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Sent: 5/12/2021 10:14:13 PM
To: Gwen Wisler <gwenwisler@avlcouncil.com>
Cc:
Subject: Re: Thanks for your comments...

Damn, I accidentally hit send, anyway I really loved Kim's reaction to my Happy Birthday but I was really struck by your comments concerning the new shelter shopping we are about to engage in...with zero public notice or engagement.

All sarcasm aside I"m really thankful that you brought that up. It's not in any progressive interest for the City of Asheville to provide for the homeless while letting Biltmore Forrest and Weaverville and Black Mountain off the hook. That shelter will be overflowing, always understaffed and the outlying towns will enjoy the benefits we provide. You are dead on that it requires a regional effort. Asheville, bless its bleeding heart, will only serve as a failure of liberal policy when we are the only town in the area that practices it (in theory). Then comes the increased need for policing because we will be attracting more of the most desperate people in the region. Build it and they will come. Works for restaurants, breweries, bee hives, bike paths, needle exchanges. My heart goes out to Manager Campbell. How many impossible tasks can we dump at her feet?

The fact that we had zero public discussion about this is infuriating isn't it? Twenty-five minutes conversation about astroturf, not a single member of the community cared enough to weigh in (emails notwithstanding), but oh the lack of community engagement on the topic. That issue is still unresolved and somehow, the same group is going to go into closed session to fix the houslessness, addiction and mental health epedemic, following a carbon neutral protocol off course.

Rant over, for now, thanks for taking a stand and I'm glad Councilwoman Mosley made it 5-2.

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On Wed, May 12, 2021 at 9:41 PM Jonathan Wainscott <jonwainscott@gmail.com> wrote:

> Hey Gwen,
> I turned the sound down after I made my birthday wishes to Council. I guess you missed the chuckles. I assume you had to take a few breaths and get your notes in order. I didn't see what you had said before going into closed session last night until this morning. Last night I was busy replaying the epic turf purchase, turf installation, turf design, turf equity discussion in slow motion. Sounds crazy but it really made everyone sound sloppy drunk so it really fit the topic well. You should try it. YouTube settings, playback speed .75.
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> Anyway, 25 full minutes (at regular speed, real time) of discussion about turf stripes. I felt your pain. So this morning I saw your comments because I had just let the video keep playing after re-watching the glorious response from Council
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