



Downtown Public Space Management



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Timeline

2016

June 22 – Forum at Public Safety Committee, 3 pm at US Cellular Center

April 5 – Stakeholders Meeting

2015

March 15 – Process meeting with Chairs of Downtown-related committees

December 15 – Stakeholder Meeting

October 26 – Report at Public Safety Committee

Fall – Report at Public Safety Committee

September 22 - Small group stakeholder meeting

August 24 - Staff report to Public Safety Committee

June 1 - Public Safety Committee, Updates on ordinances for street performances and sidewalk vending

April 27 - Public Safety Committee, Report on status of street performance and sidewalk vending ordinances

January through end of March - ADA and buskers meet to review potential changes to local street performer ordinances

2014

December 16 - ADA Buskers Forum

September through December - ADA works with Busker's Collective to study concerns related to street performances in CBD

September 22 – Public Safety Committee update on Downtown Enhancement Plan

September 17 - ADA convened the first meeting with stakeholders about public safety issues associated with street performers

What's Happening Now

The City Council Public Safety Committee will host a forum to consider updated staff proposals regarding Downtown Public Space Management on Wednesday June 22 at 3:00 p.m. in the Banquet Hall of the US Cellular Center. The proposals follow work with and input from a stakeholders group that included representatives from businesses, residents and street performers.

The agenda for the meeting will include the presentation of a Staff Report on recommendations for the implementation of proposals developed during a series of meetings of city staff and downtown stakeholders. Please find the documents below. Chairs of several downtown-related Boards/Commissions as well as members of the stakeholders group will be invited to participate in a discussion on proposed. Chairs will be asked to provide input based on its respective body's perspective.

Immediately following conclusion of the Forum, the PSC will meet to consider taking action or providing staff direction. It is anticipated that opportunities for public comment will be available at the PSC meeting.

Why It's Happening

Downtown Asheville is a bustling and vibrant place. The unique mix of uses contributes to a unique atmosphere appreciated by residents and out-of-town visitors alike.

Placemaking is one of the tools local governments use to engage the community in sustaining an area's character. Its key attributes include (a) sociability; (b) uses and activities; (c) access and linkages; and (d) comfort and image. A successful 'place' is a reflection of a community's effort to create an appropriate balance of these important components. The challenge and importance of taking steps to balance the various components becomes all the more important as the number of people and uses in downtown Asheville grows.¹

¹"What is Placemaking?" Project for PublicPlaces, www.pps.org/reference/what_is_placemaking/.

Supporting Information

[June 22, 2016 Forum documents](#)

[April 5, 2016 Meeting presentation and map](#)

[Input from December 15, 2015 meeting](#)

[Input from September 22, 2015 Meeting](#)

[Additional input from Asheville Buskers Collective](#)

[September 22, 2014 Downtown Enhancement Plan Update](#)

[April 27, 2015 Public Safety Committee Staff Report](#)

[June 1, 2015 Public Safety Committee Staff Report](#)

[August 24, 2015 Public Safety Meeting Packet](#)

[Public Space Management Presentation](#)

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