit and think about it. Or maybe your cranky kid needs to run free for a bit. Im sure there are many good reasons to create a green space in that spot.

Juli Hoyer

Asheville Resident

Sent from [Outlook](#)

Ben Fulmer

From: Claire S <claire28803@yahoo.com> on behalf of Claire S
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 8:20 AM
To: AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov
Subject: Green Space Attn: J. Mayfield

Now that we have so many new hotels, surely there is enough tax revenue to create green space across from St Lawrence. Please don't let the citizens of Asheville down on this.

Also I understand that Julie Mayfield is the council member most involved with directing funds collected from the hotel tax. PLEASE devote some of these funds to fixing the sidewalks in Biltmore Village used everyday by visitors to our city. It is only a matter of time before the city is sued for these unsafe walkways.

*Thank you,
C.V. Schnedler*

Ben Fulmer

From: maryahecker@aol.com
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 8:18 AM
To: AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov
Subject: Please place only a park at St Lawrence Green

Please show Western North Carolina that our local governments care more about the physical and emotional well being of its people than real estate greed.

I was born in NC 55 years ago and I firmly believe that real estate greed has about destroyed Asheville, Hendersonville and the natural environment of NC. If

Asheville is a GREEN city it does not need business at this site. If its officials were forward thinking they would recognize that a GREEN SPACE on this site

will make it more attractive to tourist, residents, and business. Have they heard that some of the most attractive, expensive built communities now include

a real organic garden in the middle. St Louis has several worthwhile parks and a Botanical Garden. Asheville has a minuscule Botanical Garden and small

city parks. The Green Space will also allow one of Asheville's most beautiful historic landmarks to be highlighted. People can go to other cities and states to

shop at the type of businesses or live in the condos some want to put on this site. If you will allow it to exist only in

Asheville will people be able to relax and

meditate in St. Lawrence Green.

Please Give Western NC this GREEN SPACE.

Mary A. G. Hecker

Ben Fulmer

From: Julie <mountainsbeach@gmail.com> on behalf of Julie
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 3:25 PM
To: esthermanheimer@avlcouncil.com; gwenwisler@avlcouncil.com;mailto:Cecil Bothwell;brianhaynes@avlcouncil.com;juliemayfield@avlcouncil.com;gordonsmith@avlcouncil.com;keithyoung@avlcouncil.com
Subject: Julie Nelson Haywood St. Advisory Task Force
Attachments: March 12 questions to Chris.docx

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and Council Members,

I am forwarding this email with attachment to each of you as an example of what I have personally had to do for 9 months to get to the truth of what is going on in these task force meetings (and maybe more importantly) in between the meetings. Chris Joyell has not responded to my questions as of the writing of this email.

The questions I am asking Chris are not because I have missed a meeting or failed to take notes at a meeting, it is because this task force seems to be operating on its own and I am trying to find out why.

I have not missed one task force meeting in 9 months. In addition to task force meetings, we had subcommittee meetings- in which I missed one. I attended both City Council meetings in which we presented the temporary installation ideas and the recent public presentation of the draft vision on 3/8/17. I have notes from every meeting, emails, photos, tape recordings, etc. that document my deep concerns about the processes that have led to the "draft" vision and ultimately will lead to what will be presented to you on 3/28/17 as the "final" vision.

I have nothing personal to gain financially, politically or otherwise from serving on this task force and I serve on no other boards or commissions. I am simply an Asheville resident who has given freely and generously of my time as a volunteer on behalf of the greater good of the residents of Asheville and have been burnt in the process.

Let's not let Councilman Bothell's letter detract from the real story here. I, as a volunteer on a council appointed citizen task force, during meetings, have been publicly bullied, belittled and silenced with no intervention from the paid group facilitator Chris Joyell or chairman Andrew Fletcher.

Dean Pistor calls me a bitch during a meeting and he explains it away by calling it “ a poor choice of words for a friendly exchange...” Respect for another task force member is not demonstrated in this way and it was in no way friendly.

In addition, the minutes of the meetings never reflected these outbursts of Dean or other members of the task force. When I phoned Chris to ask him why, he simply stated that he “did not want to throw anyone under the bus.”

Although I was at all times in favor of a park- (as the representative for the Friends of St. Lawrence Green and the 5,000 residents who signed petitions asking council to preserve the city owned property for future use as a public green space and opposing the sale of the property for commercial development), if the majority of citizen input reflected differently I was committed to delivering those findings. That's what a democratic process looks like, and it's NOT what happened... Findings were altered or discarded, words were added, input totals & tabulations misrepresented, the city online survey dismissed, meeting minutes left out what happened, were re-worded in a positive light or totally misquoted was actually said, etc.

Task Force members, supported by facilitator Chris Joyell, feel empowered to come to their own decision and NOT act as a representative group. The charts & bubble diagram shown in the public presentation on 3/8/17 were not created by consensus of the task force members nor did they accurately depict publicly derived input.

It saddens me to have to watch this citizen task force process being hijacked. Nine months of time and effort, in my estimation, wasted.

It is my duty to inform, only you can do something about it and it is my sincere hope that you do so.

Sincerely,

Julie Nelson

Asheville City Resident

Haywood Advisory Task Force Member

Attachments area

Ben Fulmer

From: Julie Mayfield <juliemayfield@avlcouncil.com> on behalf of Julie Mayfield
Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2017 6:28 PM
To: 'councilgroup'
Subject: Haywood street process
Attachments: Haywood Mins 3.8 12.8.pdf; Haywood Street Process.docx

Hi all – in an effort to refresh all of our memories about the Haywood Street property discussion, I've attached the minutes from our December 2015 and March 8, 2016 meetings. I have also reviewed the video and summarized both the minutes and video in the attached, bullet-point document. I did not attached the PED minutes, but I summarize them as well, and they are available on the city's website – as are the videos, of course.

My thinking is that gaining a common understanding of where we started and what we asked for will help us find the path forward. I offer this for information only and not discussion by email.

Thanks
Julie

Ben Fulmer

From: Brian Haynes <brianhaynes@avlcouncil.com> on behalf of Brian Haynes
Sent: Saturday, March 11, 2017 12:05 PM
To: Austin Frost
Subject: Fwd: Justin Nemon's analysis of the 2015 election
Attachments: Nemon, edited.pdf

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From: "Cecil Bothwell" <cecil@braveulysses.com>
Date: Mar 6, 2017 2:22 AM
Subject: Justin Nemon's analysis of the 2015 election
To: "Brian Haynes" <brianhaynes@avlcouncil.com>, "Keith Young" <keithyoung@avlcouncil.com>
Cc:

Ben Fulmer

From: Sandra Brooks <sandra@mymosaicrealty.com> on behalf of Sandra Brooks
Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 8:34 AM
To: brianhaynes@avlcouncil.com
Subject: Pit of Despair

How long will you do studies and ask for opinions about this? It has been clear for years that most residents want a simple green park to break up the starkness of downtown concrete and provide a safe buffer for St. Lawrence. Please do what is right and vote this way.

Sandra Brooks
, Asheville Voter

Ben Fulmer

From: Cecil Bothwell <cecil@braveulysses.com> on behalf of Cecil Bothwell
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 3:06 PM
To: Brian Haynes; Keith Young
Subject: Deeply flawed process

Fellow Council members:

I attended two meetings of the Haywood Street Visioning Task Force, as an observer. I feel I need to inform you all about what I witnessed at their workshop on Saturday, Feb. 18.

This was a full morning meeting, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., aimed at creating their vision presentation for Council. "Ground Rules" were posted on the wall, starting with a requirement that participants respect each other (and reportedly posted at each meeting).

Twice during the morning, Dean Pistor (appointed as a representative of the Recreation Board), came to whisper in my ear. Gesturing at Julie Nelson he said, "Why did you appoint that bitch? She is f-ing everything up." Then again, with something like the same wording "I can't stand that bitch" etc. What Nelson was doing was quietly representing her view as representative of the Friends of St. Lawrence Green, and referring to the list of preferences expressed by citizens in the various surveys conducted over the past several months.

I suggested that he was telling me more about himself than about Nelson. When I spoke to Nelson about it afterward she told me that his actions over the course of the work had reflected the same attitude, with him calling her down on at least 2 other meetings to the extent that other task force members were uncomfortable. Chris Joyell never stopped him or corrected him during the meetings. This type of behavior thwarts others on the task force from speaking their minds for fear of attack or reprisal. When she discovered that these outbursts and on many occasions other members comments were not recorded in Chris Joyell's minutes of the meetings, Joyell told her that he didn't want to throw anyone under the bus.

As I watched the process on Feb. 18, in which the Task Force was divided into three groups to create "bubble diagrams), I watched Pistor lunge across the table aggressively when Nelson was speaking, putting his fist down. In my view, completely unacceptable.

But further, and this is something that reflects a deeper problem, we appointed Pistor in his capacity as a member of the Recreation Board, which certainly suggested to me that he was there to represent the perspective of that body. However, at that meeting and at a

subsequent meeting I attended on March 3, he insisted on parking, private development, sale of the property, etc. and etc. None of which, to my understanding is in the purview of the Rec Bd. (Perhaps his real estate office location at 1 Page has something to do with his perspective on the site.)

Again, I have learned that this has been his viewpoint from the first meeting and throughout the process.

Nor is this my only concern about the Task Force effort. I have combed through the data provided on Dropbox and compared it to Summary Reports and found that language has morphed, that unrelated ideas have been lumped so that multi-use becomes mixed-use, food trucks and farmers markets called “retail” as if they were the same as store fronts, and etc. As a specific example from the March 3 meeting, after the group had reached agreement on a sort of consensus “bubble diagram” and after I left the meeting (which was supposedly over) and other people including Joyell had left, Pistor and Ruth Summers apparently added “Residential” to the uses listed.

Meanwhile, the survey done via the City Web site was so ambiguous that not only could respondents imbue whatever meaning they liked to the 20 photos, but the interpretation of answers results in pretty much any set of “facts” one wishes to derive. (If for example you lump tailgate market, park benches, and plaza as requests for mixed-use you can use the data to support development. If you add them to the request for green space and shade you can derive an entirely different preference for open space and multi-use. Given the dozens of different views expressed in the survey it would seem that a glossary defining terms would have provided a better starting point.)

To represent results as agreed upon by the entire group when they are altered helter-skelter, and clumped according to someone’s biases, is fraudulent.

Finally, and very troubling to me, is that at least one e-mail to the entire Task Force, includes the apparent intent of Joyell to violate public records law. He wrote:

"THIS INFO IS FOR INTERNAL PURPOSES ONLY--PLEASE DO NOT DISTRIBUTE THIS INFO BEYOND THE TEAM. PLEASE RESPECT YOUR COLLEAGUES' WORK AND THE PROCESS WE HAVE UNDERWAY. THIS IS ONLY A DRAFT, AND I WANT THE TEAM TO REMAIN CONFIDENT THAT THEY CAN CARRY OUT THEIR WORK WITHOUT THE FACEBOOK PEANUT GALLERY MUDDYING THE WATERS."

I refer you to the law:

§ 132-1. "Public records" defined.

(a) "Public record" or "public records" shall mean all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, photographs, films, sound recordings, magnetic or other tapes, electronic data-processing records, artifacts, or other documentary material, regardless of physical form or characteristics, made or received pursuant to law or ordinance in connection with the transaction of public business by any agency of North Carolina government or its subdivisions. Agency of North Carolina government or its subdivisions shall mean and include every public office, public officer or official (State or local, elected or appointed), institution, board, commission, bureau, council, department, authority or other unit of government of the State or of any county, unit, special district or other political subdivision of government.

Perhaps we need to see all of the e-mails related to this Task Force?

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Ben Fulmer

From: Cecil Bothwell <cecil@braveulysses.com> on behalf of Cecil Bothwell
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 2:23 AM
To: Brian Haynes;Keith Young
Subject: Justin Nemon's analysis of the 2015 election
Attachments: Nemon, edited.pdf

Ben Fulmer

From: Maggie Burleson <MBurleson@ashevillenc.gov> on behalf of Maggie Burleson
Sent: Friday, April 15, 2016 8:21 AM
To: Brian Haynes; Cecil Bothwell - Email; Esther Manheimer; Gordon Smith; Gwen Wisler; Julie Mayfield; Keith Young
Subject: May Vacancies for City Boards & Commissions
Attachments: bdapptments1.doc

Please circulate as much as possible.

Thanks,
Maggie

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Ben Fulmer

From: Gwen Wisler <gwenwisler@avlcouncil.com> on behalf of Gwen Wisler
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2016 6:49 PM
To: mary hugenschmidt; Esther Manheimer; Gordon Smith; Keith Young; Brian Haynes; Julie Mayfield; Cecil Bothwell
Subject: Re: At-Large Nomination, Asheville Design Center's Committee, Haywood Street Property

Thank you, Ms Hugenschmidt. We appreciate your input.
Best,
Gwen Wisler

On 4/6/2016 5:41 PM, mary hugenschmidt wrote:

My husband and I have been residents of Asheville for over forty years and clearly remember the dismal, lifeless downtown area with its empty, boarded up buildings. It had few public spaces, and no places with trees or plants or spots for people to sit and enjoy the city. As urban trends turn to accessibility, healthy environments, the function of natural elements in city design, and respect for historic places, incorporating green areas has risen in importance to both a city's health and to its appeal.

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The city of Asheville could benefit from participation of EMGVs in the following ways:

1. The creation of a vibrant green space would not only reflect the beauty of the city but would provide residents and visitors a living interaction site maintained by trained volunteers sharing research-based gardening knowledge and information through four seasons.
2. There are over 100 Buncombe County Master Gardeners with decades of proven commitment willing to use their varied backgrounds and education to design, plant, and maintain a downtown garden site.
3. Gardens that combine horticulture with art, education, and design that would be available to residents and visitors of all ages and all backgrounds, integrating and showcasing the efforts of local entities in the arts, such as museums, libraries, the symphony, schools, etc.

The Extension Master Gardener Volunteers would benefit in the following ways:

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Thank you for your consideration of **Gary Anderson** as an **at-large member of the Asheville Design Center's Committee** on ways to develop the Haywood Street Property.

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Mary Hugenschmidt
437 Beaverdam Road
Asheville, 28804

Ben Fulmer

From: mary hugenschmidt <hugenmb@gmail.com> on behalf of mary hugenschmidt
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2016 5:41 PM
To: Esther Manheimer;Gwen Wisler;Gordon Smith;Keith Young;Brian Haynes;Julie Mayfield;Cecil Bothwell
Subject: At-Large Nomination, Asheville Design Center's Committee, Haywood Street Property

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Mary Hugenschmidt
437 Beaverdam Road
Asheville, 28804

Ben Fulmer

From: Brian Haynes <brianhaynes@avlcouncil.com> on behalf of Brian Haynes
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 11:45 AM
To: Susan Haynes
Subject: Fwd: April Bd/Com Vacancies
Attachments: bdapptments1.doc

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From: **Maggie Burleson** <MBurleson@ashevillenc.gov>
Date: Tue, Mar 15, 2016 at 11:23 AM
Subject: April Bd/Com Vacancies
To: Brian Haynes <brianhaynes@avlcouncil.com>, Cecil Bothwell - Email <cecil@braveulysses.com>, Esther Manheimer <esthermanheimer@avlcouncil.com>, Gordon Smith <gordonsmith@avlcouncil.com>, Gwen Wisler <gwenwisler@avlcouncil.com>, Julie Mayfield <juliemayfield@avlcouncil.com>, Keith Young <KeithYoung@avlcouncil.com>

Please circulate as much as possible.

Thanks,
Maggie

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From: Maggie Burleson <MBurleson@ashevillenc.gov> on behalf of Maggie Burleson
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 11:24 AM
To: Brian Haynes; Cecil Bothwell - Email; Esther Manheimer; Gordon Smith; Gwen Wisler; Julie Mayfield; Keith Young
Subject: April Bd/Com Vacancies
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Ben Fulmer

From: Gwen Wisler AVL City Council <gwenwisler@avlcouncil.com> on behalf of Gwen Wisler AVL City Council
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 8:35 AM
To: Maggie Burleson
Cc: Esther Manheimer; Brian Haynes; Cecil Bothwell - Email; Gordon Smith; Julie Mayfield; Keith Young
Subject: Re: Haywood Street Advisory Team Questions for Application

Yes. That's right.
Gwen

On Mar 15, 2016, at 8:27 AM, Maggie Burleson <MBurleson@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:

If I'm understanding Gwen, I could re-word to say "What relationship, if any, do you have with any of the other **Haywood Street** Advisory Team groups?"

Okay?
Thanks,
Maggie

From: Esther Manheimer [<mailto:esthermanheimer@avlcouncil.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2016 7:14 PM
To: Gwen Wisler; Maggie Burleson; Brian Haynes; Cecil Bothwell - Email; Gordon Smith; Julie Mayfield; Keith Young
Subject: RE: Haywood Street Advisory Team Questions for Application

Do you mean other advisory committees or commissioners? Like downtown commission?

From: Gwen Wisler [<mailto:gwenwisler@avlcouncil.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2016 4:30 PM
To: Maggie Burleson <MBurleson@ashevillenc.gov>; Brian Haynes <brianhaynes@avlcouncil.com>; Cecil Bothwell - Email <cecil@braveulysses.com>; Esther Manheimer <esthermanheimer@avlcouncil.com>; Gordon Smith <gordonsmith@avlcouncil.com>; Julie Mayfield <juliemayfield@avlcouncil.com>; Keith Young <KeithYoung@avlcouncil.com>
Subject: Re: Haywood Street Advisory Team Questions for Application

What relationship, if any, do you have with any of the other Advisory Team groups?
(I would like to make sure we don't duplicate representation on the Advisory Team.)
Thanks,
Gwen

On 3/14/2016 3:59 PM, Maggie Burleson wrote:

Todd crafted the three questions below to be included with the applications. Please let me know ASAP if these are okay. I need to begin advertising tomorrow (March 15) – with application deadline on April 6 at 5.

Thanks,
Maggie

- a. What do you want the Advisory Team to achieve for this project?
- b. Please describe your experience with conducting or participating in a community visioning process, master plan or other related project. What was the outcome?
- c. As a member of the Advisory Team it is expected that you will be fair and impartial during the community visioning process. Please indicate whether or not you have any conflicts with this statement.

Below will be the statement I use to solicit applications:

1. Scope of the Project:

The City of Asheville will be undertaking a community visioning process for city-owned properties at 68-76 Haywood Street and 33-37 Page Avenue in downtown Asheville. The city has retained the Asheville Design Center (ADC) for this effort, who will work with city staff to facilitate the community visioning process. The outcomes will be designed to inform future actions on the subject sites and surrounding rights-of-way (the "Study Area"), which may include a future design competition and/or a Request for Qualifications/Proposals. The project's scope will include strategic planning and coordination with an Advisory Team, key stakeholders, as well as the broadest community interests who express a desire to participate in an open, democratic "town hall" process of consensus building. Engagement with local stakeholders and property owners will inform a long-term vision for the properties, while also serving to identify opportunities for temporary installations to enliven the space now and suggest appropriate permanent uses on the site over time.

The city envisions that the final deliverable of this project will include a full exploration of site constraints and opportunities and publicly-informed expectations, priorities and considerations for the Study Area. The document will be a culmination of community ideas and strategic planning for the Study Area that will help to inform future actions, rather than determine a definitive design for the Study Area.

2. Scope of the Advisory Team:

ADC will work with city staff to form an Advisory Team for the public visioning process and implementation plan. The Advisory Team will have representation, at minimum, from the following organizations (in no particular order), plus three at-large members:

- City of Asheville Recreation Board;
- Asheville Downtown Commission;
- Historic Resources Commission of Asheville & Buncombe County (HRC);
- Public Art and Cultural Commission (PACC);
- Buncombe County liaison;
- Asheville Downtown Association;
- The Basilica of St. Lawrence;
- Friends of St. Lawrence Green;
- Grove Arcade;
- Battery Park Hotel/Vanderbilt Apartments representative(s);
- Downtown Asheville Residential Neighbors (DARN);
- Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce;

- U.S. Cellular Center; and,
- Asheville Buskers Collective.

The Advisory Team will be involved throughout the community visioning process. The scope of the Advisory Team includes, at a minimum, the following tasks:

- Kick-off meeting with ADC and city staff on the project
- Review of site analyses of the Study Area, as submitted by ADC
- Workshop with the Advisory Team to explore creative ideas for implementation and management of vibrant civic spaces
- A follow-up session with the Advisory Team to explore techniques and best practices for the public visioning workshops
- Input and attendance from the Advisory Team regarding two public workshops
- Follow-up presentation from ADC to Advisory Team to report on the input received from the workshops
- Review of final documentation, as submitted by ADC, that will include a full exploration of site constraints and opportunities and publicly-informed expectations, priorities and considerations for the Study Area, including presentation of the draft visioning document to the Advisory Team by ADC

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Ben Fulmer

From: Cecil Bothwell <cecilbothwell@gmail.com> on behalf of Cecil Bothwell
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 7:41 AM
To: Brian Haynes
Subject: Fwd: For PED: people's park planning
Attachments: People's Park Wilmington.doc; People'sParkposter.jpg; People'sParkquestionnaire.jpg

Begin forwarded message:

From: Cecil Bothwell <cecilbothwell@gmail.com>
Subject: For PED: people's park planning
Date: January 19, 2016 at 7:39:52 AM EST
To: Gwen Wisler <gwenwisler@avlcouncil.com>

Sorry I didn't get these to you earlier, but the PED meeting snuck up on me.

I hope we can discuss process for St. Lawrence Green at the Council Retreat. My belief is that we need to make macro decisions early: Where will the streets be in 20 years? What do the people want to see there in 20 years? Do we sell 33 and 35 Page or demolish them and include them in the public green space? Do we encourage interim uses (for example for the gravel pit, after the hotel staging is over)? Do we authorize the ADC to hold design charrettes? Etc.

The attachments are sample documents from the planning process for a People's Park in Wilmington, Del. They used both online questionnaires and physical displays during several months of planning.

Ben Fulmer

From: Eloise Brinson <brinsonell@gmail.com> on behalf of Eloise Brinson
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2016 10:34 AM
To: Cecil
Bothwell;esthermanheimer@avlcouncil.com;keithyoung@avlcouncil.com;gordonsmith@avlcouncil.com;juliemayfield@avlcouncil.com;brianhaynes@avlcouncil.com;gwenwisler@avlcouncil.com
Subject: Re: Park at Basilica

You're Welcome.

On Thu, Jan 7, 2016 at 9:43 AM, Cecil Bothwell <cecil@braveulysses.com> wrote:

My mistake. I see that it is a Presbyterian undertaking.

And thanks for letting me know about your concerns.

-c

On Jan 6, 2016, at 6:17 PM, Eloise Brinson <brinsonell@gmail.com> wrote:

Oh I didn't know it was a Catholic Charity Group. I was under the impression that it was National Church Residences out of Ohio. At least that's who I worked for as a Volunteer downstairs in the central office. I'm not Catholic. I'm not going to get into an argument with you Mr. Bothwell. I live here. I know what goes on. It has to do with Citizen Rights and the people that live in this building are not only Citizens of the Great City of Asheville, NC but also of the Great State of North Carolina and the The Greater United States of America. We have have rights. Even people with Mental Illness. I have that as well (Mental Illness). We get that no one regulates absolutely anything that happens at Battery Park. It is an unfortunate testament to the misunderstood discrepancies of the people of this area. One I thought after all my years of work and service I would not be subject there with.

What I do want to emphasize is that my Opinion on the Public Park has shifted. My votes in the Fall election were based on that opinion. We are in desperate need of affordable parking in Downtown Asheville. We have two Parks currently. From my Understanding the Police Department is having a difficult time maintaining one of them and that costs Tax Payer dollars. I was and still am one of them, A Taxpayer. I like the idea of green space but in reality we are surrounded with it and when I really want to be a part of it I go to the Forest. With the current situation between Battery Park and Vanderbilt I realize that opening a park in this area would open the door for these dejected Smokers to facilitate and fellowship however Non Smokers would probably be a offended. Not to mention maintenance. There is more. I was totally in favor of it but as time goes by I see a side of it that no longer appeals to me. I am from Raleigh and have watched the growth that occurred there over the past 30 years. 10 of which I lived and worked in. I was raised in the country (Wilson County, NC). I came to Asheville like so many others to start over. Find and make my dreams here. For a while that looked like a very real possibility however after the divorce and death of my Late Husband I have been forced into a very bitter reality. This city is not kind to some people. Just like other cities some of us get lost between the cracks. Yet many of these people continue to vote and support Environmental efforts the best way they can. All deserved to be heard.

I understand and appreciate your stance. We are both Peacemakers and have those Wonderful Peace T Shirts from On a Roll. At least that is where mine was purchased. However this is a matter that I feel is shifting into the wrong direction.

I just want to state my opinion. That's your job from the way I understand it. I help elect you with my vote and then possibly you listen to my concerns. Is that a problem Councilman Bothwell ? By the way. You are one of the people I have voted in the past.

I have contacted Dr. Mumpower and N.A.M.I. concerning this situation because it is in my belief that the person concerned in this matter does not have the ability to advocate for her own rights. If it would have been myself I would be doing the same thing that I am doing now . The Bible I read, though not Catholic teaches me that the number one Golden Rule of all time is to "LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF". Just attempting to express a little of that.

Thank you so much for your concern and that of the remaining Council Members. I would love to hear some of their feedback as well.

Sincerely,

Lori
Eloise L. Brinson

On Wed, Jan 6, 2016 at 3:25 PM, Cecil Bothwell <cecil@braveulysses.com> wrote:

Ms. Brinson,

The allocation of apartments in the Battery Park Apartment building is not in any way controlled by the City of Asheville.

If decisions about those apartments are unfair, I am sad to hear it. But that is a matter for the Catholic charity group that owns the building, not the City.

-C

On Jan 6, 2016, at 2:18 PM, Eloise Brinson <brinsonell@gmail.com> wrote:

The Woman that resided in the Roof Garden Apt. Still resides at Battery Park however she was forced to give up her Apt. so and move to the third floor. The Apt. was repaired and then instead of moving the former tenant back in Ms. Hanrahan. When I spoke to the Resident that previously had the apartment today she told me she had not choice in the matter. That's not fair. If the park is a private matter then perhaps it is time to remove it from Public Debate. I for one and sick and tired of listening to it. Especially in light of current Political Shifts.

Thank you,

Lori
Eloise L. Brinson

On Wed, Jan 6, 2016 at 2:10 PM, Cecil Bothwell <cecil@braveulysses.com> wrote:

Ms. Brinson,

My information is that apartment assignments in the Battery Park building are based on tenure and a waiting list. While I am not familiar with details of any particular apartment assignment, I would have to guess that Clare Hanrahan

had put in a request at some point and gradually moved up the list.

As for the City spending millions, it is our hope that development of St. Lawrence Green will be principally funded through private donations.

Best regards,

-c

> On Jan 6, 2016, at 2:02 PM, Eloise Brinson <brinsonell@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Hello Mayor Manheimer and Respective Council Members,

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> As I write I am very angry and frustrated. I live at Battery Park. As of today Clare Hanrahan, the Activist fueling much of the Park decision in this area, is being moved to the Roof Garden Apartment at Battery Park. The person that had her new apartment was possibly Mentally Ill and FORCED to give her apartment up. That is not fair.

> I am no longer in favor of the Park Development movement across from Basilica. What I see happening is the City spending Millions of dollars to develop an City Public Ashtray or a space of Hippies, Environmentalists and or Potheads. Not something that would be environmentally sound. It is unfortunate. I did not feel this way at first but base on what I am seeing occur I simply do not agree.

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> I voted of you currently seated. I know that doesn't really mean anything but at 300 plus lbs. I wanted to weigh in.

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Thank you so much,

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Lori

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Eloise L. Brinson

Ben Fulmer

From: Gary Jackson <GJackson@ashevillenc.gov> on behalf of Gary Jackson
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 2:22 PM
To: councilgroup
Cc: Robin Currin;Jannice Ashley;Roderick Simmons;Paul Fetherston
Subject: Fwd: Agenda item

Esther:

As you noted, we have a pre-established mechanism which we could activate administratively for park fundraising. Structure outlined below.

Gary

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jannice Ashley <JAshley@ashevillenc.gov>
Date: January 4, 2016 at 12:33:58 PM EST
To: Roderick Simmons <RSimmons@ashevillenc.gov>, Debbie Ivester <divester@ashevillenc.gov>
Cc: Robin Currin <RCurrin@ashevillenc.gov>, Gary Jackson <GJackson@ashevillenc.gov>, Barbara Whitehorn <BWhitehorn@ashevillenc.gov>
Subject: FW: Agenda item

Roderick and Debbie;
Please see below-I thought you might be able offer more specifics on how a fund like this would be structured.

Thanks, Jannice

-----Original Message-----

From: Jannice Ashley
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 10:31 AM
To: Robin Currin
Cc: Barbara Whitehorn; Gary Jackson
Subject: RE: Agenda item

I've not worked directly on something like this but I do think that Parks has had such funds created before (would check with Roderick or Debbie) and there is authority to do so. I think the authority comes generally from 160A-11 (general corporate powers)-city has authority to acquire and hold any property, real or personal (\$\$) in any manner conveyed and may hold, invest, or dispose of same. Also, under property statutes, City has authority to acquire by gift, grant, devise etc. any real or personal property (160A-240.1). More specifically from authorization for Parks and Receptions-under 160A-353 Powers (of cities for parks)-a city may accept any gift, grant, lease, loan or devise of real or personal property for parks and recreation programs. Gifts may be accepted and held subject to such terms and conditions as may be imposed by the

grantor, unless such terms are discriminatory (based on race, sex, religion). Also, in this same section, city may appropriate funds to carry out the provisions of this article (Article 18 Parks and Recreation) which are fairly broad. Finally, there is 160A-356 Financing Parks and Recreation which states that city is authorized to expend for its parks and recreation system any of its revenues not otherwise limited as to use by law.

Hope this helps. I will start looking for some NC examples of cities where something like this is being done.

Jannice

-----Original Message-----

From: Robin Currin

Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 9:58 AM

To: Jannice Ashley

Cc: Barbara Whitehorn; Gary Jackson

Subject: FW: Agenda item

Jannice - What is the process for this and the statutory authority? Can it be earmarked for a specific project - and if so - how is that done? I am copying Barbara as well. Thanks.
Robin

-----Original Message-----

From: Esther Manheimer [<mailto:esthermanheimer@avlcouncil.com>]

Sent: Monday, January 04, 2016 9:52 AM

To: Cecil Bothwell

Cc: Gary Jackson; Robin Currin; Barbara Whitehorn; Maggie Burleson

Subject: Re: Agenda item

Cecil - this is fine with me, no problem. I wonder if we really need to put it in the agenda. The city already receives donations for things like greenways, nature center, etc. You might want to check with staff to see if we already have a mechanism for receiving funds. But, if we need to handle it at a council level, then that's fine too.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 2, 2016, at 11:48 PM, Cecil Bothwell <cecilbothwell@gmail.com> wrote:

HI Esther,

I don't recall if you are using the forms that Terry used to require to get things on an agenda.

Brian, Keith and I would like to put an item under New Business as soon as it fits. We'd like to discuss creation of a fund to accept public donations for St. Lawrence Green. There are people eager to donate and we'd like to either have

the City accept the donations to be held in a separate fund - or, if that's not possible, tell supporters to go ahead and create a non-profit fund.

I don't think this needs to be discussed by a committee first - the core question is whether such a City fund is possible and whether four of us support acceptance of donations.

Thanks and Happy New Year!

-c

Ben Fulmer

From: Keith Young <keithyoung@avlcouncil.com> on behalf of Keith Young
Sent: Monday, December 28, 2015 3:13 PM
To: Cecil Bothwell
Cc: brianhaynes@avlcouncil.com
Subject: Re: Two issues and a meeting some time?

Sounds good Cecil...I'll touch base w/Brian if you have not done so yet.

On Sat, Dec 26, 2015 at 6:40 AM, Cecil Bothwell <cecil@braveulysses.com> wrote:

Hi Keith, Brian,

1. I'd like to put fundraising for St. Lawrence Green on the agenda soon. We don't need a "plan" in order to start raising money, and we ought to start accepting donations while people are excited about the idea.

I would argue we need to create a separate account for donations. If you both agree, I will put it on the agenda.

2. Some Kenilworth residents are very upset about a planned development below Harvest House. Maybe they have contacted you? They've asked me to ask you both if you have time to visit the site.

Meeting?

I'd like to meet with both of you (or each of you, separately) before long — to talk about how we can help each other move issues through Council. Do you have time? My schedule is quite flexible right now.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

-C

Ben Fulmer

From: Cecil Bothwell <cecil@braveulysses.com> on behalf of Cecil Bothwell
Sent: Saturday, December 26, 2015 6:41 AM
To: keithyoung@avlcouncil.com;brianhaynes@avlcouncil.com
Subject: Two issues and a meeting some time?

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Ben Fulmer

From: Cecil Bothwell <cecil@braveulysses.com> on behalf of Cecil Bothwell
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2015 10:53 AM
To: Jillian Wolf
Cc: Randal Pfleger (via Google Docs); Mary Lou Kempf; councilgroup
Subject: Re: St. Lawrence Green letter to the City

Hi Jillian,

I'm copying this to all members of City Council.

The process for decision making about St. Lawrence Green has been handed to the Planning and Economic Development Committee (Councilwoman Gwen Wisler - chair).

Since that just occurred last night, no schedule for consideration will be available immediately.

Thanks for the input. The ABFPC is a clear stakeholder in this discussion.

-C

On Dec 9, 2015, at 10:48 AM, \jillian \wolf <bisoncrow@gmail.com> wrote:

Cecil, below is a brief letter we would like to offer up in support of edibles on the St Lawrence land plot. Where do we send it, and what is the deadline?

Jillian Wolf
ABFPC Land Use Cluster

Land Use Cluster of the Asheville Buncombe Food Policy Council

The Land Use Cluster, and the Asheville Buncombe Food Policy Council, is committed to advocating, supporting, and implementing policy to support food systems infrastructure in Asheville and Buncombe County. We foresee vibrant food system infrastructure (production, processing, and distribution facilities) throughout the city and county **on both private and public land**. We recognize that there are many competing possible land uses for the current parking and storage lot across from the Basilica and US Cellular Center. We urge decision-makers and stakeholders to consider the feasibility of including demonstration and production gardens, as well as small fruit plantings on the site, to be designed, installed, and maintained through collaborative community, volunteer, business, and COA efforts.