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...on that oversight on the City's job posting/website needing refreshing. And I'm not being sarcastic, a small thing like that can cause bigger problems.
Also saw your FB post (i don't twitter) about abolishing the TDA and all that can be done by those on Council is to use your position to bring attention to the need to change the law. I couldn't agree more, I've been saying that for years. At Council. You are right to point out that a percentage change in the distribution to the Tourism Product Development Fund is no change at all. Of course the verbiage "abolish the TDA" will immediately shot down as abolishing tourism altogether an overnight the city will look like 1983. That narrative is inevitable if #abolishtheTDA is the call. You need to show how this money is not in control of the people and that the things that some people are concerned with, cleanliness, is exacerbated by the 24/7/365 partytown Asheville is. More people=more garbage=more garbage cans, emptied more often, more brooms, dustpans, people to use them, and paid well with high expectations in performance. Keep the place clean, that has a cost and the people paying the tax, the tourists, are the ones who should have a gripe about where their money is going- but they don't know. I'm sure a lot of people overspend coming to Asheville and they expect better, after all, they paid for it right? The Hotel Tax should pay for more than just the invitations to the party, it needs to pay for the impact and that includes janitors and security. Hope you read that Tourism Gentrification chapter I sent Council. Hipsters like ourselves play a role in this too.
Of course this is more for Councilwoman Kilgore since she is the liaison to the TDA, and she's running for Senate. I'm glad to see you taking this up, as you did mention at a Council meeting when you were still a candidate that White women need to acknowledge how much of the advancement of social issues goes to white women first. The BCTDA's all-white problem is in an agency that's 80% female, and has been headed by a female most (?) of the time. The Chamber of Commerce is almost the same. The list of high-ranking females in Asheville is extremely long so there's no shortage of agencies you can demand accountability from. I hope to see that happen

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