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ThanksÂ Kit.

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On Mon, May 10, 2021 at 3:42 PM Kit Cramer <kcramer@ashevillechamber.org> wrote:

Thanks again for agreeing to participate in Thursdayâ€™s town hall meeting on Responding to Homelessness.

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Desiree Monstrola just recently re-sent the Outlook invitation for the meeting via Zoom.Â **Please be prepared to sign on 10 minutes earlyâ€”10:50 a.m.) to ensure technology is functioning properly.**Â If you have any questions, please let us know.

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We have one hour for the meeting. Here is my suggestion for the order of the event and the questions we ask.Â If I have forgotten something or need to change wording, please let me know.

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I will **welcome** everyone and give a little **context** about the concerns expressed by business people as we begin to emerge from COVID-19, the emergence of camping and the Cityâ€™s subsequent decision to not allow it. I will also welcome audience members to put questions in the chat.

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Then I will **introduce the panelists. Please send me your preferred title.** And since we only have an hour, Iâ€™m going to keep the introductions short.

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Then Iâ€™ll ask the following questions and will allow each of you to speak up as you feel comfortable doing so.Â But Iâ€™m asking the person in parentheses to please be prepared to respond from the beginning.

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Q: Many folks have been camping during the pandemic. The City has said camping is a safety issue. What are the health and safety implications of people camping? (Blake)

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Q: How is the City addressing the homelessness situation, especially in relation to camping? (Cathy)

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Q: How is the relocation going? (Sue)

Q: As a business person, if I have someone who is sleeping in my doorway, or panhandling my customers or employees, or some other nuisance behavior is occurring, what approach should I take to addressing the situation?Â (Emily)

Q: How can business people help? (Emily)

Again, if there are things you think Iâ€™m missing or need to be re-worded, please email me and let me know.Â

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Thanks!

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