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Good morning, Councilpersons Smith, Young, and Haynes!

Here are my notes on this week's agenda:

1. Consent Agenda:

B. Regarding the Tuk It franchise agreement: Endorsement at the MMTC passed with only my vote as a nay. Staff noted that these agreements are a way to regulate, and that without the agreement, the company *may* be able to operate regardless. We suggested that the language of the agreement include bikes as well as not impeding vehicular traffic. \*\*I voted against it because it is another company offering tours that uses our traffic lanes for profit, and having experienced issues with the pub cycle and grey line trolley, I don't think we need more. I hear many concerns about the pub cycle, and I don't know how adding more, similar tours for tourists on our roads is going to help us address issues on our roads.

D. Glad to see the tactical urbanism project moving forward!

G. This was brought forward at the MMTC. Once again, I add that we can call it an "equity-based" group, but if the membership of the task force doesn't reflect the people of Asheville, we cannot move this forward responsibly. Let me know if you'd like more notes on other cities findings, especially on how vision zero is being used for racial-bias during traffic stops for cyclists and pedestrians. We do not have a good track record. Design, yes; enforcement, very carefully.

H. Oh my. The additional expense is small. The original expense seems high, and it'd be encouraging to see a number that reflected an actual expense. I hope there are receipts for consultant company travel expenses.

2. Presentations and Reports

A. EMT update: This may be a great next step in getting folks the help they need without increased APD presence. Given the 117 interactions, that means the 4% of concerned citizens were at least 4, and I hope the presentation goes into detail. It also looks like at least 2 of the interactions were farther down Patton, so if it's not addressed in the presentation, it may be good to ask if those were solicited interactions.

3. Public Hearings

C. As a general rule: please, please, please vote "no" for all zoning changes that move from density housing to lodging, even if it is conditional. It does not set a solid precedent, and until there is comprehensive overhaul of STR policy, constantly moving the line to rezone for lodging is going to weave a map of micro hotels across the whole city. I find it surprising the Joe, an advocate for Smart Towns and density housing, is the contact for this. I know the Greenlife/Whole Foods grocery situation has totally screwed over home owners on that block, and understand that may earn your vote of approval. Keep in mind that they have *not* agreed to ensure that at least one unit will remain available for long-term use.

D. This location is across the bridge from the neighborhood side of Brevard, but a hotel will have an impact on the neighborhood side. Once again, we need housing density. The transit, pedestrian, and greenway infrastructure seem appropriate. As a general rule, it would be great to have a draft motion to both approve and deny on every conditional zoning item.

4. Board and Commissions: Looks like you've got a couple good folks for Public Art! I'll put the word out about the West Asheville seat for NAC.

Peace and health,  
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