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Howdy and Happy Holidays to everyone. I came across this chapter in what I guess is the new textbook on issues of gentrification. It seems that the economic principles that involve gentrification and tourism are pretty universal. I know I usually chuckle when Asheville is compared to much bigger cities, like Patton Avenue being transformed into our Champs-Elysee, but this essay/article/chapter really does provide a laundry list of conditions here in Asheville. I don't think there is much that can be done at this point, in terms of reversing the efforts to make Asheville a tourist destination that began back in the 1920's with the Biltmore Estate trading access to the public for exemption from annexation, but maybe we can demonstrate how tourism should be avoided as an economic development plan for other cities that might care about gentrification.

This really is a great read, you should check it out.

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