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Burton Street Neighborhood Newsletter

September 2020

Neighborhood News

Burton Street Rezoning Case Update

This rezoning case applies to addresses 24, 30, 54, and 56 Burton Street. The current zoning on the Haywood Road corridor is HR-3. The rezoning proposal wants to change zoning to residential multi-family, medium density (RM-8).

The rezoning petition on Burton Street was scheduled for the first level of review by the Planning & Zoning Commission on Wednesday, August 5th. However, the property owners and applicants asked for a one-month continuance and the review was moved to Wednesday, September 2nd. Planning staff will not support the request to rezone the properties because rezoning to RM-8 does not provide assurances that the allowed future development would be affordable housing, it wouldn't allow for community input on the outcome, and properties could be recombined or subdivided in a manner incompatible with the historic development pattern of the neighborhood. For these reasons, Planning staff believes that the current zoning, HR-3, is better.

Want more information on the proposal?

- Read more about this proposal here: <https://simplicity.ashevillenc.gov/permits/20-04337PZ>.
- Contact Shannon Tuch, Development Review Specialist for the City of Asheville, via phone at (828) 259-5817 or by email at stuch@ashevillenc.gov
- Sign up for development updates on the SimpliCity site here: <https://simplicity.ashevillenc.gov/development/major>.

Announcements:



City Trash Pickup

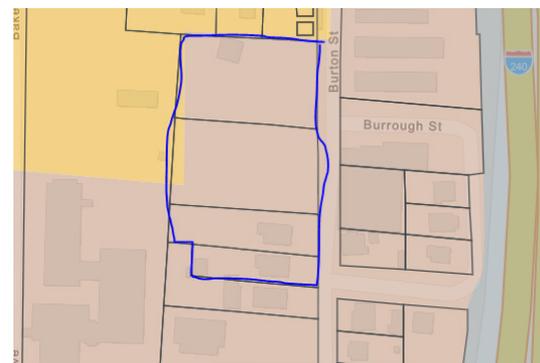
Please set trash cans and recycling cans for pickup in the street at curbside instead of on the sidewalk. This increases accessibility of sidewalks in the neighborhood and makes trash pickup easier.

Police Reporting

Please report any concerns to the police. The non-emergency number is (828) 252-1110. Follow up with Officer Alec Dohmann at (828) 251-4032 or adohmann@ashevillenc.gov.

Overgrown Vegetation Reporting

Report incidents of vegetation that is blocking the sidewalk or roads to Mark Foster via phone (828) 259-5979 or send photos and location information by email at mfoster@ashevillenc.gov.



The proposed changes would occur on the properties in the blue box.

Community Outreach on Re-Imagining Policing

The City of Asheville has been conducting meetings, online surveys, and surveys on location in response to the Black Asheville Demands and requests to defund the police. All input collected will inform the budget request for the City of Asheville at the City Council meeting on September 22nd. The City Council meeting information can be found on their page and the meeting can be watched live on www.PublicInput.com/Hub/88 and the City's YouTube Page.

Amended BSCA Bylaws

The Burton Street Community Association (BSCA) Board of Directors includes President Vivian Conley, Vice-President Thomas Davidson, Treasurer Zanie Davidson, and Secretary Margaret Fuller. In 2019, the Board of Directors recognized the need for additional Organizational Development training to strengthen the BSCA's capabilities to advance their mission, plans, and agenda. Additional training would also assist with facilitating future work and training sessions, providing organizational development that ensures non-profit organization elements are in place, and supporting resolutions of key organizational topics for the BSCA.

BSCA leadership contacted Leslie Anderson Consulting in the Spring of 2019 to create a scope of work that included facilitation of work sessions, director job descriptions and expectations, expectations of individual board members, revised bylaws, and a revised IRS 1023-EZ form. Leslie Anderson Consulting completed these deliverables on June 30, 2019.

The BSCA bylaws include guiding principles regarding the mission and membership of the organization. The bylaws also provide information on processes for meetings and financial transactions of the BSCA. While the BSCA Leadership originally planned to present the amended bylaws in April or May, along with a slate of officers for the 2020 Annual Meeting, this had to be postponed due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

This is the planned outline for the Burton Street Community Association Leadership:

- Mailing out BSCA membership renewal letters, to be returned with membership fee
- Processing all BSCA membership renewal letters
- Mailing out revised BSCA bylaws for members to review
- Scheduling annual BSCA member meeting

At the 2020 Annual Meeting, the agenda will include voting and approval of the amended bylaws. Members will also be able to submit a slate of names for open officer positions with the BSCA Board of Directors and Standing Committees.

This meeting does not have a confirmed date yet, but please be on the lookout for future information regarding the Annual Meeting. If you have any questions, contact the BSCA leadership using the information at the end of the newsletter.

BSCA Meeting

The Burton Street Community Association monthly meeting held on the 3rd Monday of the month has been moved to a virtual platform to comply with Covid-19 social distancing.

Sign up for our BSCA emails to receive the meeting link and call-in phone number by [clicking here](#) or visiting the BSCA website and clicking on "Subscribe to BSCA Email Updates" in the right-hand column.

You can also email bscaleadership@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list.

Stay Updated

Sign up for the City of Asheville email newsletter to stay updated by [clicking here](#) (for electronic version of this newsletter). You can also visit <https://www.ashevillenc.gov/> and click on "Subscribe" under "Stay in the Loop" at the bottom of the page.

Interested in neighborhood news and newsletters? You can stay up-to-date on them here: www.ashevillenc.gov/Neighborhoods.

Get Involved

Want to participate more in local government but unsure where to start? Check out the City of Asheville's engagement hub for information on City projects and how to get involved: [https://PublicInput.com/hub/88](http://PublicInput.com/hub/88).



In Buncombe County? Requesting an absentee ballot? You can email the form!

1. Print the request form found at: www.buncombecounty.org/vote
2. Fill it out, be sure to write legibly!
3. Snap a picture of the completed form or scan it.
4. Upload your file and email it!

For the general population (NOT military/overseas) the request goes to: elections@buncombecounty.org

Why consider email?

- It's quick!
- Relieves the postal burden!
- Timestamp of your submission!
- Confirmation emails are sent once the request is processing.

Absentee ballots will be mailed starting September 4, 2020.

****Completed ballots MAY NOT be returned via email!****

You can also mail your completed absentee ballot request form to: P.O. Box 7468, Asheville, NC 28802

Or fax the form to: (828) 250-6262

The deadline to return the completed Absentee Ballot Request Form is Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at 5 p.m. We are currently accepting absentee request forms and voters are encouraged to return the form earlier than the deadline.

Plan Implementation Process Overview

Two different agencies, the City of Asheville and NCDOT, developed the Neighborhood Plan with the BSCA. Thus, coordination was necessary to determine which agency would fund and implement each strategy.

Each month, a working group meets to set plan goals and strategies into motion. This group consists of BSCA leaders, City of Asheville staff, and NCDOT staff.



Plan Implementation Status

Below are notes on the implementation progress to date:

Strategy Status	Implementation Details
<p>1.1.1 - In Progress</p>	<p>Support design standards and policies that aim to preserve or enhance neighborhood character.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCDOT requested photos of past and/or present homes in the Burton Street Community to serve as architectural style examples that could be used the development of the pattern book. • The BSCA will contact residents to request copies of their neighborhood photos, and review other resources including the 2016 NCDOT Burton Street Architectural Resources Survey Report.
<p>1.2.1 - In Progress</p>	<p>Improve existing sidewalks to meet ADA design standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCDOT and the City of Asheville will coordinate regarding funding for correcting the non-compliant ADA pedestrian accommodations on sidewalks within the neighborhood. • The remaining City budget will be discussed in September and priority locations should be identified to be included as a part of the record for future projects.
<p>2.2.1 - In Progress</p>	<p>Improve community center infrastructure by including additional parking, a computer lab and Wi-Fi, creating additional community meeting space, and improving existing outdoor basketball courts and playground.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asheville Parks and Recreation presented a sketch of the Burton Street Community Center and surrounding areas and discussed potential locations for additional parking. It was noted, the playground could be relocated to the lower area along Bryant Street to allow for sufficient parking expansion as well as ADA accessibility.

Summaries of each monthly working group meeting can be found on the City of Asheville I-26 Connector Project website.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONTACTS

Burton St. Community Association

President | Vivian Conley
Vice President | Thomas Davidson
Treasurer | Zanie Davidson
Secretary | Margaret Fuller

bscaleadership@gmail.com

Burton St. Community Center

For questions regarding facilities and activities:
 Kyle Autrey, Facility Manager
 kautrey@ashevillenc.gov
 828-254-1942

Neighborhood & Community Engagement

Brenda Mills, Neighborhood & Community
 Engagement Manager
 bmills@ashevillenc.gov
 828-259-5506 (office) or 828-712-2324 (mobile)

Asheville Community Resource Officer

NEW! Officer Alec Dohmann
 adohmann@ashevillenc.gov

Community Resource Officer Dohmann is the liaison between neighborhoods and the regular police assigned to West Asheville.

West Asheville Police Lieutenant

Lieutenant Evan Cowan
 ecowan@ashevillenc.gov
 828-259-5625

Lieutenant Cowan oversees the West Asheville area.

Join the BSCA to receive a Burton Street Neighborhood Watch magnet!

Non-members can complete the membership form on the BSCA Leadership website to receive a Neighborhood Watch magnet.

TO REPORT AN ISSUE:

The Asheville App

You may use The Asheville App to report or view the status of a variety of issues, including abandoned vehicles, missed trash or recycling pickup, missed brush pickup, animals, fire hydrant leaks, graffiti, sidewalk safety, and more.



You can download the App in iOS or Android. Or you can report an issue through the app website at:

<https://www.ashevillenc.gov/service/report-a-pothole-sidewalk-issue-or-street-light-outage/>

Neighborhood Flooding

Bobby Austin
 Labor Crew Coordinator
 baustin@ashevillenc.gov

828-259-5980

Tree Maintenance Issues

Mark Foster
 mfoster@ashevillenc.gov

828-259-5979

City Customer Service

828-251-1122

Non-Emergency Police

City of Asheville Police Department

828-252-1110



The Burton Street Community Association is promoting educational, social, economic and culture welfare of its members in the Burton Street Neighborhood.



LAW ENFORCEMENT	PHONE NUMBER
EMERGENCY	911
Asheville Police Department Non-Emergency	828-252-1110
TEXT a Drug Tip to APD	828-259-5692
Crime Stoppers Anonymous Tip Line	828-255-5050
Community Resource Officer: Alec Dohmann	828-251-4032
CITY OF ASHEVILLE	
Customer Service	828-251-1122
Neighborhood & Community Engagement Manager	828-259-5506
ART Station (Asheville Transit)	828-253-5691
BUNCOMBE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT	
Covid-19 Information	828-419-0095