## WELCOME!

The November 17, 2021 virtual meeting of the Buncombe County Tourism Development Authority will begin shortly.

### Explore ASHEVILLE

# CALL TO ORDER

### **Chair Kathleen Mosher**

### Call to Order the Virtual Joint Meeting of the BCTDA, Public Authority and BCTDA, Nonprofit Corporation



Buncombe County Tourism Development Authority A Joint Meeting of the Public Authority and Nonprofit Corporation

Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 17, 2021 | 9:00 a.m. Via Zoom Webinar due to NC COVID-19 State of Emergency – <u>Attending Public – Register Here</u>

#### <u>Agenda</u>

9:00 a.m.	Call to Order the Joint Meeting of the BCTDA, Public Authority and BCTDA, Nonprofit Corporation	Kathleen Mosher
9:05 a.m.	Approval of 10.27.21 Meeting Minutes	Kathleen Mosher
9:07 a.m.	Financial Reports a. October 2021 Financial Reports	Don Warn, Buncombe County Finance Director/BCTDA Fiscal Agent
	<ul> <li>b. Final June 2021 Financial Reports</li> <li>c. FY 2020-21 Audit Presentation</li> </ul>	Don Warn Chris Kessler, Principal, State & Local Government Gaby Miller, Engagement Director CliftonLarsonAllen LLP
9:20 a.m.	President & CEO Report a. Industry Metrics b. Other Updates	Vic Isley
9:30 a.m.	Tourism Product Development Fund (TPDF) Update	Pat Kappes
9:50 a.m.	Marketing Update	Marla Tambellini
10:15 a.m.	Asheville City Council Update	Councilmember Sandra Kilgore
10:20 a.m.	Buncombe County Commission Update	Commissioner Robert Pressley
10:25 a.m.	Consideration to Cancel December Board Meeting	Kathleen Mosher
10:30 a.m.	Miscellaneous Business	Kathleen Mosher
10:35 a.m.	Comments from the General Public	Kathleen Mosher
10:45 a.m.	Adjournment	Kathleen Mosher
	Save the Date: 2021 Explore Ashevite Holiday Party   Wednesday, December 8   4:30 to ( Upcoming BCTDA Meetings:	8:30 p.m.   Center for Craft

Upcoming BCTDA Meetings: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 | 9:00 a.m. (subject to cancellation) Wednesday, January 27, 2022 | 9:00 a.m.

Please contact Jonna Sampson at isampson@ExploreAshevile.com or 828.258.6111 with questions.

BCTDA Mission Statement

To be a leader in the economic development of Buncombe County by attracting and servicing visitors, generating income, jobs and tax revenues which make the community a better place to live and visit.

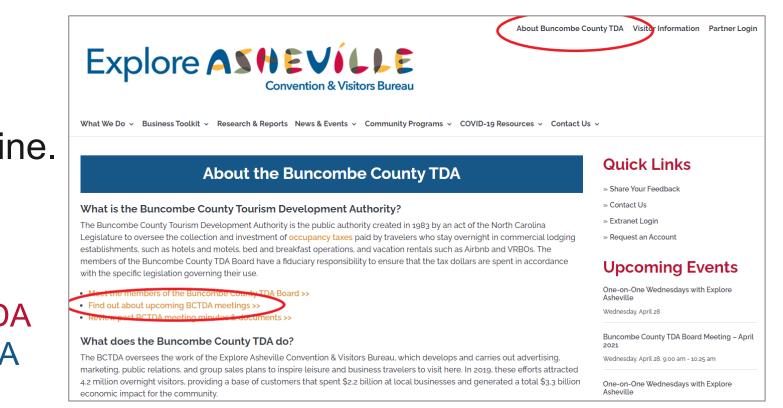
## MEETING AGENDA & DOCS

### **Chair Kathleen Mosher**

The agenda and meeting documents are available online.

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## BCTDA ROLL CALL

### **Chair Kathleen Mosher**

- Vice Chair Brenda Durden 
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- Leah Ashburn (absent)
- Andrew Celwyn
- Larry Crosby
- Matthew Lehman
- Michael Lusick (absent)

- HP Patel
- Scott Patel (absent)
- Asheville City Councilmember Sandra Kilgore
- Buncombe County Commissioner Robert Pressley
- Chair Kathleen Mosher

MINUTES

### **Chair Kathleen Mosher**

### October 27, 2021 Regular BCTDA Meeting Minutes

- Questions/Comments
- Suggested Motion:

Motion to approve the October 27, 2021 meeting minutes as presented.

- Motion Second
- Discussion



Buncombe County Tourism Development Authority A Joint Meeting of the Public Authority and Nonprofit Corporation

Via Zoom Webinar due to the COVID-19 Pandemic/State of Emergency

Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Present (Voting):	Kathleen Mosher, Chair; Brenda Durden, Vice Chair; Leah Ashburn, Andrew Celwyn, Larry Crosby, Matthew Lehman, Michael Lusick, HP Patel, Scott Patel
Absent (Voting):	None
Present (Ex-Officio):	Asheville City Councilmember Sandra Kilgore Buncombe County Commissioner Robert Pressley
Absent (Ex-Officio):	None
CVB Staff:	Vic Isley, Marla Tambellini, Marshall Hilliard, Pat Kappes, Jonna Sampson, Julia Simpson
BC Finance:	Don Warn, Buncombe County/BCTDA Fiscal Agent
Legal Counsel:	Sabrina Rockoff, McGuire, Wood & Bissette
Online Attendees:	Sybil Tate, Nathan Pennington; Buncombe County Tracy Swartout, Blue Ridge Parkway Carli Adams, Glenn Cox, Hannah Dosa, Connie Holliday, Jennifer Kass-Green, Khal Khoury, Sarah Lowery, Holly Oakley, Kathi Petersen, Michael Poandl, Charlie Reed, Dodie Stephens; Explore Asheville Staff Jane Anderson, Asheville Independent Restaurant Association Sharon Tabor, Black Mountain-Swannanoa Chamber of Commerce Madison Davis, Asheville Buncombe Regional Sports Commission Lew Bleiweis, Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority Timothy Love, Buncombe County Meghan Rogers, Asheville Downtown Association Chip Craig, Greybeard Rentals Jim Muth, John Ellis; Past BCTDA Board Members Robert Michel, Asheville Homestay Network Ruth Summers, Grove Arcade Public Market Foundation Peter Pollay, Mandara Hospitality Mark Barrett, Freelance Reporter Joel Burgess, Asheville Citizen-Times Brooke Randle, Mountain Xpress Derek Bryant, Lauren Brigman, WLOS News 13 Sunshine Request

Additional tourism community partners and members of the public registered in advance and viewed the online meeting.

## MINUTES - ROLL CALL VOTE

### **Chair Kathleen Mosher**

- Vice Chair Brenda Durden
- Andrew Celwyn
- Larry Crosby
- Matthew Lehman
- HP Patel
- Chair Kathleen Mosher

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

### Buncombe County Finance Director Don Warn

Presentation of the October 2021 Financial Reports

#### BUNCOMBE COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Monthly Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance Operating and Earned Revenue Funds, Budget and Actual October 31, 2021

					(%)	Prior	Year
	Current	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget	Budget	Year to Date	(%)
	Budget	Actual	Actual	Remaining	Used	Actual	Change Fro
Revenues:							
Occupancy tax, net	\$20,369,690	\$ 2,282,494	\$ 7,417,651	\$12,952,039	36.4%	\$ 4,565,021	62.5
Investment income	-	144	308	(308)	-	66	364.4
Other income	-	20,024	20,024	(20,024)	-	-	
Earned revenue	150,000		29,998	120,002	20.0%	68,464	-56.29
Total revenues	20,519,690	2,302,662	7,467,981	13,051,709	36.4%	4,633,551	61.29
Expenditures:							
Salaries and Benefits	2,889,976	184,135	723,697	2,166,279	25.0%	612,223	18.29
Sales	1,236,063	25,003	168,878	1,067,185	13.7%	193,742	-12.8
Marketing	15,321,893	1,247,436	2,436,829	12,885,064	15.9%	980,412	148.6
Community Engagement	123,178	1,261	18,337	104,841	14.9%	14,982	22.4
Administration & Facilities	798,580	41,863	221,960	576,621	27.8%	218,315	1.79
Events/Festivals/Sponsorships	200,564	7,000	13,000	187,564	6.5%	(163)	-8076.9
Total expenditures	20,570,254	1,506,698	3,582,701	16,987,553	17.4%	2,019,512	77.4
Revenues over (under)							
expenditures	(50,564)	795,963	3,885,280			\$ 2,614,039	48.69
Other Financing Sources:							
Carried over earned income	50,564		-				
Total other financing sources	50,564		-				
Net change in fund balance	\$-	\$ 795,963	3,885,280				
Fund balance, beginning of year			19,776,549				
Fund balance, end of month			\$23,661,829				

As directed by State statute, 75% of the occupancy tax revenue is invested in tourism promotion (reflected in the operations budget presented here) and 25% is dedicated to the Tourism Product Development Fund (TPDF) to be used for tourism-related community grants. The TPDF is budgeted by project ordinance due to the nature of the fund. Revenue dedicated to TPDF is projected at \$6,789,897 for FY22. Page 1 of 8

#### BUNCOMBE COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Monthly Revenue Summary

			Opera	ting F	Fund							Pro	duct Devel	opment Fund			
		By Month			Cumula	Cumulative Year-to-Date					By Month				Cumulative Year-to-Date		
Month of room sales:	Current Year	Prior Year	(%) (%)	_	Current Year		Prior Year	(%) Change		Current Year	_	Prior Year	(%) Change	Current Year	Prior Year	(%) Change	
July	\$ 2,807,310	\$ 1,390,343	102%	\$	2,807,310	\$	1,390,343	102%	\$	935,770	\$	463,448	102%	\$ 935,770	\$ 463,448	102%	
August	2,327,847	1,576,516	48%		5,135,157		2,966,859	73%		775,949	\$	525,505	48%	1,711,719	988,953	73%	
September	2,282,494	1,598,161	43%		7,417,651		4,565,021	62%		760,831	\$	532,720	43%	2,472,550	1,521,674	62%	
October	-	2,329,272	-		-		6,894,292	-		-	\$	776,424	-	-	2,298,097	-	
November	-	1,557,487	-		-		8,451,779	-		-	\$	519,162	-	-	2,817,260	-	
December	-	1,517,197	-		-		9,968,976	-		-	\$	505,732	-	-	3,322,992	-	
January	-	1,095,262	-		-		11,064,238	-		-	\$	365,087	-	-	3,688,079	-	
February	-	1,044,459	-		-		12,108,697	-		-	\$	348,153	-	-	4,036,232	-	
March	-	1,559,694	-		-		13,668,391	-		-	\$	519,898	-	-	4,556,130	-	
April	-	1,898,355	-		-		15,566,746	-		-	\$	632,785	-	-	5,188,915	-	
May	-	2,119,721	-		-		17,686,467	-		-	\$	706,574	-	-	5,895,489	-	
June	-	2,438,581	-		-		20,125,048	-		-	\$	812,860	-	-	6,708,349	-	
Total revenues	\$ 7,417,651	\$ 20,125,048		\$	7,417,651	\$	20,125,048		\$	2,472,550	\$	6,708,349		\$2,472,550	\$6,708,349		

BUNCOMBE COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Monthly Product Development Fund Summary

	Budget	Life to Date Actuals	Remaining Budget	(%) Budget Used
Revenues:	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			
Occupancy Tax	\$ 18,360,000	\$ 25,699,507	\$ (7,339,507)	140.0%
Investment Income	-	1,232,199	(1,232,199)	0.0%
Total revenues	18,360,000	26,931,706	(8,571,706)	146.7%
Expenditures:				
Product development fund projects:				
2012 Montford Park Players (Welcome Facility & Amphitheatre Renovations)	125,000	-	125,000	-
2014 City of Asheville (Riverfront Destination Development 1.0)	7,100,000	7,100,000	-	100.0%
2016 Asheville Community Theatre (Theatre Expansion & Renovation)	1,000,000	430,000	570,000	43.0%
2017 Buncombe County Government (Woodfin Greenway & Blueway)	2,250,000	-	2,250,000	-
2018 Buncombe County Government (Enka Recreation Destination)	6,000,000	-	6,000,000	-
2018 Eagle Market Streets Dev. Corp. (YMI Cultural Center Improvements)	800,000	42,863	757,137	5.4%
2018 River Front Development Group (African-American Heritage Museum at Stephens-L	100,000	-	100,000	-
2021 African American Heritage Trail	500,000	18,141	481,859	3.6%
2021 Wortham Center for the Performing Arts (Air Ionization System)	45,000	45,000		100.0%
Total product development projects	17,920,000	7,636,004	10,283,996	42.6%
Product development fund administration	440,000	1,778	438,222	0.4%
Total product development fund	\$ 18,360,000	\$ 7,637,782	\$ 10,722,218	41.6%
Product Development Funds Available for Future Grants				
Total Net Assets		\$ 19,293,924		
Less: Liabilities/Outstanding Grants		(10,283,996)		
Less: Unspent Admin Budget (Current Year)		(438,222)		
Current Product Development Amount Available		\$ 8,571,706		
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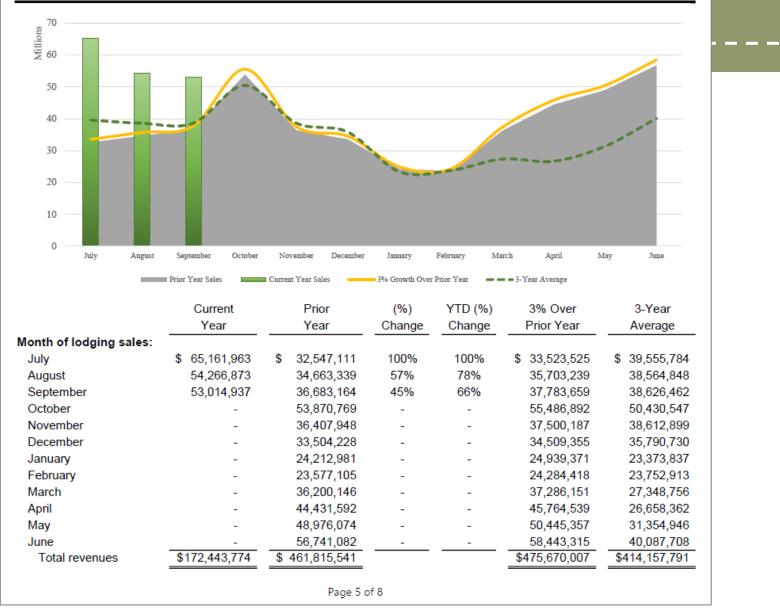
BUNCOMBE COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Monthly Balance Sheet Governmental Funds October 31, 2021

	E R	rating and Earned evenue Funds	D	Product evelopment Fund	 Total
Assets:					
Current assets:					
Cash and investments	\$ 23	3,722,180	\$	19,293,924	\$ 43,016,104
Receivables		-		-	-
Total current assets	\$ 23	3,722,180	\$	19,293,924	43,016,104
Liabilities:					
Current liabilities:					-
Accounts payable	\$	30,251	\$	-	\$ 30,251
Future events payable	Ŧ	30,100	\$	10,283,996	\$ 10,314,096
Total current liabilities		60,351	\$	10,283,996	\$ 10,344,347
Fund Balances:					-
Restricted for product development fund		-		9,009,928	9,009,928
Committed for event support program		109,289		-	109,289
State Required Contingency		1,629,575		-	1,629,575
Designated Contingency		0,184,845		-	10,184,845
Undesignated (cash flow)		1,738,121		-	11,738,121
Total fund balances	23	3,661,829		9,009,928	32,671,757
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 23	3,722,180	\$	19,293,924	\$ 43,016,104

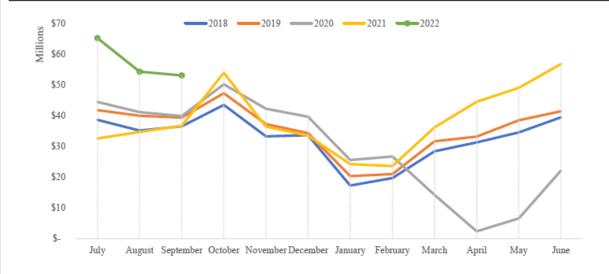
BUNCOMBE COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Total Lodging Sales

Shown by Month of Sale, Year-to-Date



BUNCOMBE COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY History of Total Sales by Month

Shown by Month of Sale, Year-to-Date



	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Month of lodging sales:					
July	\$ 38,602,612	\$ 41,734,276	\$ 44,385,965	\$ 32,547,111	\$ 65,161,963
August	35,118,463	39,917,550	41,113,655	34,663,339	54,266,873
September	36,475,819	39,327,048	39,869,174	36,683,164	53,014,937
October	43,473,922	47,272,253	50,148,618	53,870,769	-
November	33,231,722	37,240,595	42,190,154	36,407,948	-
December	33,597,999	34,272,393	39,595,569	33,504,228	-
January	17,286,992	20,347,077	25,561,453	24,212,981	-
February	19,676,430	20,985,316	26,696,319	23,577,105	-
March	28,406,443	31,638,002	14,208,120	36,200,146	-
April	31,240,963	33,141,034	2,402,461	44,431,592	-
Мау	34,544,014	38,464,222	6,624,541	48,976,074	-
June	39,441,126	41,413,202	22,108,839	56,741,082	-
Total lodging sales	\$ 391,096,506	\$ 425,752,967	\$ 354,904,866	\$ 461,815,541	\$ 172,443,774
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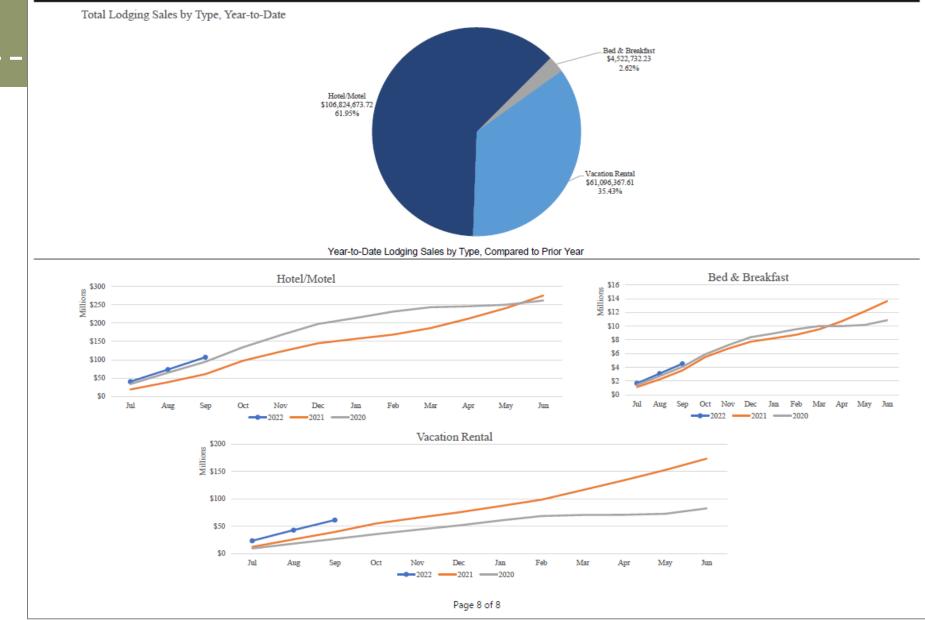
#### BUNCOMBE COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Total Lodging Sales by Type

Shown by Month of Sale, Year-to-Date

	Hotel/Motel Vacation Rentals Bed & Breakfast						Grand Totals									
Month of room sales:	Current Year	Prior Year	% Change	YTD % Change	Current Year	Prior Year	% Change	YTD % Change	Current Year	Prior Year	% Change	YTD % Change	Current Year	Prior Year	% Change	YTD % Change
July	\$ 40,213,765	\$ 19,132,318	110.2%	110.2%	\$ 23,274,029	\$ 12,282,646	89.5%	89.5%	\$ 1,674,168	\$ 1,132,148	47.9%	47.9%	\$ 65,161,963	\$ 32,547,111	100.2%	100.2%
August	33,288,678	19,815,648	68.0%	88.7%	19,568,775	13,723,974	42.6%	64.7%	1,409,421	1,123,717	25.4%	36.7%	54,266,873	34,663,339	56.6%	77.7%
September	33,322,231	22,012,507	51.4%	75.2%	18,253,563	13,374,865	36.5%	55.1%	1,439,143	1,295,793	11.1%	27.3%	53,014,937	36,683,164	44.5%	66.0%
October	-	36,464,280	-		-	15,478,848	-		-	1,927,642	-		-	53,870,769	-	
November	-	24,630,899	-		-	10,553,316	-		-	1,223,733	-		-	36,407,948	-	
December	-	22,871,661	-		-	9,595,156	-		-	1,037,411	-		-	33,504,228	-	
January	-	12,224,275	-		-	11,501,937	-		-	486,770	-		-	24,212,981	-	
February	-	11,355,395	-		-	11,724,546	-		-	497,164	-		-	23,577,105	-	
March	-	17,985,847	-		-	17,425,713	-		-	788,586	-		-	36,200,146	-	
April	-	25,263,739	-		-	17,989,856	-		-	1,177,997	-		-	44,431,592	-	
May	-	28,820,291	-		-	18,720,234	-		-	1,435,549	-		-	48,976,074	-	
June	-	34,585,868	-		-	20,644,236	-		-	1,510,978	-		-	56,741,082	-	
Total	\$ 106,824,674	\$ 275,162,728	-		\$ 61,096,368	\$ 173,015,327			\$ 4,522,732	\$ 13,637,487			\$ 172,443,774	\$461,815,541		

BUNCOMBE COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Total Lodging Sales by Type Shown by Month of Sale, Year-to-Date October 31, 2021



## FINANCIAL REPORTS

### **Questions/Discussion**

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

### **Chair Kathleen Mosher**

Suggested Motion:

Motion to approve the October 2021 Financial Reports as presented.

- Motion Second
- Discussion

### FINANCIALS - ROLL CALL VOTE

### **Chair Kathleen Mosher**

- Vice Chair Brenda Durden
- Andrew Celwyn
- Larry Crosby
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- HP Patel
- Chair Kathleen Mosher

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

### Buncombe County Finance Director Don Warn

Presentation of the Final June 2021 Financial Reports

#### BUNCOMBE COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Monthly Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance Operating and Earned Revenue Fund, Budget and Actual

June 30, 2021

					(%)	Prior	Year
	Current Budget	Current Month Actual	Year to Date Actual	Budget Remaining	Budget Used	Year to Date Actual	(%) Change Froi
Revenues:							
Occupancy tax, net	\$11,135,293	\$ 4,558,302	\$20,125,048	\$ (8,989,755)	180.7%	\$15,352,455	31.19
Investment income	-	323	646	(646)	-	953	-32.29
Other income	-	606	36,279	(36,279)	-	8,667	318.69
Earned revenue	-	27,618	195,846	(195,846)	-	130,506	50.19
Total revenues	11,135,293	4,586,850	20,357,819	(9,222,526)	182.8%	15,492,581	31.49
Expenditures:							
Salaries and Benefits	2,460,163	363,254	2,241,471	218,692	91.1%	2,328,609	-3.7
Sales	881,277	45,606	513,905	367,372	58.3%	670,944	-23.4
Marketing	11,390,551	5,964,684	9,530,222	1,860,329	83.7%	8,862,855	7.5
Community Engagement	80,519	5,016	40,130	40,389	49.8%	21,270	88.7
Administration & Facilities	755,684	43,986	610,505	145,179	80.8%	473,712	28.9
Earned Revenue	121,235	28,500	110,129	11,106	90.8%	295,348	-62.79
Total expenditures	15,689,429	6,451,047	13,046,362	2,643,067	83.2%	12,652,738	3.19
Revenues over (under)							
expenditures	(4,554,136)	(1,864,197)	7,311,457			\$ 2,839,843	157.59
Other Financing Sources:							
Carried over earned income	121,235	-	-				
Total other financing sources	121,235	-	-				
Net change in fund balance	\$ (4,432,901)	\$ (1,864,197)	7,311,457				
Fund balance, beginning of year			12,465,092				
Fund balance, end of month			\$19,776,549				

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#### BUNCOMBE COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Monthly Revenue Summary

	Operating Fund								Product Development Fund							
		By Month			Cumula	ative	e Year-to-Date			By Month Cumulative Year-to-Da						te
Month of room sales:	Current Year	Prior Year	(%) (%)		Current Year	_	Prior Year	(%) Change	_	Current Year		Prior Year	(%) Change	Current Year	Prior Year	(%) Change
July	\$ 1,390,343	\$ 1,946,888	-29%	\$	1,390,343	\$	1,946,888	-29%	\$	463,448	\$	648,963	-29%	\$ 463,448	\$ 648,963	-29%
August	1,576,516	1,803,567	-13%		2,966,859		3,750,455	-21%		525,505	\$	601,189	-13%	988,953	1,250,152	-21%
September	1,598,161	1,736,622	-8%		4,565,021		5,487,077	-17%		532,720	\$	578,874	-8%	1,521,674	1,829,026	-17%
October	2,329,272	2,206,323	6%		6,894,292		7,693,400	-10%		776,424	\$	735,441	6%	2,298,097	2,564,467	-10%
November	1,557,487	1,771,151	-12%		8,451,779		9,464,551	-11%		519,162	\$	590,384	-12%	2,817,260	3,154,850	-11%
December	1,517,197	1,780,020	-15%		9,968,976		11,244,571	-11%		505,732	\$	593,340	-15%	3,322,992	3,748,190	-11%
January	1,095,262	1,115,364	-2%		11,064,238		12,359,935	-10%		365,087	\$	371,788	-2%	3,688,079	4,119,978	-10%
February	1,044,459	1,043,672	0%		12,108,697		13,403,607	-10%		348,153	\$	347,891	0%	4,036,232	4,467,869	-10%
March	1,559,694	504,135	209%		13,668,391		13,907,742	-2%		519,898	\$	168,045	209%	4,556,130	4,635,914	-2%
April	1,898,355	117,789	1512%		15,566,746		14,025,531	11%		632,785	\$	39,263	1512%	5,188,915	4,675,177	11%
May	2,119,721	383,262	453%		17,686,467		14,408,792	23%		706,574	\$	127,754	453%	5,895,489	4,802,931	23%
June	2,438,581	943,662	158%		20,125,048		15,352,455	31%		812,860	\$	314,554	158%	6,708,349	5,117,485	31%
Total revenues	\$20,125,048	\$ 15,352,455		\$	20,125,048	\$	5 15,352,455		\$(	6,708,349	\$!	5,117,485		\$6,708,349	\$5,117,485	

#### BUNCOMBE COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Monthly Product Development Fund Summary

Revenues:	Budget	Life to Date Actuals	Remaining Budget	(%) Budget Used
Occupancy Tax	\$18,438,000	\$ 23,628,412	\$ (5,190,412)	128.2%
Investment Income		1,231,159	(1,231,159)	0.0%
Total revenues	18,438,000	24,859,571	(6,421,571)	134.8%
Expenditures:				
Product development fund projects:				
2012 Montford Park Players (Welcome Facility & Amphitheatre Renovations)	125,000	-	125,000	-
2014 City of Asheville (Riverfront Destination Development 1.0)	7,100,000	3,300,000	3,800,000	46.5%
2016 Asheville Community Theatre (Theatre Expansion & Renovation)	1,000,000	430,000	570,000	43.0%
2017 Buncombe County Government (Woodfin Greenway & Blueway)	2,250,000	-	2,250,000	-
2018 Buncombe County Government (Enka Recreation Destination)	6,000,000	-	6,000,000	-
2018 Eagle Market Streets Dev. Corp. (YMI Cultural Center Improvements)	800,000	42,863	757,137	5.4%
2018 River Front Development Group (African-American Heritage Museum at Stephens-L	100,000	-	100,000	-
2021 African American Heritage Trail	500,000	11,593	488,407	2.3%
2021 Wortham Center for the Performing Arts (Air Ionization System)	45,000		45,000	-
Total product development projects	17,920,000	3,784,456	14,135,544	21.1%
Product development fund administration	518,000	401,456	116,544	77.5%
Total product development fund	\$ 18,438,000	\$ 4,185,911	\$ 14,252,089	22.7%
Product Development Funds Available for Future Grants				
Total Net Assets		\$ 20,673,660		
Less: Liabilities/Outstanding Grants		(14,135,544)		
Less: Unspent Admin Budget (Current Year)		(116,544)		
Current Product Development Amount Available		\$ 6,421,571		
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#### BUNCOMBE COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

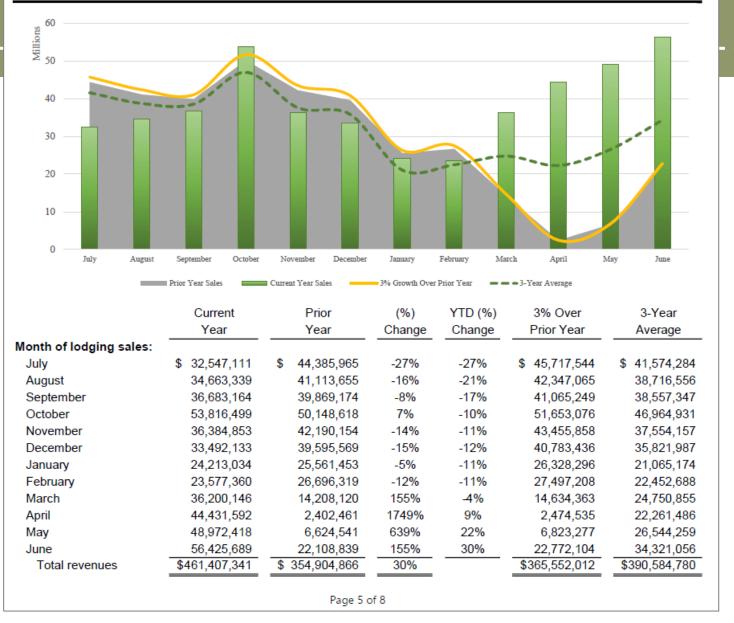
Monthly Balance Sheet Governmental Funds June 30, 2021

	Operating and Earned Revenue Funds	Product Development Fund	Total
Assets:			
Current assets:			
Cash and investments	\$ 20,791,465	\$ 19,166,574	\$ 39,958,039
Receivables	4,578,652	1,521,323	6,099,975
Total current assets	\$ 25,370,117	\$ 20,687,897	46,058,014
Liabilities:			
Current liabilities:			-
Accounts payable	\$ 5,560,769	\$ 14,236	\$ 5,575,004
Future events payable	32,800	\$ 14,135,544	\$ 14,168,344
Total current liabilities	5,593,569	\$ 14,149,780	\$ 19,743,349
Fund Balances:			-
Restricted for product development fund	-	6,538,117	6,538,117
Earned Revenue	92,291	-	92,291
State Required Contingency	890,823	-	890,823
Designated Contingency	4,190,057	-	4,190,057
Undesignated (cash flow)	14,603,377	-	14,603,377
Total fund balances	19,776,549	6,538,117	26,314,665
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 25,370,117	\$ 20,687,897	\$ 46,058,014

BUNCOMBE COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Total Lodging Sales

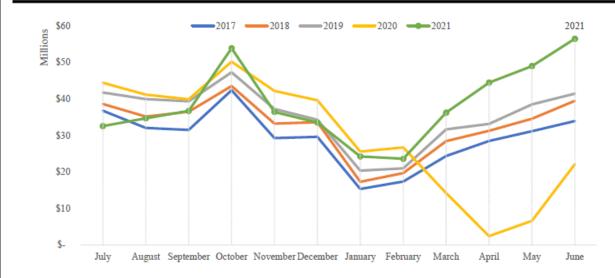
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BUNCOMBE COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

History of Total Sales by Month

Shown by Month of Sale, Year-to-Date



	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021		
Month of lodging sales:							
July	\$ 36,734,684	\$ 38,602,612	\$ 41,734,276	\$ 44,385,965	\$ 32,547,111		
August	32,040,330	35,118,463	39,917,550	41,113,655	34,663,339		
September	31,498,527	36,475,819	39,327,048	39,869,174	36,683,164		
October	42,361,030	43,473,922	47,272,253	50,148,618	53,816,499		
November	29,254,904	33,231,722	37,240,595	42,190,154	36,384,853		
December	29,615,696	33,597,999	34,272,393	39,595,569	33,492,133		
January	15,323,999	17,286,992	20,347,077	25,561,453	24,213,034		
February	17,323,590	19,676,430	20,985,316	26,696,319	23,577,360		
March	24,352,927	28,406,443	31,638,002	14,208,120	36,200,146		
April	28,444,541	31,240,963	33,141,034	2,402,461	44,431,592		
Мау	31,113,327	34,544,014	38,464,222	6,624,541	48,972,418		
June	33,898,766	39,441,126	41,413,202	22,108,839	56,425,689		
Total lodging sales	\$ 351,962,319	\$ 391,096,506	\$ 425,752,967	\$ 354,904,866	\$ 461,407,341		
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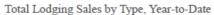
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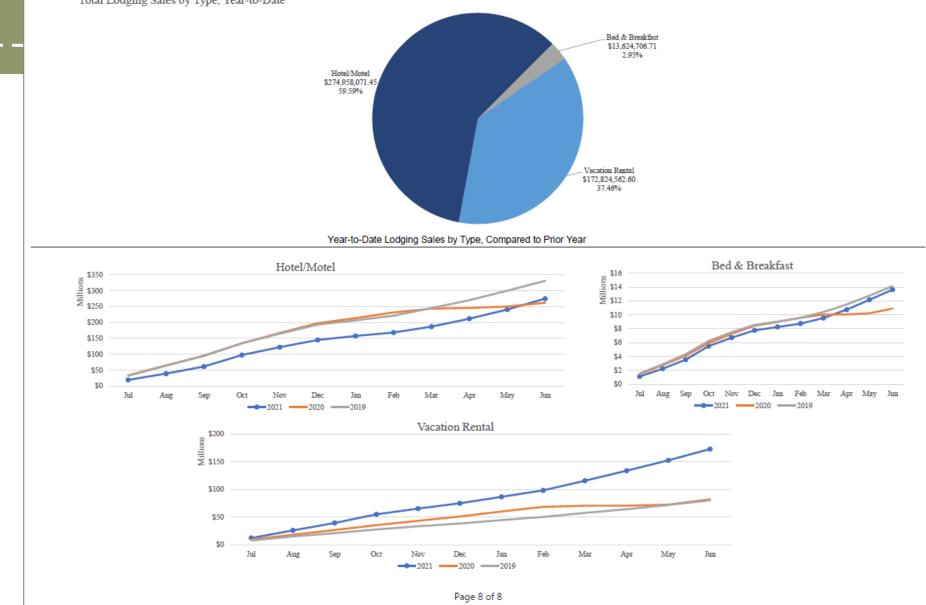
Total Lodging Sales by Type

Shown by Month of Sale, Year-to-Date

Month of room sales:	Hotel/Motel			Vacation Rentals			Bed & Breakfast				Grand Totals					
	Current Year	Prior Year	% Change	YTD % Change	Current Year	Prior Year	% Change	YTD % Change	Current Year	Prior Year	% Change	YTD % Change	Current Year	Prior Year	% Change	YTD % Change
July	\$ 19,132,318	\$ 33,587,325	-43.0%	-43.0%	\$ 12,282,646	\$ 9,342,220	31.5%	31.5%	\$ 1,132,148	\$ 1,456,420	-22.3%	-22.3%	\$ 32,547,111	\$ 44,385,965	-26.7%	-26.7%
August	19,815,648	31,112,092	-36.3%	-39.8%	13,723,974	8,698,214	57.8%	44.2%	1,123,717	1,303,349	-13.8%	-18.3%	34,663,339	41,113,655	-15.7%	-21.4%
September	22,012,507	29,886,060	-26.3%	-35.5%	13,374,865	8,638,227	54.8%	47.6%	1,295,793	1,344,887	-3.7%	-13.5%	36,683,164	39,869,174	-8.0%	-17.1%
October	36,464,280	39,606,607	-7.9%	-27.4%	15,424,578	8,715,844	77.0%	54.8%	1,927,642	1,826,166	5.6%	-7.6%	53,816,499	50,148,618	7.3%	-10.1%
November	24,630,899	32,892,802	-25.1%	-26.9%	10,514,316	7,958,525	32.1%	50.7%	1,239,638	1,338,827	-7.4%	-7.6%	36,384,853	42,190,154	-13.8%	-10.8%
December	22,871,661	30,545,959	-25.1%	-26.7%	9,579,818	7,884,309	21.5%	46.2%	1,040,654	1,165,301	-10.7%	-8.0%	33,492,133	39,595,569	-15.4%	-11.5%
January	12,224,328	16,067,073	-23.9%	-26.5%	11,496,931	8,953,299	28.4%	43.5%	491,776	541,081	-9.1%	-8.1%	24,213,034	25,561,453	-5.3%	-11.0%
February	11,355,651	17,832,201	-36.3%	-27.2%	11,721,484	8,241,069	42.2%	43.4%	500,226	623,049	-19.7%	-8.8%	23,577,380	26,696,319	-11.7%	-11.0%
March	17,985,847	11,867,918	51.6%	-23.4%	17,421,103	1,892,976	820.3%	64.3%	793,196	447,228	77.4%	-5.0%	36,200,146	14,208,120	154.8%	-3.8%
April	25,263,739	2,109,282	1097.7%	-13.7%	17,979,927	286,146	6183.5%	89.1%	1,187,926	7,034	16788.6%	6.8%	44,431,592	2,402,461	1749.4%	9.1%
May	28,820,291	4,523,980	537.1%	-3.8%	18,711,983	1,925,692	871.7%	109.9%	1,440,144	174,869	723.6%	19.0%	48,972,418	6,624,541	639.3%	21.7%
June	34,380,904	11,770,482	192.1%	5.0%	20,592,938	9,657,143	113.2%	110.3%	1,451,848	681,214	113.1%	24.9%	56,425,689	22,108,839	155.2%	30.0%
Total	\$ 274,958,071	\$261,801,781	5.0%		\$ 172,824,563	\$ 82,193,662	110.3%		\$ 13,624,707	\$ 10,909,423	24.9%		\$461,407,341	\$ 354,904,866	30.0%	

BUNCOMBE COUNTY TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Total Lodging Sales by Type Shown by Month of Sale, Year-to-Date June 30, 2021





## FINANCIAL REPORTS

### **Questions/Discussion**

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

### **Chair Kathleen Mosher**

Suggested Motion:

Motion to approve the **Final June 2021** Financial Reports as presented.

- Motion Second
- Discussion

### FINANCIALS - ROLL CALL VOTE

### **Chair Kathleen Mosher**

- Vice Chair Brenda Durden
- Andrew Celwyn
- Larry Crosby
- Matthew Lehman
- HP Patel
- Chair Kathleen Mosher



### Buncombe County Tourism Development Authority

Audit results for the year ended June 30, 2021

Chris Kessler | CPA/Principal, State and Local Government Gaby Miller | Engagement Director CliftonLarsonAllen LLP T, TAX, AND CONSULTING November 17, 2021

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### Audit Services Performed

### Financial Statements

 Audit of the Authority's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2021, in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*





### **Reports Delivered**

#### Independent Auditors' Report

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and Compliance and Other Matters

Governance Communication Letter



### **Required Communications to Governance**

- Unmodified Opinion on the Financial Statements
- Scope and timing of audit proceeded as planned
- No difficulties encountered in completing the audit
- No disagreements with management
- Significant accounting policies
  - In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and consistent with industry practices and standards
- Change in accounting policies
  - None consistent with past year
- Significant estimates within the financial statements
  - None
- Uncorrected misstatements
  - None
- Corrected misstatements
  - Correction to accounts payable and expenditures of \$395,414





### **Reportable Findings**

- 2021-001 Audit Adjustment
  - Material Weakness in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting
  - Understatement of liabilities and expenditures of \$395,414 resulting in adjustment to the financial statements
  - Recommendation additional procedures around year-end cutoff
  - Management provided corrective action plan



### Highlights of Financial Position as of June 30, 2021

- Management's Discussion and Analysis Pages 4 through 11
- General Fund Financial Statements Pages 14 and 15
  - Total Fund Balance of \$19.8 million
  - Increase in Fund Balance of \$7.3 million
- Product Development Fund Financial Statements Pages 14 and 15
  - Total Fund Balance of \$20.7 million
  - Increase in Fund Balance of \$3.5 million
- General Fund Schedule of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Budget to Actual – Page 16
  - Revenues were \$9.2 million above budget
  - Expenditures were \$2.6 million less than budgeted
  - Increase in Fund Balance was \$7.3 million compared to a budgeted decrease of \$4.6 million







# Thank you to everyone who assisted during the audit!

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- Tony Hallada, Managing Principal Wealth Advisor Strategy
- Lucas Whelan, Capital Markets Senior Analyst

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## FY 2020-21 AUDIT

## **Questions/Discussion**

# FY 2020-21 AUDIT

### **Chair Kathleen Mosher**

Suggested Motion:

Motion to accept the BCTDA's FY 2020-21 audit as presented and place it on file.

- Motion Second
- Discussion

## FY 21 AUDIT - ROLL CALL VOTE

### **Chair Kathleen Mosher**

- Vice Chair Brenda Durden
- Andrew Celwyn
- Larry Crosby
- Matthew Lehman
- HP Patel
- Chair Kathleen Mosher

# PRESIDENT & CEO REPORT

### VIC ISLEY PRESIDENT & CEO

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# ASHEVILLE CHAMPIONSHIP

- Successful inaugural event with plans underway to grow in future years
- Preliminary direct spending around \$500,000 for the first year
- Televised on ESPN
- 4 teams

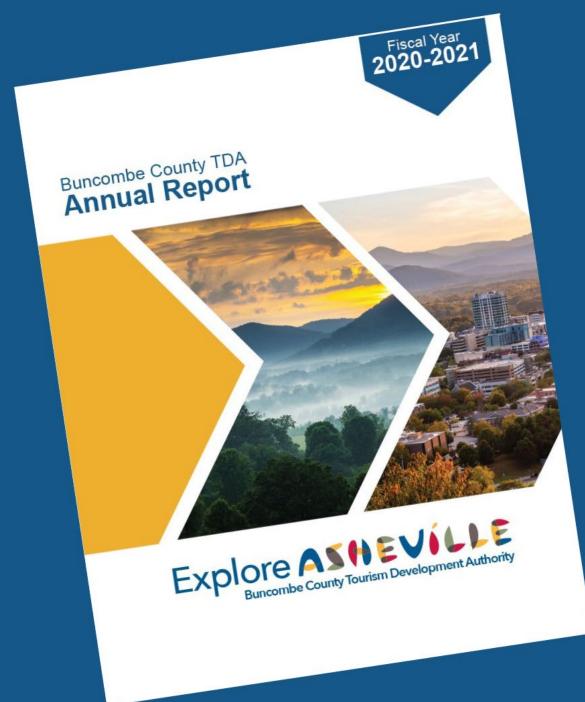




# BILLIE JEAN KING CUP

- The premier international women's tennis team competition formerly known as the Fed Cup, was officially rebranded in honor of the legendary Billie Jean King in late 2020
- Aligns with a global icon who has dedicated her life to fighting injustice, inequality and discrimination in all forms
- Explore Asheville team collaborated with the Sports Commission and the team at the Civic Center to secure this event for our community
- Asheville will become the second city in history to host three Billie Jean King Cup ties for the USA
- Generated over \$3 million in direct spending in 2019
- April 15-16, 2022 at Harrah's Cherokee Center Asheville





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## Geasonal petworking & Good Cheer

# EXPLORE ASHEVILLE HOLIDAY PARTY

December 8, 4:30-6:30 pm | Center for Craft

View Event Calendar on AshevilleCVB.com for Registration & Details

## NC LEGISLATIVE UPDATES STATE BUDGET STATUS

### \$30 million for Visit NC Marketing Budget

• Includes additional \$30 million over 3 years for state tourism promotion (as part of the ARPA stimulus)

### \$500 Million in Direct State Grants to Hospitality Businesses

 Grants to businesses that experienced losses of 20% or more during the pandemic. \$300 million of these funds are specifically protected for businesses in NAIC Code 71 & 72, which is primarily restaurants, hotels, bars and other entertainment businesses. These grants will be up to \$500,000 per business in direct grants. Will have 60 days to apply.

### Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Expense Deductibility

· One of the last states in the country to enable business expenses made with PPP funds deductible for state income tax purposes

### **\$5 Million for Workforce Development**

· Appropriated to NCRLA to run a statewide campaign to recruit workers to the hospitality industry

### Local Occupancy Tax

Local occupancy tax bills passed in the House remain sitting in the Senate. Asheville area hotel leaders continue to advocate for Buncombe County
legislation to be changed from 75/25 to two-thirds marketing, one-third product investment through requesting an amendment to legislation to be
introduced and passed before the end of this session.

### **39 COMMUNITY PROJECTS BENEFITED** FROM \$44 MILLION IN BCTDA GRANTS

#### African-American Heritage Trail

African-American Heritage Museum at Stephens-Lee Community Center

Asheville Area Wayfinding Program

Asheville Art Museum

Asheville Community Theatre

Asheville Downtown Association – Pack Square Park Canopy

Asheville Museum of Science

**Asheville Visitor Center** 

Black Mountain College Museum + Arts Center

The Bonsai Garden at the North Carolina Arboretum

Buncombe County – Enka Recreation Destination

#### **Center for Craft**

City of Asheville – ExploreAsheville.com Arena at the U.S. Cellular Center I, II

City of Asheville – Riverfront Destination Development I, II & RADTIP

The Collider

Friends of the WNC Nature Center

**Grove Arcade** 

The John B. Lewis Soccer Complex at Azalea Park LEAF Global Arts Center Montford Park Players Montreat College North Carolina Arboretum The Orange Peel Pack Square Park & Pavilion I, II

**RiverLink – Pearson Bridge River Access** 

Western North Carolina Veterans' Memorial at Pack Square Park

**Smoky Mountain Adventure Center** 

**Navitat Canopy Adventures** 

**Highland Brewing Company** 

University of North Carolina at Asheville Foundation

**WNC Farmers Market** 

The Wortham Center

Woodfin Greenway & Blueway

YMI Cultural Center

## TPDF/TMIP TIMELINE



BUNCOMBE COUNTY 2020-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN – COMMUNITY FOCUS AREAS								
VIBRANT ECONOMYRESIDENT WELA robust and sustainable regional economy that builds on our homegrown industries and talent and provides economic mobility for residentsOur residents are safe engaged in their of engaged in their of	fe, healthy and High qu		EDUCATED & CAPABLE COMMUNITY ounty where all residents thrive & demonstrate resilience throughout their lives					
ASHEV	ILLE CITY COUNCIL 2020 F	OCUS AREAS						
<ul> <li>A thriving local economy</li> <li>A financially resilient city</li> <li>Quality affordable housing</li> <li>Transportation and access</li> </ul>	•		equitable and diverse community connected and engaged community					
EXPLORE ASHEVILLE (BCTDA) STRATEGIC PILLARS								
& SUSTAINABLE GROWTH     Balance visitor and resident needs.     Focus on the quality of each visit.	AGE SAFE & IBLE TRAVEL he care for and respect of ural and human resources. tdoor economy.	ENGAGE & INVITE MORE DIVERSE AUDIENCES Extend a genuine invitation and make community connections for all to win.	PROMOTE & SUPPORT ASHEVILLE'S CREATIVE SPIRIT Share stories of creators and makers and support place making.					
GUIDING F	GUIDING PRINCIPLES IDENTIFIED THROUGH TMIP							
Harness the Benefits & Encourage & Manage the Growth Embrace Collaboration & Partnership	Create Connectivity		Protect & Celebrate Authenticity					
UN	IC-ASHEVILLE STRATEGIC P	RIORITIES						
<ul> <li>Increase fiscal capacity and resilience</li> <li>Deepen and broaden our public impact in the region</li> </ul>			<ul> <li>Evolve and innovate curriculum</li> </ul>					
DOGWC	OOD HEALTH TRUST STRATED	BIC PRIORITIES						
<ul> <li>Jobs (bolster the infrastructure for a growing economy)</li> <li>Health and wellness</li> <li>Affordable housing</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Education (early childhood, K-12, post-secondary)</li> </ul>						
UNITED WAY OF ASHEVILLE AND BUNCOMBE COUNTY (UWABC) KEY DRIVERS FOR CHANGE								
		<ul> <li>Commitment to students, families and the Community School</li> <li>Commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>New players, new leadership</li> </ul>					
THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA (CFWNC) FOCUS AREAS								
<ul> <li>People in need (supporting marginalized populations)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Natural/cultural resources</li> <li>Food/farming (support sustainable local food)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Early childhood development</li> </ul>						

### CVB Staff Recap

- Destination Dashboard
- Questions?

## Explore ASHEVILLE

# TOURISM PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT FUND (TPDF) UPDATE

### PAT KAPPES VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## Explore ASHEVILLE

# FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Staff requests approval to:

- Proceed with hosting a TPDF grant funding cycle in 2022, and
- Issue a call for prospective candidates to fill vacant seats on the TPDF Committee.

# ENABLING LEGISLATION

The legislation gives the BCTDA ultimate authority over the awarding of the tourism product development funds, following recommendations from the TPDF Committee.

NOTE: Legislation does not specify or require a grant application cycle; but does mandate that all proposals are reviewed by a separate TPDF Committee.

## FUNDING PATHWAYS

### **TRADITIONAL APPROACH**

Grant, Loan Guarantee, or Debt Service

TPDF applicants may submit funding requests during the standard grant cycle for a grant, loan guarantee or debt service.

The TPDF Committee must review and evaluate project applications during the cycle, and make recommendations to the BCTDA for funding.

# FUNDING PATHWAYS

### **BCTDA ADOPTED ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES IN 2015**

**Strategic Priority List**: During the standard grant cycle, the TPDF Committee may wish to recommend funding for a project but not have the funds available. As per legislation, the BCTDA cannot make a binding commitment to fund projects using future year revenues. In this case, the TPDF Committee may recommend the BCTDA place a project on the Strategic Priority List, to be considered when funding is available. Selected projects would receive priority for funding in future years.

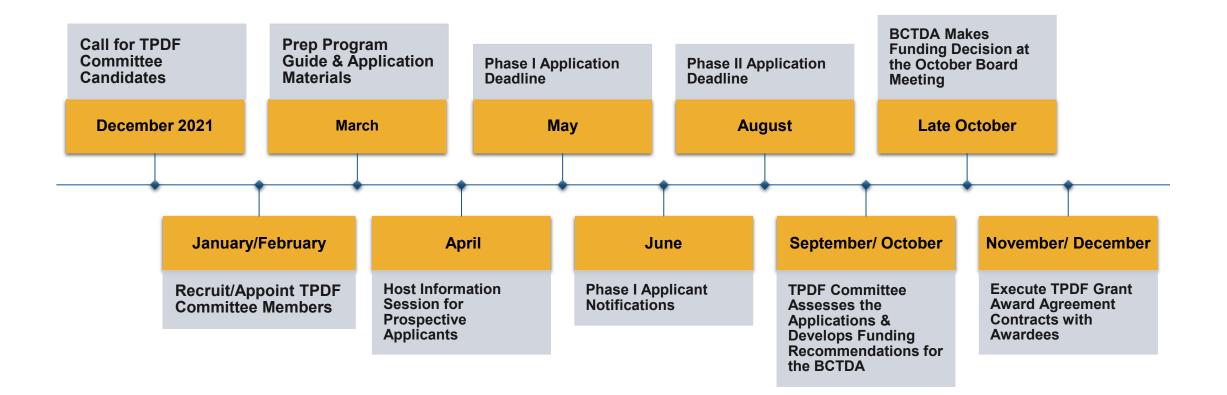
**Major Works Pathway**: This approach enables a funding pathway outside the annual TPDF funding cycle for significant projects representing a minimum \$5 million capital investment and requiring multi-year funding. Outside of the grant cycle, applicants may present a project proposal to the BCTDA for funding consideration. All potential major projects must conform to TPDF requirements and are subject to evaluation by the TPDF Committee. Applicants interested in pursuing the Major Works Pathway are encouraged to consult with CVB staff in early stages of project planning.

## 2022 TPDF GRANT CYCLE

- Planning underway for hosting a funding cycle in 2022.
- Criteria based on existing legislation, including the following core requirements:
  - Funding must be for capital investments only
  - Project must demonstrate that it will create substantial new and incremental hotel room nights in Buncombe County
  - Restricted to nonprofit organizations including municipal partners

# PROPOSED TIMELINE

### 2022 TPDF GRANT CYCLE



## TPDF COMMITTEE STATUS

The current TPDF Committee has five members – and four vacancies:

### Ken Stamps (Incoming Chair)

Navitat Canopy & Adventure Pisgah Tourism & Lodging Appointment

Jay Curwen Nantahala Outdoor Center Tourism Appointment

### **Fielding Lowe**

Carolina Alliance Bank Finance Appointment

### **David McCartney**

Aloft Asheville Downtown Lodging Appointment

### Brenda Durden (BCTDA Liaison)

Asheville Hotel Group Lodging Appointment BCTDA Vice Chair serves as TPDF Committee liaison.

# POLICIES & PROCEDURES

### **Appointment of TPDF Committee Members**

The Committee shall consist of nine (9) members made up of the following:

- 1) One member of the Committee must be an Authority member appointed by the Chairman of the Authority. (Brenda Durden as BCTDA Vice Chair will serve as committee liaison.)
- 2) A majority of the members of the Committee must always be persons who are owners or operators of hotels, motels, or other taxable tourist accommodations.
- 3) The remainder of the committee shall be made up of representatives with tourism, legal or financial expertise.

Current Committee: Lodging (2)

Tourism (2)

Finance (1)

# POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Process for Appointing Committee members shall be appointed as follows:

- 1) A TPDF nominating sub-committee shall be formed to solicit and review letters of interest and applications for membership. The sub-committee shall make recommendations of new members to the Authority.
- 2) The Authority appoints by majority vote on members of the Tourism Product Development Fund Committee.

# NEXT STEPS

**Establish a TPDF Nominating Sub-Committee** 

Solicit Letters of Interest December - January



Nominating Sub-Committee interviews the candidates & presents recommendations to the BCTDA in February

**BCTDA** appoints four TPDF Committee members



BCTDA determines amount of funding allocated to 2022 cycle



QUESTIONS?

## MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

### **Chair Kathleen Mosher**

Motion for Consideration

Motion to proceed with hosting a TPDF grant funding cycle in 2022 and issuing a call for TPDF Committee candidates to fill vacant seats on the TPDF Committee.

- Motion Second
- Discussion

# ROLL CALL VOTE

### **Chair Kathleen Mosher**

- Vice Chair Brenda Durden
- Andrew Celwyn
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## MARKETING UPDATE

### MARLA TAMBELLINI SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF MARKETING

## Explore ASHEVILLE

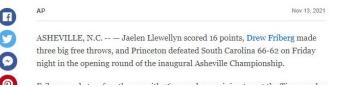
# ASHEVILLE CHAMPIONSHIP



Gophers Win Asheville Championship in Double Overtime Win

Gophers men's basketball takes on Princeton in Asheville Championship with familiarity on both sides Princeton rallies past S. Carolina in Asheville Championship





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Watch Roy Williams commercial for Asheville Championship ...

Retired UNC men's basketball coach Roy Williams enjoys a new role as ambassador for the Asheville Championship... Sen 14, 2021

#### SPORTS

Princeton men's basketball beat South Carolina to reach championship game of Asheville Challenge

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# **ASHEVILLE CHAMPIONSHIP**

## Kayak Giveaway | November 1 – 21

#### Asheville Championship 4m · 🚱

Attention fans! There's still time to enter to win this signed Asheville Championship kayak courtesy of Liquidlogic Kayaks. Details below from our friends at Visit Asheville - good luck!



#### Visit Asheville 15h · 🚱

Shoot your shot to win this Asheville Championship kayak from Liquidlogic Kayaks by donating to the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation through Pledge for the Wild! We unveiled the kayak at halftime of Sunday night's championship game. Here's how to enter: https://bit.ly/3EXAC5U.

Congratulations to Minnesota Men's Basketball on earning the first-ever Asheville Championship title by defeating Princeton 87-80 in double OT!

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## HOLIDAY MARKETING

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# HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE



- Featuring 80 locally made products across four product categories.
- Promoted via paid and organic social, search and email.



HANDMADE HOLIDAY Asheville Holiday Gift Guide



Share Asheville's holiday spirit and support local businesses by purchasing unique gifts from Asheville's online Holiday Gift Guide. Featuring more than 80 authentic goods, shop one-of-a-kind gifts from some of the area's top creatives, makers and craftspeople.

From arts and crafts to specialty food and beverages, make an impact this holiday season by supporting Asheville's local artists and businesses.



### HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE PAID MEDIA

Objectives:

 Drive website visits to the Holiday Gift Guide

#### Media:

- Facebook + Instagram
- Pinterest
- Paid Search
- eTarget consumer email
- Garden & Gun Social Post

Flighting:

 November 11 – December 31 (launch/end date vary per medium)



# HOLIDAY PAID MEDIA

**Objectives**:

• Drive overnight visitation during the holiday season

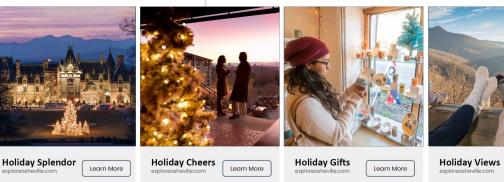
Media:

- Display + video
- Travel endemic
- Facebook + Instagram
- Pinterest
- Paid Search

Flighting:

November 11 – December 31 (launch/end date vary per medium)







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THAN JUST A BOX

**Gift Yourself Amazing Views** 



There's Holiday Magic Around Asheville

EXPERIENCE

REATHTAKING VIEWS



### SEASONAL BANNERS

#### Updates to destination brand advertising



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# MEDIA PARTNERSHIPS

### GARDEN & GUN PARTNERSHIP

Explore Asheville kicked off a multi-year content partnership with *Garden* & *Gun* at the12<sup>th</sup> Annual Made in the South Awards in Charleston on November 3<sup>rd</sup>



Join us as we toast this year's group of talented artisans and creative makers

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 5PM-7PM THE LOUTREL HOTEL

Rooftop, 6l State Street Charleston, South Carolina

RSVP by October 13 Maria Springs, events@gardenandgun.cor

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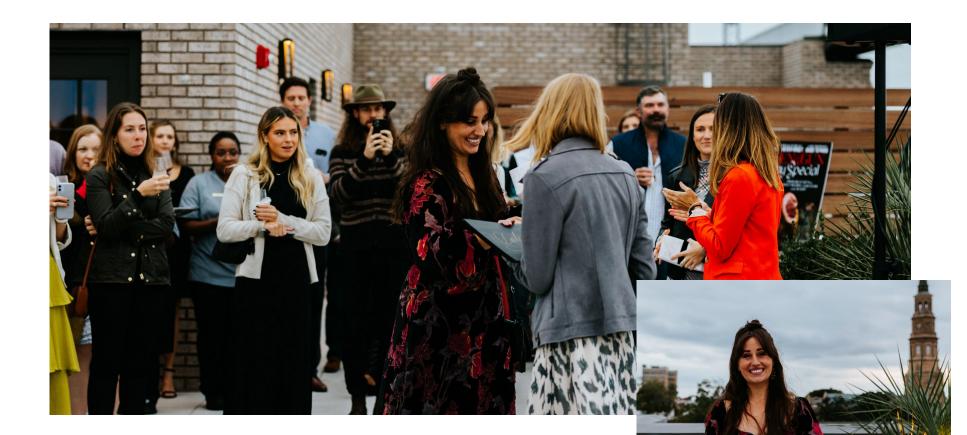




### GARDEN & GUN PARTNERSHIP

This partnership will highlight Asheville's legacy as a creative hub fueled by makers, artists, craftspeople, artisan food producers and entrepreneurial culture

At the event, local artisan Anneliesse Gormley of spoon + hook was named a runner up in the craft category



### GARDEN & GUN PARTNERSHIP

EVERY EXPERIENCE

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### GARDEN/GUN

Partnership Components:

- 7 Garden & Gun-designed print advertorial spreads
- 2021 Made in the South Awards **Dinner Event Sponsorship**
- Sponsored Social Media (aligning with the 7 advertorial spread print releases)
- 2021 Holiday Social Giveaway Program
- 2022 Made in the South Awards held in Asheville
- Creative Spirit Experience Custom Weekend Event



It doesn't take much digging to find the artistic per-sonality in each of Asheville's neighborhoods. From the studios of Kenilworth to sidewalk installments like the Tiny Gallery in North Asheville, the city holds count less places to encounter original works. Chief among them is the pedestrian-friendly River Arts District. An industrial zone turned creative hub, the neighborhood poasts two hundred artists in twenty-two buildings here specialties range from painting and pottery to fiber arts and sculpture. An inspiring setting in its owr right, the River Arts District is also home to the Wilma ceman Greenway, named for the Asheville-bor thor whose ecological tome, The French Broad, helped illuminate the need to preserve local waterways When embarking on a tour, here's a hint: Start at Riv erview Station and the neighboring Foundation Stu lios, where a collection of historic buildings house wel coming galleries, work spaces, and classrooms, Here istry is found not only in these makerspaces, but ir the surroundings themselves. Against the backdrop of vivid murals by local artists, the site is also home to a e park, an independent movie theater, the Wed at Foundation brewery and tasting room, and popular eateries such as 12 Bones Smokehouse. While Asheville's modern art scene is vibrant, tra-

ditional craft is in the region's DNA. In centuries past the Allanstand Craft Shop, established in 1895, and tmore Estate Industries opened in 1905 provided

ertunities for local arti students learned legacy techniques. Today, that empha sis on craft lives on, from the Folk Art Center to vario ssblowing and ceramics studios. Spaces such as th Village Potters Clay Center host in person instruction or skills like hand building and using a potter's wheel while Odyssey ClayWorks offers one-night pottery clas es for all skill levels. For those captivated by glass arts the North Carolina Glass Center celebrates the delicat nedium, offering easily accessible classes as well. Sometimes, however, experiencing these artful tre ures is as easy as gazing at (or shopping) the works or display. Japanese born ceramist Akira Satake crafts emony sets, and sculptural vessels a his River Arts District studio and galler are welcome to take it all in Meanwhile Daphne and Ed ohan design and hand print linens and home goods a their shop, the High Fiber, open on weekdays, And be cause the world of heritage craft extends beyond dishes and decor, consider a craft brewery tour with Asheville Brews Cruise, or a taste of Imladris Farm's famous iam ated by a seventh-generation family and sold at va ious local shops, Also in the realm of culinary arts, No Taste like Hom

serves up a variety of experiences in Asheville's rich outdoor landscape, Join a wild food stroll or, in April, a daylong Morel and Ramp Tour led by renowned forage Alan Muskat. Visitors to Asheville can also limit thei

nunting and gathering to the exten rant scene, where the artistry of local chefs is on full display. At the beloved Chai Pani, James eard Award nominee Meherwan Irani create snacks and savory plates inspired by India's realm of street food and home cooking. At the pearby rooftop Capella on 9. Asheville-born ex utive chef Rakim Gaines lends his exten ocal knowledge to the restaurant's seasonally driven tapas-style menu. The city and its sur-rounding areas also boast a wealth of markets during the growing season. The open-air events resent the best of local produce, baked goods ind crafts, offering a glimpse into the preval

of farms (and the farm-to-table lifestyle) in this Blue Ridge haven. Rooted in Appalachian sound, Asheville has reputation for one of the country's finest musi scenes. While tradition manifests in a wealth of

bluegrass, old-time, and Americana acts, the area cultivates artists in a wide array of genres, from soul and hip-hop to indie and jazz. Two must-visit venues are Salvage Station on the French Broad River and Rabbit Rabbit in South Slope, where nationally touring acts and loca amilarhonthahooke A



annual LEAF Festival, held each spring and fall in

PARTNERSHIP WITH EXPLORE ASHEVILL

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### MONOCLE PARTNERSHIP





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A leading global media brand (print + online) with editorial coverage spanning international affairs, business, culture and design.

Partnership includes:

- 24-page editorial print insert in Dec/Jan Issue
- 4 full page display ads
- 2-month sponsorship of Monocle's Digital newsletter (Weekend Sunday Edition)
- Digital reproduction of the insert to run on monocle.com
- 1,000 additional insert copies for use by EA

Advertorial insert includes:

- Creative Spirit (RAD, Music, Arts)
- Outdoors
- Food + Drink Culture
- Business Industry Sectors
- Hotels/Resorts + Meeting Spaces

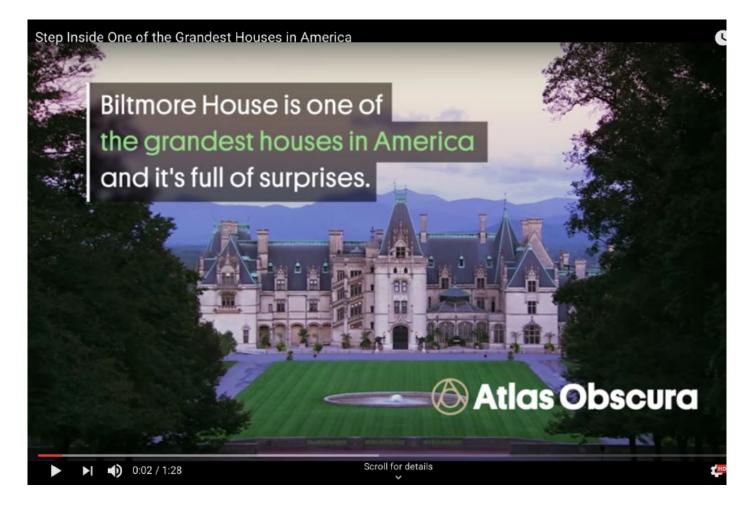
### ATLAS OBSCURA PARTNERSHIP

#### **Atlas Obscura**

Online travel media brand that highlights unusual and obscure travel destinations.

#### Partnership Components:

- 1 Pin Drop Video
- 1 Itinerary
- Social distribution on Atlas channels
- Video distribution via Atlas' consumer email database
- Custom carousel unit on atlasobscura.com
- Display units on atlasobscura.com
- B-roll asset pack



# OTHER POTENTIAL PARTNERS

Deliver Balanced Recovery & Sustainable Growth Encourage Safe & Responsible Travel

Invite & Engage Diverse Audiences (15% of media spend)





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Support Asheville's Creative Spirit

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### AUDIENCE SHIFTS

#### **Deliver Balanced Recovery & Sustainable Growth**

 MMGY Travel models for high level domestic leisure and business travel

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- Historic travel spend volume capable of driving Asheville economic growth
- Quality experiences are biggest driver of travel decision making

#### Engage & Invite More Diverse Audiences



- Composed of underrepresented travelers
- Historic travel spend volume capable of driving Asheville economic growth
- Enjoy new experiences and willing to make decisions in the moment

#### Encourage Safe & Responsible Travel

- MMGY Eco/Sustainability travel model
- Likely to support green initiatives and social responsibility
- Historic travel spend volume capable of driving Asheville economic growth

#### Promote & Support Asheville's & Creative Spirit



- MMGY Travel models for culinary experiences and supporting local arts
- Prefer to experience destinations as a local
- Historic travel spend volume capable of driving Asheville economic growth

#### \* Audiences will also be built based on Experian modeling and highest indexing Mosaic groups.

#### **SEASONAL AND PILLAR ALIGNMENT**

	Season Pillar		Rationale	Tactics				
**	Evergreen		Maintain consistent always on presence with key media tactics	Paid Search, Paid Social, Programmatic Display, Endemic Display				
	Spring		Begin ramping up for increased visitation by beginning to layer on additional high reach channels	Paid Search, Paid Social, Programmatic Display, Endemic Display, Custom Content, Native, Audio, Email and Video/CTV, Linear TV				
	Summer		Capitalize on the busiest travel season and have the most robust media mix of the year	Paid Search, Paid Social, Programmatic Display, Endemic Display, Custom Content, Native, Audio, Email and Video/CTV, Print, Linear TV				
**	Holiday/ Winter		Capitalize on Biltmore media presence and scale back media in Q4 and begin to layer in additional channels in Q1 2022 to capture increasing demand	Paid Search, Paid Social, Programmatic Display, Endemic Display, Custom Content, Native, Audio, Email and Video/CTV, Print, Linear TV				

#### SEASONAL & PILLAR FLOW CHART

	November	December	January	February	March	April	Мау	June	
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Sustainability			Sustainability						
Diversity						Diversity			
Creative Spirit				Creativ	ve Spirit				



# CONTENT DEVELOPMENT

### NEIGHBORHOODS

	ICONIC	THINGS	TRIP	EVENT	PLACES	F00D &	GREAT	PACKAGES
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# **River Arts District**

Watch Full Video ---

# SOUTH SLOPE MURAL TRAIL



#### **South Slope Mural Trail**

A self-guided tour of Asheville's South Slope cultural district with an eye for the art and artists that make this place shine.

The South Slope Mural Trail was created in collaboration with the Asheville Downtown Association Foundation, Explore Asheville Convention & Visitors Bureau and the South Slope Neighborhood Association to highlight the creativity of Asheville's growing mural scene in downtown's South Slope.

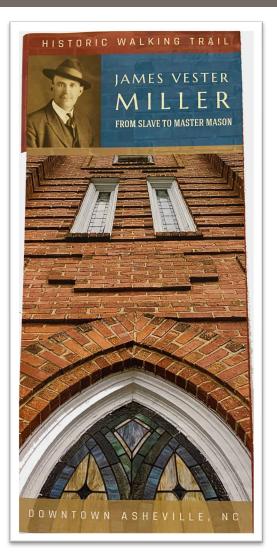
This hip, compact district of Asheville's Southside, commonly referred to as the South Slope, has a rich and diverse history including a vibrant African American community, an automobile focused "motor mile," and now a lively industrial area with a dynamic arts





View all 18 comments

# JAMES VESTER MILLER TRAIL





- Create new digital version of James Vester Miller Walking Trail hosted on ExploreAsheville.com.
- Features nine locations throughout downtown Asheville, with opportunity to add additional sites as new buildings are discovered.



# PUBLIC RELATIONS

### **PR TEAM**

#### Dodie Stephens Director of

Communications

#### Sarah Lowery Public Relations Manager

Michael Poandl Public Relations Manager

#### Sha'Linda Pruitt Public Relations Coordinator

#### **GMA IN ASHEVILLE**



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### FORTUNE

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#### #CVBClips Readership: 2.7 million

# A haven from the Jim Crow South finds a modern purpose

BY ADAM ERACE November 7, 2021 7:06 AM EST



November 8, 2021

#### **A New Song for Rabbit's Motel**



Opened in 1948 in Asheville, North Carolina's Southside neighborhood, Rabbit's Motel was an essential respite during the segregated Green Book era. The Green Book guide, first published in 1936, provided Black travelers with listings of hotels, restaurants, and businesses that would be welcoming to them. Owner Fred "Rabbit" Simpson's tourist court played host to a who's who of Black travelers. But he also served his neighbors in the Southside neighborhood.



#### **NBC** Indianapolis "Chuck's Big Adventure"

#### **Chuck's Big Adventure**



**Chuck's Big Adventure in Asheville: Blue Ridge Parkway, Joyride Slingshot Rentals,** The North Carolina Arboretum and Folk Art Center

Chuck Lofton and his "Big Adventure" team found an exhilarating way to check out the 469mile Blue Ridge Parkway



Happy Sunday from the Blue Ridge Parkway. "Oh Lord how majestic is your name." Breathtaking view of creation on our #chucksbigadventure trip. We will share our stories in November. What a view



110 Comments 31 Shares



- **TV News Travel Show in Emerging Market:** WTHR-TV, Indianapolis NBC television affiliate.
- Week of 11/15: Asheville segments run each day during Chuck Lofton's live weather segments on the morning news program. Additional content and edits via social.
- **Sample partner features:** Joyride/Blue Ridge Parkway, Poet Ryan Ashley, Stargazing with Asheville Astronomy Club, dining and indie retail in Black Mountain, The Guitar Bar/RAD, Folk Art Center, Biltmore and beyond.

#### MEDIA OUTREACH Up Next: What's New in 2022

Team is currently in research and writing mode as they curate insights and updates that will serve as the foundation for pitching across the calendar year.



# WINTER PROMOTION

#### **First Quarter Focus on Wellness**

- In 2022, wellness tourism is projected to be near the \$1 trillion mark.
- 80% of adults intend to be more mindful about self-care.
- Prioritization of wellness jumped 65% in past two years.



# CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

#### **Councilmember Sandra Kilgore**

Asheville City Council Update

# BC COMMISSION UPDATE

#### **Commissioner Robert Pressley**

**Buncombe County Commission Update** 

### DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

**Chair Kathleen Mosher** 

#### Consideration to Cancel the December 15, 2021 BCTDA Board Meeting

- Questions/Comments
- Suggested Motion:

Motion to cancel the BCTDA meeting scheduled on Wednesday, December 15, 2021.

- Motion Second
- Discussion

# ROLL CALL VOTE

#### **Chair Kathleen Mosher**

- Vice Chair Brenda Durden
- Andrew Celwyn
- Larry Crosby
- Matthew Lehman
- HP Patel
- Chair Kathleen Mosher

### MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

#### **Chair Kathleen Mosher**

### LIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS

#### **Chair Kathleen Mosher**

Members of the Public were invited to sign-up to verbally share live comments during today's virtual BCTDA meeting.

As of the 12:00 p.m. deadline on Tuesday, November 16, no requests to speak had been received.

# WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS

#### **Chair Kathleen Mosher**

Members of the Public were invited to submit comments via email to <u>reply@ExploreAsheville.com</u> through 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16.

There were no written public comments received by the deadline.

# ADJOURNMENT

#### **Chair Kathleen Mosher**

Suggested Motion:

Motion to adjourn the BCTDA meeting.

- Motion Second
- Discussion

# ADJOURN - ROLL CALL VOTE

#### **Chair Kathleen Mosher**

- Vice Chair Brenda Durden
- Andrew Celwyn
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- Chair Kathleen Mosher

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# EXPLORE ASHEVILLE HOLIDAY PARTY

December 8, 4:30-6:30 pm | Center for Craft

View Event Calendar on AshevilleCVB.com for Registration & Details

### NEXT BCTDA MEETING



#### Thanks for attending!

#### The next BCTDA meeting will be on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 | 9:00 a.m. Happy Holidays!