



STAFF REPORT

Agenda Title: Guest Presentations

Presenter: Shannon Tuch

Staff contact(s): Shannon Tuch

Meeting Date: July 19, 2022

Summary:

Two separate guest presentations are included on the meeting agenda for the purpose of sharing valuable community information with the commission and the public.

Background:

The Town of Woodfin Comprehensive Plan includes a number of goals, objectives and strategies to consider when setting priorities and when making policy or budgetary decisions. Hearing from representatives in the community who are performing work that is in alignment with town adopted goals can be valuable when exploring partnerships that can leverage resources and support.

The Asheville-Buncombe Community Land Trust (ABCLT) is a local non-profit who works to improve housing security and increase the supply of affordable housing in Buncombe County. ABCLT provides a number of different programs designed to address the increasing cost of living in our area. The work of the ABCLT is in alignment with a few the comprehensive goals focused on residential infill development including:

“Increase the supply of affordable owner occupied housing to meet the needs of prospective residents with lower income levels.”

Better with Bonds / Buncombe Votes Yes campaign is a new citizen-led initiative that is promoting community support for the approval two bonds: Open Space and Housing, that will be on the ballot this November. If approved, the two bonds will secure \$30 million in support of open space conservation, and greenways, and \$40 million to increase the number of housing units for people of low to moderate income in Buncombe County. In addition to being alignment with the goal referenced above, this initiative would also align with the town adopted goals of:

“Create a linked system of parks, open spaces, neighborhoods, and commercial districts via greenways.”

and

“Preserve and enhance Woodfin’s open space, natural environment, and community character.”

Staff Analysis:

Not applicable. The presentations are informational only.

Advisory Body Recommendation:

Not applicable.

Process and Timeline (STRs):

Not applicable.

Budget Impact:

Not applicable. The presentations are informational only but may be used to help guide future budget decisions.

Requested Action & Suggested Motion:

No action is requested.

Attachments:

Not applicable.