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Six candidates and the park

After a grueling primary, six candidates remain standing in the Asheville city council election.,

Five of them are supporters on a park on the land across from the Basilica.

Congratulations to all of you who worked so hard to get a park on that land-- victory is in sight! You have convinced most of the candidates to support green space.

All of you who wrote letters to the editor, signed petitions, and put St. Lawrence Green signs in your yard -- your support and work has paid off. Now we can take down that the removable wall, restore the natural contour of the hill, and plant some trees.

Most candidates for Council now get it!

Vijay Kapoor, Sheneika Smith, Kim Roney, Rich Lee, and Dee Williams all said they favor a park.



Remember, we have two staunch park supporters already elected to council, **Keith Young and Brian Haynes**, [*so we'll have a pro-park majority after the election.*](#)

Vice Mayor Gwen Wisler say she supports the vision of the Haywood Street Task Force.

[You can read about that report here.](#)

In the mayor's race, **Nathan Ramsey** favors a park, while **Mayor Esther Manheimer** favors mixed use.

Park supporter **Cecil Bothwell** lost his primary. Voters say his attacks on Clinton (and leaving the Democratic Party) turned them off.

We in PARC thank Cecil for his tireless work for more green space, even as we disagreed with him about Clinton and distributed thousands of Hillary signs city-wide. Maybe you had one in your yard?

Those who like to parse election returns for trends will enjoy Justin Nemon's [statistical analysis of the 2015 election](#).

You might also enjoy [a brief history of the fight for the park](#) dating back to 2005.

Remember to vote November 7th!

-The folks at PARC.



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