

Minutes

Asheville City Council Public Safety Committee Meeting September 22, 2014 Training Room, Municipal Building

1. **Approval of the August Minutes** - The Committee unanimously approved the August minutes.
2. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Graffiti Update and Alternatives** – Greg Schuler, Public Works Director

Public Works Director Greg Schuler presented the status on the graffiti removal program initiated by Council last spring. The 90 day removal period in Step Two of the program is slated to end on October 1st and much of the funds remain unspent. Staff presented alternative options for closing out Step Two as an update before the issue went to Council.
3. **New Business:**
 - a. **Downtown Public Space Management Presentation** – Gary Jackson, City Manager and Paul Fetherston, Assistant City Manager

City Manager Gary Jackson and Assistant City Manager Paul Fetherston presented an overview of the history, regulations, and issues pertaining to the management of public space downtown. The overview included the current status of various issues and next steps. The Committee asked for guidance on animals and amplification, and discussed the potential for buskers to self-identify permitted locations.
 - b. **Noise Concerns at Ben’s Tune-up** – Chief William Anderson, APD

Chief Anderson updated the Committee on the status of noise complaints at Ben’s Tune-Up. Chairman Davis requested a Noise Ordinance review in October.
4. **Public Comment:**
 - a. Several members of the public spoke to the Committee about the issue of busking. A petition opposing the regulation of busking downtown was presented to the Committee. The City of London was discussed as a case study. And it was suggested to prohibit the amplification of sound during office hours.