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Sent: 1/26/2022 10:17:37 AM
To: Jessica Morriss <jmorriss@ashevillenc.gov>
Cc: Clark Mackey <clark@ashevilleonbikes.com>, Mike Sule <mike@ashevilleonbikes.com>
Subject: Re: Merrimon photos

Hi Jessica,

Is this what you are looking for?

Transportation Commission City Council meeting.- March 24th, 2021 I was recently told by a friend about your upcoming meeting on March 24th and thought it was very important to share my experience with you. My name is Michelle but everyone calls me Gaia. I am a 65 yr old young woman and i moved to Asheville 3 yrs ago. I absolutely love Asheville and am thrilled to be living here! I found a beautiful apt in a lovely neighbourhood which is centrally located to everything i need in walking distance. This is a Big Plus for me as i do not drive. I am close to downtown ,W foods, T joes and Harris teeter, yoga studios etc. I walk to everything! On Nov. 11 i was on my way home from an evening walk on the west side of Chestnut crossing over Merrimon to the other side of Chesnut. I had the walking right and a woman also on chestnut turned in her car and struck me in the crosswalk. She was found to be at fault. Based on witnesses i was hit and then rolled off her car and hit the pavement. The Police, paramedic etc were there shortly and i was taken to the hospital. Many tests were taken. I sustained; * Multiply Facial Trauma* A banged up left knee* Busted bottom lip* Fractured Nose* Knocked out front teeth and semi dislocated right jaw* Concussion from TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury)* PTSD*Many more details which i will not list here- (you can check the police report) Its now 4 months later and although i have improved a lot i am not better but i am certainly functioning a lot better.I have seen the Trauma DrA NeurologistAn Internal Medicine Dr An Orthodontist DentistAn OphthalmologistMassage therapistMany medical test, including CT scans etc I have not been able to work, Eat properly, sleep well etc. it seems my whole life has been turned upside down and Its been challenging! But i am sure i will completely recover in time. One of the many great things that happened was how friends and neighbours came to my aid! I would really like to share how unsafe i have felt about Merrimon and Chesnut all these yrs since i moved here. I Just never thought something like this would happen to me. I want you to know that the status quo on Merrimon is very dangerous and expensive.Please use your authority to recommend changes for Merrimon that make it safe for many people like me who love to walk. SincerelyMichelle BudhaiPS- Just to be sure you receive this i will call also. Can you let me know that this was received and presented . PLEASE! and Thank you "Breathe in. . . Breathe out. . ." www.gaialivingarts.com www.synergyyoga.org www.wabisabiretreat.com

Mar 23, 2021 3:08 pm Gaia Budhai

Reply

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On Wed, Jan 26, 2022 at 9:56 AM Jessica Morriss <jmorriss@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:
I'm not sure if we still have the voicemail. Amy can you look for this?

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On Tue, Jan 25, 2022 at 4:19 PM Clark Mackey <clark@ashevilleonbikes.com> wrote:
Mike, Jessica,

The public comment is the one discussed here at a MMTC. It came in via phone message line as an official public comment:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tiCqo_jVCyO&t=304s

Mike is asking for the audio recording, which the committee did not play out loud.

Clark

On Tue, Jan 25, 2022 at 4:00 PM Mike Sule <mike@ashevilleonbikes.com> wrote:

Jessica,

On another note, what are the steps I would need to take to secure a copy of a call in public comment to a MMTC meeting? Last summer or fall, a women shared her experience of being hit by a car in the crosswalk on Merrimon.

I can dig to find the meeting date but how to I secure the women's comments?

Mike

On Tue, Jan 25, 2022 at 3:30 PM Clark Mackey <clark@ashevilleonbikes.com> wrote:

Jessica,

See the linked folder; I'm looking to see what else I can find. Hope these help!

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/faz7lpscldfocz1/AABVkgDjJHzQtnHokE8piwnwa?dl=0>

I have a couple of good fender bender photos in there from turning motions.

Sincerely,

Clark

On Fri, Jan 21, 2022 at 1:51 PM Clark Mackey <clark@ashevilleonbikes.com> wrote:

Let me see what I can find. I'll have a few.

Clark

On Thu, Jan 20, 2022 at 2:26 PM Jessica Morriss <jmorriiss@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:

Hi there, do you guys happen to have any photos of the crappy bike/ped situation on Merrimon? Preferably of people trying to bike or walk on Merrimon?

Jessica

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