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Can't wait!Â
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On Mon, May 10, 2021, 3:42 PM Kit Cramer <kcramer@ashevillechamber.org> wrote:

Thanks again for agreeing to participate in Thursday'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 early(10:50 a.m.) to ensure technology is functioning property.**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 City'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, I'm going to keep the introductions short.

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Then I'll ask the following questions and will allow each of you to speak up as you feel comfortable doing so.Â But I'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? (Emily)

Q: How can business people help? (Emily)

Again, if there are things you think I'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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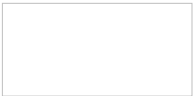
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