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From: Roderick Simmons <rsimmons@ashevillenc.gov> on behalf of Roderick Simmons
Sent: Friday, October 06, 2017 4:10 PM
To: Debbie Ivester; Cathy Ball; Kimberlee Archie
Cc: Recreation Advisory Board
Subject: Re: Meeting Notice: RAB Meeting 10/9/17
Attachments: APRD Annual Metric Performance 2017-18.pdf; APRD Equity Matrix 7 year Facility Investments Schedule.pdf; APRD Equity Matrix Scoring Criteria.pdf; APRD Equity Matrix Scoring Process.pdf; APRD Equity Presentation 2016 part I.pdf; APRD Equity Presentation 2016 part II-The Matrix.pdf; APRD Focus Area -Equity _ Planning.pdf; APRD Investment Highlights 2010-16.pdf; APRD Racial Equity Action Plan 2016-2020.pdf; APRD Equity Matrix Facility Ranking.pdf; Equity Cost Recovery.pdf; GARE-Racial_Equity_Toolkit.pdf; Park Districts by Census-Neighborhood-Facility.pdf; RacialJusticeImpactAssessment_v5.pdf

Recreation Advisory Board members,

I have attached the documents outlining the Departments Equity Program. This will be the information that I present to you on Monday at the Advisory Board Meeting.

Thanks

Roderick

On Wed, Oct 4, 2017 at 1:38 PM, Debbie Ivester <divester@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:
Hello RAB members and staff

The next RAB meeting will be Monday, October 9 at 12:30 pm in City Hall in the 1st floor conference room. Please see the attached meeting materials. Please let me know in advance if you will not be able to attend this meeting.

This is the special called meeting specifically to hear the presentation on the City's capital improvement program as it pertains to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Thanks and look forward to seeing you at the meeting.
Debbie

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From: Sarah Terwilliger <sterwilliger@ashevillenc.gov> on behalf of Sarah Terwilliger
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2017 10:18 AM
To: councilgroup
Subject: P&Z Interviews-- please respond
Attachments: P&Z Final Packet.pdf

Mayor and Council members,

Attached please find the application packet with essay responses for the current P&Z vacancies. There are 3 eligible seats, in which one member, Laura Berner Hudson is eligible and interested in reappointment.

There are 7 candidates, including Ms. Hudson. Please send me your top THREE recommendations for interviews to be conducted prior to the 10/3 Council Meeting by next **Monday, 9/11 at 5:00**. I will then compile the results for the Bds/Comm review and recommendation at the upcoming 9/12 meeting. Also, because Ms. Hudson is an incumbent she will automatically get an interview, please do not include her in your top 3.

Please let me know if you should have any questions.

Thanks!
Sarah

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From: Maggie Burleson <MBurleson@ashevillenc.gov> on behalf of Maggie Burleson
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 3:51 PM
To: Brian Haynes; Cecil Bothwell; Esther Manheimer; Gordon Smith; Gwen Wisler; Julie Mayfield; Keith Young
Subject: Draft 8-22-17 Minutes
Attachments: Minutes 2017-AUG-22.pdf

Please feel free to e-mail me any changes by Noon on Wednesday, September 6.

Thanks!
Maggie

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From: Peter Landis <peterlandis1949@gmail.com> on behalf of Peter Landis
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 11:28 PM
To: councilgroup
Subject: Attempted hijacking

To the Council (including Mr. Bothwell):

As you can see from his own press release, Councilman Bothwell is attempting to hijack the duties of legitimate governmental authorities to determine the future of the Haywood Street property by insinuating his own so-called "foundation" into the process. And by misrepresenting the findings of the Haywood Visioning panel.

I would call it an attempted coup.

I call on the Council to censure Councilman Bothwell for interfering with your regulatory duties.

--Peter Landis
(Enclosure)

Press Release: People's Park Foundation/Nelson Byrd Woltz collaboration

ASHEVILLE - On Saturday, July 15th, Members of the board of the People's Park Foundation (PPF) met with landscape architects Thomas L. Woltz and Ian Quate to discuss design options for the future park at the intersection of Haywood Street and Page Avenue in downtown Asheville. Woltz and Quate grew up in Waynesville and Asheville respectively, but currently work at Nelson Byrd Woltz Landscape Architects (NBWLA) in New York City and Charlottesville, VA.

The firm has designed prize winning public parks in 25 states, New Zealand and Australia, and embraces a relatively unique approach to their work. Woltz explained that they design based on site history and local soil, and create self contained projects that capture and use stormwater to support interconnected tree planting wells that permit the growth of an urban forest. They emphasize native plants and even urban agriculture if a site's size and setting are appropriate.

The People's Park Foundation was formed by Asheville City Councilman Cecil Bothwell earlier this summer to move ahead with activation of the space across from the Civic Center and the Basilica of St. Lawrence – a goal announced in May 2016 at the outset of the Haywood Visioning Process, but never pursued during that effort. Bothwell notes, "PPF is modeled on The Friends of Congress Square, a Portland, Maine, organization that has created hundreds of public events in a similar fledgling park without any demand for municipal funds." During the meeting Woltz observed that in his experience cities don't remove buildings to create parks, so the fact that Asheville owns the vacant Haywood/Page properties offers a very special opportunity to create a new public space.

Coupled with the historic use of a site, NBWLA appraises the current expectations of local residents and then creates a public space that significantly engages a city's population. A core ethic of their company is to create public spaces that address environmental issues as well as public uses. You can check out the company philosophy here. <http://www.nbwla.com/firm/philosophy>

One very helpful piece of advice Woltz offered during a second informal site meeting on Sunday, July 16th, was that the City of Asheville would do well to put a hold on planned stormwater improvements on Haywood Street in the Pack Library/Civic Center area until the park is created. An environmentally sensitive design should handle, on site, all of the stormwater on the Haywood/Page property. Woltz suggested, "Why send it to the river if there's a way to use the water where it falls?"

"This meeting between the People's Park Foundation and NBWLA to advance this project makes me hopeful about the progress we're making," Bothwell observed. He added, "A short list of near term activities we're considering

includes yoga, tai chi, knitting in public, popular science and local history lectures, story telling, hopscotch competitions, reading for kids, music performance, plein air painting and slam poetry. We have submitted a formal proposal to the City of Asheville to begin programming the park this August.”

PPF Board members include; John Russell, Director of the Montford Park Players; Ellie Richard, founder of Education for Engaged Citizens and organizer of the annual Americans Who Tell the Truth project at the YMI Cultural Center; Ron Ogle, a local portraitist and landscape painter; Elaine Lite, publisher of Critter Magazine and founding member of Mountain Voices Alliance; Jay Fields, who currently serves as a member of Asheville’s Public Art and Culture Commission, and has previously served as a board member of the Southern Appalachian Repertory Theatre, and Stories on Asheville’s Front Porch; and Asheville City Councilman Cecil Bothwell, who is up for re-election this November, and who also serves on the boards of Projecto de las Escuelas Guatemaltecas and Biblioworks.org building libraries and schools in Guatemala and Bolivia.

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From: Keith Young <keithyoung@avlcouncil.com> on behalf of Keith Young
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 8:42 AM
To: dwaters@unca.edu
Subject: Fwd: Human Relations Commission...
Attachments: HRC Benchmark.pdf; City Equity Programs Inventory Attachment A 8-09-16 (1).docx; Equity and Diversity Office Framework 8-9-16 Governance Comm.docx; equity in planning.docx

Here is some brief info to look at and I will give you a call to give you better context. I sent this to Dr. Mullen as well.

-Keith Y.

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From: **Keith Young** <keithyoung@avlcouncil.com>

Date: Tue, May 23, 2017 at 3:46 PM

Subject: Human Relations Commission...

To: Dwight Mullen <dbmullen@unca.edu>

Dr. Mullen,

Here is some additional information. This board should work with the new equity department

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From: Keith Young <keithyoung@avlcouncil.com> on behalf of Keith Young
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 3:47 PM
To: Dwight Mullen
Subject: Human Relations Commission...
Attachments: HRC Benchmark.pdf; City Equity Programs Inventory Attachment A 8-09-16 (1).docx; Equity and Diversity Office Framework 8-9-16 Governance Comm.docx; equity in planning.docx

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From: Maggie Burleson <MBurleson@ashevillenc.gov> on behalf of Maggie Burleson
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 1:29 PM
To: Brian Haynes; Cecil Bothwell - Email; Esther Manheimer; Gordon Smith; Gwen Wisler; Julie Mayfield; Keith Young
Subject: Draft Jan 10 Minutes
Attachments: m170110.pdf

Please let me know if you'd like any changes by Wed. January 18 at Noon.

Thanks!
Maggie

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From: Keith Young <keithyoung@avlcouncil.com> on behalf of Keith Young
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2016 1:35 PM
To: Dwight Mullen
Subject: Re: Meeting Tomorrow
Attachments: 2016 Council Priorities Staff Report and Reso.docx; City Equity Programs Inventory Attachment A 8-09-16.docx; Equity and Diversity Office Framework 8-9-16 Governance Comm.docx; Equity case studies Attachment B 8-09-16.docx; HRC Benchmark.pdf; New B - Council Priorities.pdf

I still need your help can we schedule a time to meet. The city is forming a Human Relations Commission. I am essentially spearheading these task. We have to form this thing from the ground up and I need to get it right before I possibly leave for County Commission. I am attaching information that can be useful to our conversation. I would like for you to be one of the architects of this endeavor I have also enlisted Meghann Burke of the campaign for Southern Equality I will attach her Ideas as well. Thanks and let me know when is a good time to meet. I have to have something drafted to present in committee by October 11th. PLEASE REPLY WITH YOUR CELL NUMBER in the next email so your number doesn't get bounced on my new phone
-Keith Y.
828-318-12-63

On Fri, Sep 9, 2016 at 3:23 PM, Dwight Mullen <dbmullen@unca.edu> wrote:

Please accept my apologies for being absent at such an important time. Moving back into the classroom after my "sabbatical" was tough. It would be nice to have coffee with you. Much has happened since we last talked.

At your convenience,
Dwight Mullen

On Thu, Sep 1, 2016 at 10:21 AM, Keith Young <keithyoung@avlcouncil.com> wrote:

Dr. Mullen,

This is short notice but I wanted to invite you to a meeting with me tomorrow Friday Sept 2 at noon in City Hall room 209. I will discuss the Office of Equity and Diversity and the Human Relations Commission. All coming up on Sept 6th in our strategic goals. Sorry for the short notice but this is big and I need support. I hope you can make it.

-Keith Y.

Ben Fulmer

From: Gary Jackson <GJackson@ashevillenc.gov> on behalf of Gary Jackson
Sent: Monday, August 08, 2016 2:08 PM
To: dmullen@unca.edu;'Deborah Miles';mgrant@unca.edu
Cc: councilgroup;Dawa Hitch
Subject: FW: Asheville Equity
Attachments: Equity and Diversity Office Framework 8-9-16 Governance Comm.docx; City Equity Programs Inventory Attachment A 8-09-16.docx; Equity case studies Attachment B 8-09-16.docx

Given your considerable interest, I am sending you an update on the City of Asheville equity initiatives.

On Tuesday, August 9 at 3:00 p.m., the Governance subcommittee of Council will meet to review a draft of Council's 2016-17 strategic goals, including the multiple goals aimed at improving equity in operations, policy and community. Attached are the city staff reports prepared to facilitate the committee's planning:

1. An outline for a new Equity Office, including action plans related to proposed City Council strategic goals
2. An inventory of ongoing city equity programming and community partnerships
3. A summary of initiatives from benchmarked municipalities

The role of the committee will be to review where we have been as a municipal organization, where we are now and where we want to go in the next two to three years. Following committee review, the strategic goals of Council will be scheduled for possible approval at a future regular meeting of the full Council.

I hope this is helpful information and updates you on the positive, proactive steps being taken by the City of Asheville.

Gary