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Sent: 8/8/2018 2:04:55 PM
To: Cathy Ball <cball@ashevillenc.gov>
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Subject: Fwd: City Zoning

I know there is a community meeting tomorrow but can we get clarity on the zoning violations at issue here? I thought it was only the camping.

Julie

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Andrew Rainey <andrew.istanbul001@gmail.com>
Date: August 8, 2018 at 11:24:51 AM EDT
To: Julie Mayfield <juliemayfield@avlcouncil.com>
Subject: Re: City Zoning

Thanks Julie,

Just to confirm then, why did Kairos and Firestorm receive a 30 day notice to close down the needle redistribution program and 12 Baskets? Has it been decided that these programs encourage the zoning issues with people camping in the garden?

On Sun, Aug 5, 2018 at 4:57 PM, Julie Mayfield <juliemayfield@avlcouncil.com> wrote:

Hi Andrew – There is no problem with the zoning for 12 Baskets and Kairos West. The problem is with the camping that has been occurring on the property, which is not allowed. My understanding is that the businesses have agreed the camping will stop and that the surrounding businesses will be working together to address other issues. We all understand the value that 12 Baskets and Kairos West bring to our city.

Thanks for your email.

Julie

From: Andrew Rainey [mailto:andrew.istanbul001@gmail.com]
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Subject: City Zoning

Greetings City Council members,

I'm writing to you all in regard to the zoning consideration surrounding Kairos West.

12 Baskets is an excellent space that offers high quality food, previously destined for dumpsters, in a space available for anyone. Not only is this a great example of reducing waste and feeding all community members (myself included), but this space offers room for community connection that is unseen anywhere else in town that opens up conversation across socio-economic lines that is not available elsewhere. It does not function as a homeless camp and despite the recent article depicting it as such, I can say wholeheartedly that it is a space that I have come to appreciate and value as a local taxpayer, voter and community participant.

I hope that you all recognize the value of this location and help it flourish. This could perhaps involve a conversation with Kairos, Firestorm and surrounding community members about what can make the place feel safe. Examining community policing rather than adversarial relationships to the space and working with the wonderful people of our community would be a huge benefit.

First things first though -we need zoning for public spaces and places like 12 Baskets and Kairos West in our urban center of West Asheville.

Thank you,

Andrew Rainey