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Hi Brooke - yes, I was supportive of the BID. I believe there are more than 50 business improvement districts in the state of North Carolina. It's a great concept for managing a downtown. The sticking points were the additional property tax that would have to be paid by downtown property owners, what those funds would be spent on and who would decide how to spend the funds.  
Let me know if you have any questions.

On Mon, Apr 11, 2022 at 1:04 PM Brooke Randle <[brandle@mountainx.com](mailto:brandle@mountainx.com)> wrote:  
Hello Mayor Manheimer,

I'm putting together a short explainer piece about Asheville's Business Improvement District that was established in 2012. From what I understand, the tax wasn't actually implemented and the District's board was later disbanded.

Since Assistant City Manager Rachel Wood mentioned the BID in her presentation on downtown cleanliness, I was wondering if you could share what you remember about this proposal when it was being discussed - did you support the idea BID then- why or why not, what issues did folks have with it, and do you think this is something that Council should revisit to help address downtown cleanliness.

My deadline is **Friday, April 15.**

Thanks as always,  
Brooke



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