

Ben Fulmer

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: Susan Haynes <shaynes@ashevillehabitat.org> on behalf of Susan Haynes
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 2:09 PM
To: brianhaynes@avlcouncil.com
Subject: gentrification
Attachments: vrtunskiFINALProposal_AvIGent.pdf

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We build **strength**, **stability** and **self-reliance** through shelter.

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From: Cecil Bothwell <cecilbothwell@gmail.com> on behalf of Cecil Bothwell
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 11:02 PM
To: Peter Landis
Cc: councilgroup
Subject: Re: Attempted hijacking

Oh my.

I've composed a group willing to enlist others, at no expense to the City, to create the "quick, light, cheap" events that the Project for Public Spaces suggested in May 2016 ...

While the Downtown Association and LEAF and the Asheville Arts Council and others create events THAT COST THE CITY MONEY.

But my suggestions are suspect?

You are really completely either uninformed or nuts.

-C

On Jul 18, 2017, at 5:02 PM, Peter Landis <peterlandis1949@gmail.com> wrote:

A well-crafted reply, Councilman, but not a response.

Let's take this point by point.

First, most of those who replied to the survey seeking input on the future of the Haywood Street location indicated they favored some sort of "mixed use" applications for the site. "Mixed use". Not "exclusive use". Like most others, I would also like to see "plein air painting, yoga, history talks" even hopscotch competitions (how about you vs me?) and other outdoor activities. I suppose that puts me into the subversive camp as well.

Second, are you really saying that the only way for the public to enjoy city-owned property is by creating a park and nothing else? Not very imaginative. How about green space AND a low-rise, LEED certified green *building* that could serve as a center for environmental studies (your professors might like that idea) along with, perhaps, rental space for environmentally-oriented businesses and non profits. The public might like that, too.

Third, while I have great respect for the people you've chosen for your foundation, it does smack of FDR-style court packing. No need for diversity of opinion, just shared vision. Isn't that a charge you flung at the Haywood Visioning team?

And as I mentioned before, your vision is not as widely shared as you would have everyone believe. When you made "St. Lawrence Green" the election rallying cry, you succeeded--if that's the word--in attracting fewer than one out of five registered voters to the polls. Not exactly the overwhelming support you claim.

As you know from previous email exchanges, I do share your view on at least one critical issue facing Asheville--the affordable housing crisis.

But you're using the park issue as a tool to try to further your power in the Council. I find that unfortunate. No. Make that...disheartening.

--Peter

On Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 3:24 PM, Cecil Bothwell <cecilbothwell@gmail.com> wrote:
Mr. Landis

For my non-profit to recruit a yoga instructor, a tai chi leader, a local knitting club to knit in public, some local professors to present popular science, natural history and Asheville history talks, a children's education expert to work on reading in public and a kid's activity group to do hopscotch competitions, talking with buskers to organize some music

All seems so evil and manipulative. Oh, yes. Taking over a public space.

Oh, dear, working with the Asheville Artists Yahoo group to suggest plein air painting. Subversive as can be. And I admit, the idea that Asheville folks might do coloring in public, as groups do in many other cities ... terribly scary.

Clearly an effort to seduce the public into enjoying city owned property. Dastardly as heck.

Guilty as charged.

-C

On Jul 18, 2017, at 9:20 AM, Peter Landis <peterlandis1949@gmail.com> wrote:

Mr. Bothwell,

Whether stated specifically or implied, in permitting outside organizations to plan activities for (do you mean "at"?) the Haywood location, it would seem the Council's objective was to encourage *non-governmental* entities to play a role. Not for a current member of said Council to--I'll say again--attempt to hijack the process by forming his own hand-picked "NGO".

As you say, "anyone can meet with anyone in the U.S. to discuss anything at anytime". But (as we've seen in the case of Donald Trump Jr). that doesn't necessarily mean those meetings are wise or helpful in forwarding the common good.

And isn't it "astonishingly stupid" to push for *only* a park for the Haywood site, when a majority of survey respondents indicated they are open to other possibilities as well?

With your push-poll and selective interpretation of election results (in which only about 10% of registered voters bothered to cast ballots when you made the Haywood site a rallying cry) you've already shown a proclivity for manipulation. Your People's Park Foundation is just another example.

Regards,

--Peter Landis

On Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 5:21 AM, Cecil Bothwell <cecilbothwell@gmail.com> wrote:

Mr. Landis,

Council has approved a process of permitting organizations to plan activities for 68 Haywood. Forming a non-profit organization that will qualify for partnership with the City is the legal way that is done. Just as the Downtown Association, LEAF and other non-profits contract with the City to offer events, PPF and a dozen other entities have put in bids to activate 68 Haywood St.

As for meeting with a landscape architecture firm to explore possibilities ... it is my distinct impression that anyone can meet with anyone in the U.S. to discuss anything at anytime. In our case, we are seriously considering a fundraising campaign to garner private dollars for redevelopment of the vacant land. With a possible goal of raising millions of dollars, I think it would be astonishingly stupid not to get some idea of what is possible and what it might cost.

Thanks for your concern,

-c

On Jul 17, 2017, at 11:27 PM, Peter Landis
<peterlandis1949@gmail.com> wrote:

To the Council (including Mr. Bothwell):

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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: 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