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Let me know if we can provide anything else.

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From: **Douglas R. Oeser** <doeser@ashevillenc.gov>
Date: Tue, Mar 22, 2022 at 11:29 AM
Subject: Re: Mecca of Beacons Phase 2
To: Chief David Zack <dzack@ashevillenc.gov>

Chief Zack,Â

Regarding Mr. Richardson's request for data identifying juvenile criminal activity and/or high crimes for all, I've attached a brief overview that summarizes the requested data by 2020 census block groups.Â

The first page shows which block groups have the highest counts of juvenile criminal activity for the past 5 years, which is any offender under the age of 18 at the time the crime was committed. Shoplifting was excluded because it would skew the activity towards commercialÂ areas. Crimes within 500ft of a school were excluded as well because 27% of the juvenile offenses are committed at schools and their inclusion would also skew the results.Â

For juvenile criminal activity, there are three highly active census block groups that have experienced 50-77 incidents over the past 5 years. One is in the northwestern portion of the city and is related to Eliada Home, a non-profit offering support for troubled youth. The next area is in West Asheville and centers on a public housing complex called Pisgah View Apts, which is also a location for a high volume of overall violent crime. The third is north of downtown and is heavily concentrated within the public housing complex called Hillcrest Apts.Â

The second page of the attachment shows where most Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Part I violent crime is committed. Violent crime is defined by the FBI's UCR program as aggravated assault, forcible rape, murder, and robbery. The two most active areas, which have seen 138-248 incidents over the past 5 years, were Pisgah View Apts and just south

of downtown near S French Broad Ave.Â

If any additional information is required, please let me know.Â

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On Mon, Mar 21, 2022 at 10:47 AM Chief David Zack <dzack@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:

Please gather the requested data. Thanks.

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From: **Mr. Richardson** <themecca3@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Mar 20, 2022 at 10:47 AM

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Happy Monday,

Hopefully you'll open this email Monday morning vs Sunday ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½. For your review, we are currently in Phase II of our process. I will need help obtaining the information listed below (A-C).

As for the event(s), my first goal is to organize a youth event based on result of the data above. The frame work of the first event is geared around sports skill development, career path exposure, and round table discussion with youth to hear/document their concerns.

(E-F)

Event proposal, goal check list will be discussed during our follow up meeting.

1. Phase II (2nd month) - diagnosing current state of city, establishing priorities, formulate program and focal areas of service. What is the most impactful â€œitâ€ to address concerns?
2.
 - a. Obtain data from APD identifying juvenile criminal activity and/or high crimes for all

- b. Obtain data from ACS identifying academic standards, suspension rate, and attendance
- c. Obtain data from Asheville Park & Recreation identifying existing programs and youth participation numbers
- d. Host 2 events educational (Youth & Adult)
 - Dates TBD
 - Budget for event
- e. Prepare budget for upcoming phases
- f. Create a Checklist for goals/outcomes (What does success look like? What are the measures?)

Looking forward to hearing from everyone,

Reginald Richardson

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