**RADBA 8.27.19 Minutes**

**Self-Intro and Sign-In by all present**

Helanie Greene, Nadine Charlesen, Wendy Whitson, Darren Green, Dustin Clemens, Brian McCarthy, Tim Schaller, Lauri Nichols, Barrett Nichols, Matt Sprouse, Ken Putnam, Dawn Chavez, Eric Bradford, Jared Kay, Lauren Turpin, Angela Dunne, Joe Ransmeier, Pat Kappes, Lori Theriault, Lindsey Mudge, Stuart Hough, Michael Craft, Matt Wallace, Pattiy Torno, Jeremy Goldstein, Kathryn Adams, Stefanie Gerber, Diane Curry, Justin Wilson, Rich Patino.

**Motion to Approve Minutes from last meeting**

Motion to approve minutes // approved by all

**City of Asheville - RADTIP Update Dustin Clemons (Program Manager - Innovation Districts) Stephanie Monson (Riverfront Office Director)**

* Halfway through with the RADTIP project on schedule to be done at the end of 2020
* Overview of new impactful construction // intersection at 5 points, Depot, Clingman, Roberts, Lyman Streets • Smaller round about then the one on riverside.
	+ Construction on the round about starts next month // keeping all the roads open until March.
	+ Temporary access roads may be built to keep access to all business at all times
	+ Signage may be added to the round about to try and educate people on how to use it when there is a train there.
	+ A small group of businesses that will be directly impacted by the road closures for the round about will be meeting with Dustin to talk about potential impacts and solutions • Tim Schaller is running point here
	+ 4 months of road closures is what is projected which is ‘worst case scenerio’ allows for one half of the round about to be built then the other half
	+ Parking may be effected on Clingman do higher traffic volumes
	+ Side walks will be in place before detour begins to make sure pedestrian access will always be open
* Follow up items: parking on haywood bridge without effecting bike lanes, upping the trolly access • Dustin will come back to us with reports
* Discussion about the detour route • either on Roberts Street or across the bridge onto Craven Street… this discussion will continue

**Ken Putman (Transportation Department)**

* Met with a group of business owners to talk about traffic and speed on Depot street and Bartlett St. in Spring 2019
* They want to create a more pedestrian friendly so they would like to make this intersection a 3 (all) way stop
* Asking for feed back about adding a stop sign.
* It could be used as a trial basis for 6 months // before data has been collected with numbers and speeds 8000 cars a day round about side 6000 other side in 2014 it was about 4500 both ways.

***RADBA Motion:*** All in favor of traffic calming for the intersection and trying the All Way Stop… this should be in place by late October if all goes well… please offer feedback once this happens… it will be in place for at least 6 months to give it a fair go.

**Neighborhood Update Officer Justin Wilson (Community Resource Officer) 828-450-3719** **JWilson@AshevilleNC.gov**

* Busy last 45 days in the RAD
* 10 breaking and entering of businesses, normally a smash and grab
* Arrested William Henson who may be responsible for a lot of the crime since he was arrested on the 18th there has not been a breaking and entering since.
* Alarm system and cameras created successful investigations
* Patrols have increased in the RAD
* People are going into studio and searching for purses or car keys of employees so keep your valuables tucked out of sight!

**Treasurer’s Report Pattiy Torno (RADBA Treasurer / Owner Curve Studios) Membership renewal time**

* $ 11,300 in the bank with 22 membership renewals.
* It is super easy to renew membership >> go to the RADBA.org & you can pay with credit card there
* Square invoices will be sent out within the next week for all unpaid 2018-2019 members

**RADPAC Report Tim Schaller (Committee Chair / Owner Wedge Brewery) Flood barricade working group report**

* RAD View will go before TRC tomorrow, plans to break ground March 1 2020
* Jetti Ray goes before planning and zoning Sept 4th, 2019
	+ If you go down to the river across from the cotton mill you can see the tape of where it would go
	+ Wecan is hosting a meeting Sept 3rd to get more info on Jetti Rays • reach out to Pattiy Torno for details

\*\*Pattiy to inset info\*\* Flood working group / working on getting the FIMAN system with more usable visual information from Broadway to Biltmore Village for flood events… FIMAN is a great resource for watching inclement weather • [https://fiman.nc.gov/map.aspx#](https://fiman.nc.gov/map.aspx)

**NBB Update Mike Craft (Marketing Director, Community Liaison)**

* Sept 1 King Gizzard and the Lizard Wizard
	+ Permitting for this show is to go until 10PM not as discussed previous at 9:30PM, but its all good. Apology accepted! ☺
* Sept 11 Shakey Graves and Dr Dog
* Tour De Fat Sept 21 Launching from FBO float and bike parade to NBB, planted a seed for a celebratory parade during the RAD in 2020. Benefits AOB

**RiverLink Update Brought by Joe Ransmeier**

* October 2nd Woodfin Greenway Blue Way fundraiser more info to come next month

**RADA Update Nadine Charleson (RADA President)**

* Stoll coming up in November 9-10
* Keep advertising the trolley! We want the city to keep providing it
* Still making art!

**Old Business**

**Pat Kappas (Director of Public Affairs)-CVB Updates, RAD Wayfinding**

* Currently designing the RAD Wayfinding sign package to be installed after the construction is done in late 2020, presentation to be shared with membership.
* 15 people showed up and had consensus about which options looked good to represent the rad (the large simple gear)
* Next step is to have more refined drawings of the concepts and maps of where everything goes
* That meeting is a few months out
* BCTDA annual meeting Sept 5 3 -6 pm, previewing the new commercial

**Duke Substation-Fencing almost done and demo coming soon.**

**New Business**

**Matt Sprouse (Principle, Site Work Studio) Media Policy**

* After attending the south slope meeting this is something that should be brought to our attention.
	+ How to handle the press when they show up…..What is our media policy?
	+ RADBA to come up with a new policy to be voted on • Pattiy and Rich will work on this and bring something back next month
* Side note: Riverlink is doing a watershed study for the RAD, more to come • Matt Sprouse is on the consulting team!

**Plastic Bag Ban Dawn Chávez (Executive Director Greenworks)**

Greenworks mostly does work on trash and trees and waste reduction

* In a lot of research they are finding plastic bottles and bags are making their way into the river and storm system, the source of all this is consumers. In November they had a screening about a movie called ‘straws’. Led to the plastic reduction task force.
* Voluntary plastic bag ban // Biltmore merchants have agreed to this. They have a window cling and a website that will promote participation

Other things Greenworks are up to:

* Selling reusable bags at the farmers market and metal straws
* WNC big sweep on eht of the largest single day clean up Sept 21, go to website to sign up self or team
* Sept 28th Salvage Station benefit concert
* Oct 5th Root Ball at Smokey Park Supper Club

**How to participate in the bag ban: info to follow:**

**Pattiy Torno (Owner Curve Studios) Letter to Mayor and Chamber/AAAC survey**

* After having two individuals sending a letter to the Mayor it was brought to our attention to remind our group that two individuals have less punch than RADBA as whole. Use resources like RADBA and RADA to help accomplish goals!

**Curve Studios is 30 years old! Oct 12 2019 10 – 6**

***\*September Meeting (September 24 @ 4pm) will be at Village Potters***