



Updated June 8, 2012

On Tuesday, May 29, 2012, Asheville City Council held a community meeting at the Public Works Building located at 161 S. Charlotte Street in downtown Asheville. Council Community Meetings are opportunities for area residents to share community-based feedback with City Council. They also provide opportunities for residents to learn about projects and initiatives taking place in their neighborhoods through presentations by city staff.

Council Community meetings occur periodically throughout the year, rotating locations throughout the city.

MEETING SUMMARY

Welcome and Introductions by Mayor Terry Bellamy

Operations [presentation](#) by Assistant City Manager Jeff Richardson

- Summary of Council-Manager form of government
- Financial impacts on the city
- Updates on Council strategic goals

Central City Project Spotlight [presentation](#) by Planning & Development Director Judy Daniel

- Public Investments
- Private Investments
- Public/Private Investments and Partnerships

Community input, questions and answers

During this portion of the meeting, the following questions and concerns were raised. Status updates will be available on this page so check back often!

Project Update, Concern, or Request	Status
Update on Haywood Street Property	
<p>Information on the process and current status of the city-owned Haywood Street property is available here: http://www.ashevillenc.gov/Portals/0/city-documents/communityrelations/progress/20120124_haywood_st_property.pdf.</p> <p>Plans to demolish the on-site buildings have been put on hold until a developer is identified or the property is sold.</p>	COMPLETE

Concern about Brewgrass Festival at MLK Park and request for it to be moved to a new location	
Action Item: Staff will prepare a summary report of the process for permitting the event, next steps and future alternative locations. Information will be posted and shared with neighborhood groups.	IN PROGRESS
Request for relocation of Water Maintenance facility at 174 S. Charlotte Street due to noise levels	
Action Item: Staff to prepare memo/report. Information will be posted and shared with neighborhood groups.	IN PROGRESS
What terminates the grandfathering of an existing digital billboard?	
The expiration of the contract agreement under which the existing digital billboard was erected will terminate its status of being grandfathered.	COMPLETE
Concern about prostitution in the South French Broad area.	
Action Item: Staff to prepare memo/report. Information will be posted and shared with neighborhood groups.	IN PROGRESS
Concern about traffic near the Middle School during school hours	
Action Item: Staff to prepare memo/report. Information will be posted and shared with neighborhood groups.	IN PROGRESS
Concern shared about inclusion of African American residents in planning processes. Eagle Market Place project was used as an example.	
City staff will continue minority community outreach and inclusion of all Asheville residents and stakeholders interested in participating in governmental processes. The Community Relations Division of the City Manager's Office is available to both answer process questions and assist with addressing community concerns. Contact Marsha Stickford at mstickford@ashevillenc.gov for more information.	ONGOING
Information about the process for the Eagle Market Place project will be available on the city's Progress Page in the near future.	IN PROGRESS