

Tuesday – June 29, 2004
North Asheville Community Center
37 East Larchmont Road
Asheville, N.C.

7:00 p.m. – Community Meeting

Present: Mayor Charles R. Worley, Presiding; Vice-Mayor R. Carl Mumpower; Councilman Jan B. Davis; Councilman Joseph C. Dunn; Councilwoman Diana Hollis Jones; Councilman Brownie W. Newman; City Attorney Robert W. Oast Jr.; City Manager James L. Westbrook Jr.; and Deputy City Clerk Phyllis Corns

Absent: Councilwoman Terry M. Bellamy

The following topics/concerns were raised by residents and addressed by City Council and City staff: concerns about ongoing drug activity in the vicinity of Claxton Elementary School were raised by representatives of the Claxton Neighborhood Association; the need to close suspected drug houses, particularly on Annandale Avenue, Broad Street and Hillside Street was discussed; an increased Police presence was requested for the Claxton area, as well as assistance from MHO which owns some of properties associated with drug activity; more covert drug enforcement efforts in the area was suggested; a sidewalk was requested along Merrimon Avenue from Burger King to Swannanoa Cleaners for increased pedestrian safety, especially for elderly residents; reasons for the delay in installing a sidewalk at the location were discussed; questions about future plans for reducing traffic congestion on Merrimon Avenue were asked; safety issues at the intersection of Merrimon Avenue and Edgewood Road were brought up, in particular southbound motorists making left-hand turns at the Atlanta Bread Company; questions about the future of the Regional Water Authority were raised, as well as the need for regionalism; questions about the Asset Management Plan and funding for water line replacement and refurbishment ("R&R") were asked; the status of the water agreement renegotiations was discussed.

Mayor Worley adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

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MAYOR