

October 19, 2020
Burton Street Community Association Monthly Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Meeting open and Mediation by Thomas Davidson, Vice President.

The Agenda was reviewed by Thomas Davidson.

Reading of the September Minutes

The reading of the September minutes had no corrections or additions, and Thomas stated the minutes stand approved as read.

APD Community Resource Officer/West Asheville

The Representative from APD was Captain Mike Lamb. Capt. Lamb stated he has been placed in charge of a newly created division: the Community Engagement Division. The individual Community Resource Officers from each district have been formed into one unit. This division will only address all community issues. This will be one clearing house and all reports will be forward to the Chief of Police which will cut down on missed communications.

30% of the agency has resigned, are out due to COVID-19, taken leave, taken worked outside of law enforcement, or gone to other agencies. The APD has lost 50-60 officers. There is a realignment which will reduce the four districts to three districts. Capt. Lamb stated that the West Asheville District lines will stay the same and that the LtDs. and Sgts. will remain the same.

Brenda Mills asked Capt. Lamb when community needs to contact a Community Resource Office what person or number will they need to call. Capt. Lamb stated that a contact number for the newly created Community Engagement Office has not been assigned, but the residents can contact him via his email and he will pass on the request to the proper person if he's unable to address the issue. Capt. Lamb stated there are seven CROs, which includes himself. Alex Dohmann is still with the agency but will be departing soon for a position with the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office.

Brenda Mills, Neighborhood & Community Engagement Manager

Sent our email this morning to Village roundtable – wanted to remind us of the COVID testing and flu shot sites tomorrow. Brenda also clarified with Capt. Lamb that these Community Engagement Officers will not be pulled and put on the road and will only be covering Community Engagement issues. The answer from Capt. Lamb: that's correct.

Good News: Police devested \$770,000 in the Sept. 27 budget approval and \$110,000 came to the Communications and Community Engagement Department. Brenda will be able to hire additional personnel. Margaret and Brenda Mills will get together on the neighborhood signs. Brenda has some updates on sign information.

Kyle Autrey – Facility Manager - Update

Kyle was not at the meeting, but Brenda gave a big update. Burton Street Community Center will be the Education Pod for the Spanish speaking kids for Asheville City Schools. Margaret suggest that the BSCA can communicate with ASC to see what type of support the BSCA can give to the students participating in the Pod.

Burton Street Neighborhood Updates included the following: Burton Street Center Programming Update, 10th Annual Burton Street Agricultural Fair Rescheduled, and Accounting/Bookkeeping Update

The Burton Street Community Association was unable to collaborate with the Burton Street Community Center for summer or after-school programming due to the closing of the Burton Street Center because of COVID-19.

The 10th Annual Burton Street Agricultural Fair was rescheduled for 2021.

The Burton Street Community Association Leadership is now contracted with Earl B. Accounting and Tax Service for bookkeeping and we have filed our 990 Form for 2019 under BSCA 501 (c) (3).

Burton Street Community Association Youth Savings Account. – Self-Help Credit Union
The Burton Street Community Association has established a Youth Savings Account with a Self-Help Credit Union branch located at 391 South French Broad Avenue that ties in with the Youth Stipends. This is where students participating in the program have an opportunity to set an amount of their stipend aside for savings and the BSCA does a match. The money is put in a savings account each month for each youth participant to open an individual savings account at the Self-Help Credit Union with his/her parent or guardian participation.

BSCA Membership Renewal Mailout update:

The BSCA is working on Membership Renewal packets which should be mailed out this week.

The Renewal Membership packet includes three items: Cover Letter, Renewal Membership Form, and a return stamped self-address envelope for your convenience to return your Membership Form and payment. The BSCA does not want to rush community members but wants everyone to have an opportunity to return their Membership Forms in a timely manner. After all the memberships have been process and payments cleared the bank, the second step will be to mail out the Amended By-Laws to members who have renewed their memberships. The third step is to schedule an annual meeting and only members whose Memberships are current can participate in the voting processes around the amended by-laws and slate of open officer positions on the Burton Street Community Association Board.

E.W. Pearson Project Collaborative / Buncombe County Isaac Coleman Grant

Under the E.W. Pearson Project Collaborative, the Shiloh Community Organization was awarded a grant of \$150,000 to take on several tasks. The Shiloh Community Organization will serve as the lead entity for the E.W. Pearson Project Collaborative and work towards increasing community resilience and improving economic equity in neighborhoods. The Shiloh Community Organization will partner with the Burton Street Community Association, the Eastend Valley Neighborhood Association, and Project Lighten Up to assist with implementing project activities

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Grant Funds for the BSCA:

- \$800 for Website Development
- \$500 for Advertising
- \$700 for Newsletter
- \$5,000 for Admin Support
- \$3,000 for Community Engagement
- \$7,000 for the Agricultural Fair/Other Events
- \$3,000 for Community Murals
- \$3,000 for Neighborhood Beautification
- \$3,833 for a Technology Lab
- \$3,000 for Community Gardens
- \$1,500 for Youth Stipends
- \$1,500 for Youth Savings

The BSCA has submitted the 1st Quarter Report for Burton Street as part of the E.W. Pearson Project Collaborative under the Shiloh Community Association which covers July, August, and September. The E.W. Pearson Project Collaborative/Shiloh Community Association is on a reimbursable system, which means the BSCA does not get monies in advance. The Burton Street Community Association plans programming around when the payment will be deposited into the BSCA bank account. The impact of COVID-19 caused the BSCA to reschedule the Burton Street Agriculture Fair to 2021 (\$6,000 of the \$7000 is set-aside for the Agricultural Fair.) and once the Burton Street Community Center reopens, the BSCA will continue to work with the BSC Center. The BSCA has three more quarters to complete items listed in the BSCA Budget line items which will be accomplished.

The Shiloh Community Organization and their grant will assist the Burton Street Community to implement project activities. This grant will help provide neighborhood-level services following the neighborhood community plan, including programs and events at the Burton Street Community Center and installation of The Vine Community Garden Mural Project.

The Burton Street Community Association Leadership is willing to work with DeWayne with projects he is working on in the community as long as they coincide with the narrative of BSC budget line items that are in the boundaries of the guidelines for FY 21 as part of the E.W. Pearson Project Collaborative/Buncombe County Isaac Coleman Grant.

I-26 Mitigation Implementation

As a reminder, minutes from each STIP Project I-2513 I-26 Connector Burton Street Working Group Meeting can be found on the City of Asheville website. Upon request, Burton Street Community Association Leadership can print the minutes and documentations, and these can be picked up from the BSCA secretary.

Edgar Street Speed Bump

During the October working group meeting, the BSCA discussed a speed bump on Edgar Street. The City of Asheville is working on a speed study in the neighborhood. Ken Putnam from the City of Asheville Department of Transportation submitted a request for speed sensors in certain parts of the Burton Street neighborhood. The Burton Street Community Association did respond to his request and put this in the meeting notes for this evening.

Community Member Questions

DeWayne brought up several questions and concerns. The BSCA asked if he would send those additional questions to the BSCA, and the leadership team will research and get back to him having documentation to back up the findings. The BSCA also asked DeWayne to send an email to the BSCA Leadership Gmail around his availability to meet with the BSCA Leadership to discuss further the budget line items and how they tie into the work he's doing in the community.

The meeting was adjourned by Thomas Davidson, Vice President of the Burton Street Community Association Leadership.