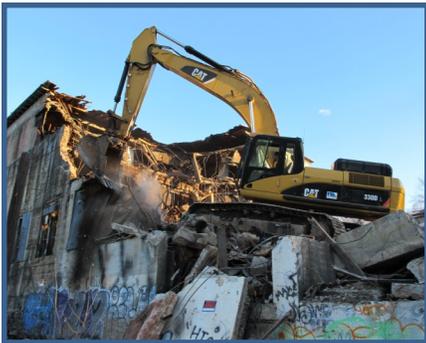


2013
Annual Report

AAARRC



Asheville Area Riverfront
Redevelopment Commission



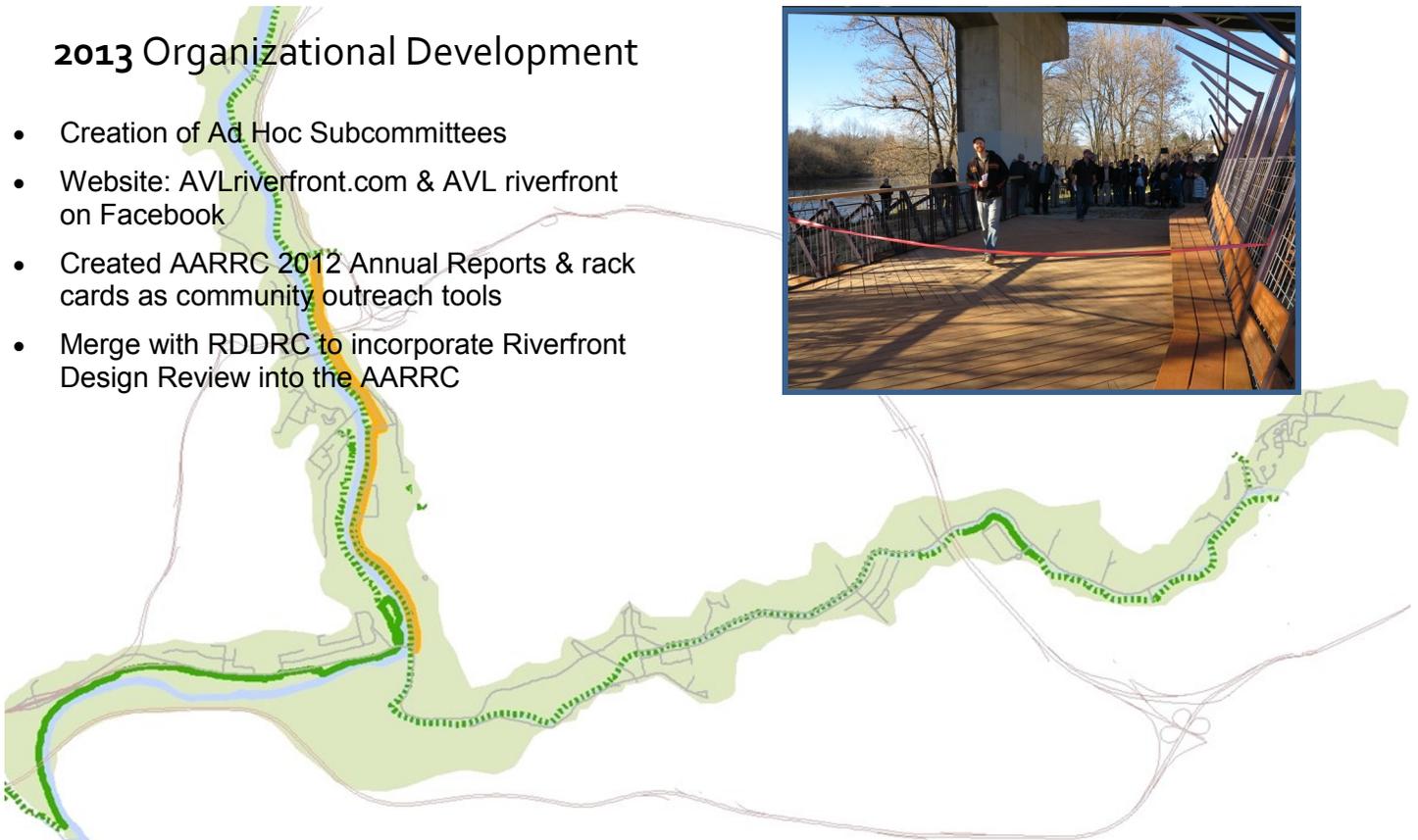
A City of Asheville Advisory Board Partnership with the Town of Woodfin, Buncombe County, Council of Independent Business Owners, River District Design Review Committee, Riverlink, and the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce to nurture regional riverfront redevelopment.

2013 Accomplishments

- Presentations to Asheville City Council & Buncombe County Commissioners.
- Worked with East of the Riverway federal partners & consultants to support the efforts of the Riverside Drive Development Plan.
- Published a Letter of support for the Regional Brownfields Initiative through the Land of Sky Regional Council.
- Published a Letter of Support for the construction of Asheville Design Center's Summer Intern Design Build Studio pedestrian bridge project.
- Worked successfully with WECAN, RADBA & RADA: to encourage the City of Asheville to preserve the Ice House landmark smoke-stack & to encourage the Riverlink demolition of the Cotton Mill Site at 159 Riverside Drive that was damaged by fire.
- Initiated change to the Buncombe County GIS to incorporate flood hazard zone information on property cards.
- Took Craggy Mountain Line trip to review riverfront progress in Town of Woodfin, NC.
- Participated in the Neighborhood Roundtable meetings with New Belgium Brewery
- Participated in Outreach: WABA, Asheville on Bikes' Bike Love & Strive Not to Drive Leadership Ride,
- Worked with Delphi Development's RAD Lofts concept thru to City Council approval
- Took our Annual Retreat to Greenville SC June 2013 to learn how they have brought effective focus to its Reedy River Falls waterfront.
- Worked with COA staff in support of RADTIP for funding & consultant selection.

2013 Organizational Development

- Creation of Ad Hoc Subcommittees
- Website: AVLriverfront.com & AVL riverfront on Facebook
- Created AARRC 2012 Annual Reports & rack cards as community outreach tools
- Merge with RDDRC to incorporate Riverfront Design Review into the AARRC



Recommendations

Resolution to Asheville City Council in support of the Conditional Use Permit for New Belgium Brewing's East Coast Expansion.

Recommended to City Council that COA staff work to identify dilapidated buildings/properties and enforce existing ordinances/statutes to reduce crime and encourage re-development.

Resolution to City Council providing development and design recommendations for RADTIP Phase One.

Resolution to City Council in support of moving Riverfront Design Review function to the AARRC.

Inclusion of Flood zone Y/N identification in Buncombe County Property Cards

Presentations Hosted

February 2013

- Presentation by COA's Robert Griffin on the City's dilapidated structure ordinance and minimum housing codes.
- WECAN's Rachel Larson provided information in support of the Asheville Design Center's Summer Intern Design Build Workshop's Pedestrian Bridge project.

March 2013

- Presentation by Lauren Bradley about the City's newly defined Economic Development Strategy.
- Report from the Asheville Police Department about their homeless campsite protocol on public/private land.

April 2013

- Presentation by Matt Logan about his new development of 233 Riverside Drive.
- Presentation by Randy Mundt from the NC Department of Public Safety on FEMA's flood maps and National Flood Insurance program.
- Report from Raymond Tracy of the City's Public Works Department on the CRS application process.

May 2013

- Informational presentation by Harry Pilos about the RAD Lofts development on the Dave Steel property at Clingman Avenue and Roberts Street.

July 2013

- Report from Shannon Tuch about the City's dilapidated and unsafe building policy and review process.
- Presentation by Tom Gallagher on the Riverside Drive Redevelopment Plan.

August 2013

- Presentation by Steven Lee Johnson of Site Works Studios on Greenway connections to the urban riverfront.

September 2013

- Presentation by Tom Gallagher & Elaine Carmichael on the economics of the Riverside Drive Development Plan.

October 2013

- Report by Shannon Tuch to update on dilapidated & unsafe building policy progress
- Presentation by Matt Sprouse & Harry Pilos of RAD Lofts project.

November 2013

- Report by Roderick Simmons, Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Arts Director, on multi-modal RFQ/P's on the riverfront.

December 2013

- Report by Tom Gallagher on the progress of the Riverside Drive Redevelopment Plan.





2014 Goals

- River Arts District Transportation Improvement Project (RADTIP)
- Riverside Drive Development Plan
- Communicate the AVL Riverfront

2013 Members

Chair • Patti Torno
Asheville City Council Appointee

Vice Chair • Joseph Ferikes
Asheville City Council Appointee

Ex-Officio Buncombe County Commission
David King

Ex-Officio City Council • Jan Davis

Ex-Officio River District Design Review Committee Chair
Terry Meek / Carleton Collins

Ricky Silver
Buncombe County Commission Appointee

Cindy Weeks • Asheville City Council Appointee

Karl Koon • CIBO Appointee

George Morosani • CIBO Appointee

Stephanie Brown
Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce Appointee

Pam Turner
Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce Appointee

Dan Hitchcock • Riverlink Appointee

Peter Sprague • Riverlink Appointee

Mayor Jerry Vahaun • Town of Woodfin Appointee

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Open Office hours are every third Thursday of the month, 3.00 to 5.00 pm at Asheville City Hall, 5th Floor Large Conference Room.

2014 Strategies & Work Plan

RADTIP

- Provide input to consultant team
- Monitor implementation of the project including completion of construction drawings
- Advise Asheville City Council and AARRC partner organizations on related policy issues including I-26, greenway connections, etc.

Riverside Drive Development Plan

- Encourage 14 Riverside Drive renovation & activation
- Work with COA staff on Form Based Code for RAD area
- Host multi commission educational meeting on RDDP
- Work with COA staff to integrate East of the Riverway Transportation Network planning efforts

Communicate the AVL Riverfront

- Engage with COA Riverfront infrastructure projects including Lake Craig/Azalea Road, Craven Street Infrastructure, New Belgium Brewery Greenway, Clingman Forest Greenway, Town Branch Greenway, River to Ridge Greenway, I-26, etc.
- Engage with new & current Riverfront Redevelopment projects including New Belgium Brewery, RAD Lofts, Smokey Park Supper Club at 233 Riverside Drive, Smokey Park Adventure Center, etc
- Interface with COA on Physical Conditions Initiative funding & policy
- Continue Networking Sub Committee stakeholder outreach
- Create AARRC Power Point Presentation to take on the road
- Organize an Annual State of the Riverfront Redevelopment Forum



AARRC meets the second Thursday of every month, 4.00 pm at the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce Board Room.