From: Dana Frankel <dfrankel@ashevillenc.gov>
Sent: 2/22/2022 9:12:03 PM
To: Diana
Cc:
Subject: Re: Help Asheville Bears

Hi Diana,

This is a tough one. Part of the issue of placing trash receptacles is also working pick-up into operations. For the public street cans, we only have those downtown. There is long-standing interest from other commercial areas to add/expand those units, but we are not currently in a position to do that due to additional resource needs that would be required. Residents of course are responsible for managing (and paying for service) for their bins; similarly for businesses which commonly pay private vendors for servicing. I just can't see a realistic way on how this could be coordinated by the City, particularly on a temporary basis.

I do think there could be some opportunity to assist with camp clean-up in coordination with existing non-profits. I'd suggest reaching out to Homeward Bound - Mike oversees outreach (mike@homewardboundwnc.org) or Amy Cantrell with BeLoved who also organizes camp clean-ups and provides assistance to community members experiencing homelessness, (belovedasheville@gmail.com).

Hope this helps. Thanks for your interest and ideas for problem-solving.
Dana

On Tue, Feb 22, 2022 at 1:34 PM Diana <diana@wildthingsdwell.org> wrote:

> Hi Dana!
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> It’s been a minute. Happy Belated New Year.
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> I spoke to Mike DeSerio at Homeward Bound and he suggested I connect with you.
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> You likely saw a news report from 10 days ago about bears rummaging through a homeless encampment off Tunnel Road. Help Asheville Bears would like to help ensure the safety of campers and bears by placing trash receptacles in strategic areas at HAB’s expense.
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> We’re aware of APD’s new policy of dismantling camps within 24 hours, so it may not be practical to place receptacles but we would still like to discuss any solutions we can assist with. We know that public urination and defecation has also been problematic and we are open to placing porta-potties and hand-washing stations as well.
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> Please let me know your thoughts.
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> Thank you very much.
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> Kind regards,
> Diana

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