

Tuesday – August 31, 2010 – 6:30 p.m.  
Groce United Methodist Church – Asbury Hall

Community Meeting – East Asheville

Present: Mayor Terry M. Bellamy, Presiding; Vice-Mayor Brownie W. Newman; Councilman Cecil Bothwell; Councilwoman Esther E. Manheimer; Councilman William A. Russell Jr.; Councilman Gordon D. Smith; City Manager Gary W. Jackson; City Attorney Robert W. Oast Jr.; and City Clerk Magdalen Burleson

Absent: Councilman Jan B. Davis

Mayor Bellamy opened the meeting and welcomed the audience. She then introduced City Council members and explained the questions and answer process.

Mr. Chris Pelly, representing the East Asheville Sidewalk Initiative, showed City Council a video in which they expressed their desire to have sidewalks installed in east Asheville for safety reasons. The video showed that east Asheville has 7% of sidewalks, while north Asheville has 42%, west Asheville has 28% and south Asheville has 23% of sidewalks.

Director of Transportation Ken Putnam provided information on the prioritization process criteria used for sidewalks, completed projects over the last five years; comprehensive transportation planning, sidewalk funding and maintenance issue, current and potential projects in east Asheville; potential projects in other areas of the City; and action steps which include (1) continue the documentation process; continue implementing the Pedestrian Plan; (3) formalizing the prioritization process; (4) scoring the top 50 potential projects; (5) pilot projects and link to website; (6) continue working towards integrating all master plans; (7) implementing parking strategies (on-street and off-street); (8) provide bicycle awareness (signs and pavement markings); (9) installation of bicycle lanes; (10) improve bus stops (concrete pads, benches, shelters); (11) provide ADA compliance; (12) connect greenways; and (13) promote multi-modal aspects on major street projects (NCDOT).

Director of Administrative Services Lauren Bradley explained the City's strategic goals, financial realities and upcoming capital projects in east Asheville.

Mayor Bellamy then opened up the meeting for questions and answers explaining that all answered questions would be delegated to City staff for response and posting on the City's website.

Mayor Bellamy and Council members expressed their appreciation for the community involvement.

At 8:08 p.m., Mayor Bellamy adjourned the meeting.

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