

Tuesday – April 29, 2003  
West Asheville Community Center  
970 Haywood Road  
Asheville, N.C.

7:00 p.m. – Community Meeting

Present: Mayor Charles R. Worley, Presiding; Councilman Joseph C. Dunn; Councilman James E. Ellis; Councilwoman Diana Hollis Jones; Councilman R. Carl Mumpower; Councilman Brian L. Peterson; City Attorney Robert W. Oast Jr.; City Manager James L. Westbrook Jr.; and City Clerk Magdalen Burleson

Absent: Vice-Mayor Terry M. Bellamy (maternity leave)

The following topics/concerns were raised by residents and addressed by City Council and City staff: what can the Greeley Street community do to start a community watch program; what constitutes a single-family residence; why are homeowners held to higher standards than renters; there is a lot of noise from loud boom-boxes and speeding traffic on Greeley Street; wiring left by telephone company is a problem; sanitation crews who pick up yard waste don't pick all of it up but leaves a trail of waste in the street; street sweeper causes a tornado of dust and litter in the street is swept up into the air; does the noise ordinance address how late people can play loud music; need for pedestrian signal on Haywood Road across from Co-op; need for pedestrian sign on Haywood Road at Ingles; what is the process to get speed bumps on Greeley Street, Fairfax Avenue, Haywood Road and Brevard Road because people park their cars in the road forcing walkers into the street; cars are parked the wrong way on Haywood Road near the Trinity Methodist Church; loud boom-boxes on Haywood Road; prostitution and drug-dealing in front of 420 Haywood Road; Malvern Hills pool is a valuable community resource and hoped it would not be cut out of the budget this year; there is a need in the community for a place to ride trick bikes; garbage collection system should accommodate older and handicapped people; need for joint 911 system; need for more cooperation between City and County departments, in particular Police Department and Sheriff's Department; City Manager salary; concern over tax dollars spent on some art projects and could that money be used for something else; City needs to take care of what they have in Police Department so turnovers don't occur; concern with way Police Officers are evaluated; request for an external investigation of Police Department regarding misappropriation of City employee's time; praise for City's neighborhood walk program; support for additional Police officers in west Asheville; Pisgah View Apartment residents are tired of having their development being blamed for crime in the neighborhood; update on I-26 Connector; update on Haywood Road Corridor Plan; do landlords of rental properties have any obligation to homeowners; West End Bakery is wonderful addition to West Asheville; what can citizens do to become more involved in their community; and Police Department is a highly professional department and has dedicated officers.

Mayor Worley adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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