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Subject: Re: Homelessness virtual town hall
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

MuchÂ appreciated for the invite! Looking forward to it.Â

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On Fri, Apr 23, 2021, 1:52 PM Emily Ball <eball@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:

Hi all, we talked to Sue Polston earlier and she's available and glad to participate in this as well - I've copied her here.Â Thanks again for coordinating this conversation.Â Â

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On Wed, Apr 21, 2021 at 3:10 PM Emily Ball <eball@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:

Hi Kit,

That date and agenda work for me, and I'm looking forward to this - thanks for pulling it together!Â

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On Wed, Apr 21, 2021 at 10:58 AM Cathy Ball <cball@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:

Kit - Blake's email isÂ Blake.Fagan@mahec.net.

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On Wed, Apr 21, 2021 at 10:34 AM Kit Cramer <kcramer@ashevillechamber.org> wrote:

Emily, Iâ€™ve been talking with Cathy (two Balls gets confusing!) and weâ€™ve landed on May 13th at 11:00 a.m. for the town hall on Homelessness.Â Can you do that time?

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Cathy, do you have an email address for Blake Fagan at MAHEC?

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What Iâ€™m envisioning is a panel discussion where I start by setting the stage. After I introduce you guys, Cathy addresses the big picture of how the City is responding to Homelessness, as a safety issue, housing in hotels, creation of a low barrier shelter, putting additional intermediaries on the street to help channel people into services, etc.Â Then Blake reiterates the safety factors involved.Â Then Emily talks about the philosophy of dealing with people as people.

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Then I will come back and ask for specific recommendations on what businesses should do if they are having issues with nuisance behavior around homelessness, how they should approach the individual, who they should call, etc.

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Then weâ€™d talk about other steps that businesses could take to help, including hiring the homeless, supporting affordable housing and units dedicated for people exiting homelessness.

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Iâ€™d appreciate any thoughts or ideas you have about this approach.Â

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Also, Iâ€™d like to get pictures and brief bios from you as well.

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If you decide you want to use a PowerPoint, please let me know.Â

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Once youâ€™ve confirmed that you can participate we will end out a Zoom invitation.

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Thanks!

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