

Tuesday, July 29, 1997 - 7:00 p.m.

North Asheville Community Center

Community Meeting

Present: Mayor Russell Martin, Presiding; Vice-Mayor Barbara Field; Councilman M. Charles Cloninger; Councilman Edward C. Hay Jr.; Councilman Thomas G. Sellers; Councilman James J. Skalski; and Councilman Charles R. Worley; City Attorney Robert W. Oast Jr.; City Manager James L. Westbrook Jr.; and City Clerk Magdalen Burleson

Absent: None

Mayor Martin said that he hoped the new format by the City was successful at this community meeting. He summarized by saying that from

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. City staff was available at the North Asheville

Community Center to meet with the community on any issue. And then the City Council community meeting began at 7:00 p.m. He stressed that City Council is committed to Community Oriented Government.

Ms. Robin Westbrook, Community and Public Information Officer,

gave a brief presentation on how communities will be able to access information from City government on a computer located at the Community Center. She also outlined some items on the Council's commitment to

community Oriented Government.

The following topics were raised by residents and addressed by

City Council and City staff: what type of white goods will the City pick up and if the City doesn't pick them up, what alternatives do the residents have to dispose of them; the Unified Development Ordinance as it relates to duplexes, quadraplexes and triplexes in single-family and multi-family zones; the zoning designation of an area on Chatham Road; no sidewalks and need for street repair in the Jackson Park/Woolsey neighborhood area; how the CBII zoning designation on Charlotte Street was arrived at; procedure for having sidewalks installed in an area; need for curbs on Barnard Avenue; how sidewalks get ranked; violations of parking in apartment building on Chatham Road; need for more than one person to handle property and evidence at Police Department; need for ballfields in North Asheville area and suggestions for trying to find suitable land; loss of housing in the area; need for affordable housing; recycling; desire for additional greenways and greenway connections in the area; appreciation for City Council meetings being taped for viewing on Channel 10; appreciation for new buses, and new bus stops and amenities; need for air conditioning at North Asheville Community Center; possible designation Charlotte Street as a special district similar to the River District; stop sign request on Mt. Vernon Circle and procedure for obtaining stop signs; appreciation to City for obtaining All America City designation; update on Broadway greenway; information concerning new City traffic calming program; and appreciation for neighborhoods forming community associations.

Mayor Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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