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David, Wanda and Jon,

It was great to see you last night. I appreciate all of the hard work that you are doing for the citizens of the city of Asheville and Buncombe County on the economic development front.

I did not get the opportunity to personally invite you to attend the workshop described below. The purpose of this workshop is to develop partnerships with community leaders that ensure that all members of our community benefit from new development.

I realize that you may not be able to attend for the full day. Any level of time you could commit to the workshop would be appreciated.

We expect folks from Mission, Duke, the Housing Authority, AB Tech, New Belgium as well as community leaders to be in attendance.

Please let me know if you have additional questions.

My best,
Cathy

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You're invited to an Upcoming Workshop on Supporting Equitable Development in Asheville

The City of Asheville invites you to an upcoming **workshop on July 17** to generate new ideas for how to help ensure that all community members share the benefits of new development in our city.

The workshop includes a community meeting and action-planning workshop. A Thursday, June 16 community meeting is an opportunity for anyone to come and learn more about equitable development and to share their ideas. The Friday June 17 workshop will engage a smaller group of people that represent all the stakeholder groups within the community. At the workshop they will help identify the right strategies to support equitable development and how best to implement them.

Your knowledge of Asheville is needed to help make this event a success. You are encouraged to attend and share your thoughts about the community's needs and goals.

The workshop is supported by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities program. Asheville is one of 22 communities in 18 states that are receiving assistance this summer through the Building Blocks program. To learn more about the Building Blocks program, please visit <http://www2.epa.gov/smart-growth/building-blocks-sustainable-communities>.

Some important information about the workshop is provided below.

- **Who:** Neighborhood leaders, major employers, developers, local residents, and elected officials; and federal agency representatives are expected to attend the workshop. Facilitators from the Renaissance Planning team, EPA's lead consultants in equitable development education and training, will lead the workshop.
- **What:** The workshop will include discussions on challenges and specific opportunities related to equitable development, informative presentations, and working sessions that will lead to new ideas and implementable strategies.
- **Community Meeting (open to the public):** Thursday, July 16th from 6:00 – 7:30 PM at the Dr. Wesley Grant Sr. Southside Community Center
- **Friday Workshop (by invite):** Friday, July 17 from 9 AM – Noon and 1:00 – 3:30 PM (lunch will be provided), at the Eddington Center, 133 Livingston Street.
- **Please RSVP:**
Contact Sasha Vrtunski at (828) 259-5560, svrtunski@ashevillenc.gov or
Tara Irby at 828-232-4599, tirby@ashevillenc.gov to RSVP for the Friday workshop

Your expertise, experience, and enthusiasm for Asheville will help make the workshop a success!

Best,
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