

## Asheville City Council September 14, 2021 Email Comments

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To Whomever It Be of Concern:

If the following will be read to City Council, I see no reason to register to speak either by phone or Zoom. If I am mistaken, please consider this a request to speak. We will be monitoring the Meeting live via desktop.

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Greetings Honorable Council Members,

My name is Carl Chesick and I'm the Executive Director of the Center for HoneyBee Research. The Center is an IRS recognized 501- C (3) non-profit based in West Asheville.

I hope you've heard of us? We maintain colonies on the roof of the Renaissance Hotel across the street and in addition to our research we annually sponsor the World's largest International Honey Tasting competition, bringing positive attention to Asheville, NC.

For the past eight years the Center has maintained its primary research activity on the property directly to the East of the development in question. Said property slopes gently to the South, covered by pollinator fields specifically managed for benefit of bees which benefit us all. The pasture is open on all sides and is currently home to 45 thriving colonies or approximately 1.5 million honeybees!

Re-zoning for 72 multi-family units would significantly increase the human density in the immediate area. There is no physical barrier between the proposed development and our hives. If Council favors approval, I request you stipulate a security fence be installed along the property line to prevent children from inadvertently crossing and contacting the bees.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration,

Sincerely,

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