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September 8, 2026 City Council Meeting Follow-up				
Item	**Question/Request and who made it**	**Responsible Staff/ Dept.**	**CM/ ACM**	**Staff response/update**
Manager's Report - Capital Quarterly Update	KR: [DOT] Update on the pedestrian crossing at Boston Way and Hendersonville Road.	Transportation/Ashley Haire	Jade	City staff (Transportation) are working closely with NCDOT Division 13 staff to identify a path forward to address the crosswalk in question at Boston Way crossing over Hendersonville Road. Hendersonville Road is an NCDOT street, and so they have purview over what can and cannot be implemented at this location. NCDOT is in support of designing and installing a pedestrian-activated crossing treatment here, although the specific traffic control device has not yet been identified. A variety of traffic control devices are possible for this crossing, but each has differing impacts on vehicular traffic flow. These impacts include Hendersonville Road, McDowell/All Souls, and other adjacent roadways, since traffic is frequently congested in this area across a number of streets in the immediate network. NCDOT is currently seeking funding to conduct a traffic engineering study to investigate which crosswalk treatment would be most effective and least disruptive to traffic. Depending on the type of traffic control device selected, design and construction for the project would likely fall in the $1M+ range, for which NCDOT is also seeking a funding source. City staff has recently discussed this crossing and its needs with Grand Bohemian staff. Grand Bohemian staff have offered to help resolve the right-of-way and easement concerns. At present, none of the curb ramps at this intersection are compliant with ADA regulations. Upgrading the ramps would be part of the project if it moves forward. Which leg of the intersection would receive the treatment would depend on the traffic engineering analysis and spatial needs for mast arms, motorist visibility to the devices, and signal pole foundation

				needs-- these aspects are all affected by adjacent building proximity and utilities, and would be explored as part of the design process.
New Business - Tenant Ordinance	All: Regulatory Guidance on Mold Enforcement - bring to committee	DSD/Legal	Ben	Information will be provided at the upcoming Public Safety Committee Meeting.

Additional Staff Updates				
Information requested by the Mayor	Drury Hotel Process and Timeline	PUD	Ben	New Development in Biltmore Village
Information request by City Council Generally	Bear cart availability and ordinances related to bear and other wildlife activity	PW	Jade	The City anticipates receiving 420 bear-proof recepticles this year, 210 of which were received in August. The remaining 210 are anticipated to arrive in December or January. These orders will get close to fulfilling the backlog of 469 carts. Orders are limited due to their costs and availability. The linked AVLWatchdog article from June 2026 explains the challenges for Asheville and other communities. Reduced spending this year has allowed for two orders of recepticles. Links to City ordinances related to bears and other wildlife are linked below. Relevant text is also pasted in this document **Sec. 3-9. Public nuisance** (6) The keeping, possession, harboring, feeding, or attracting of animals; wild, feral or domesticated, which threaten the public health, safety and welfare of the community in a manner including, but not limited to, attracting the presence of bears or wild animals that creates a danger to humans, wildlife, or domestic animals, or causes damage to other properties; provided, that nothing

				herein shall be construed to prohibit keeping or maintaining a bird feeder, or from feeding birds, unless said activity constitutes an attractant and its cessation is ordered by the animal control officer, police officer, or pursuant to this chapter. (a) For the purpose of this section, danger shall mean the potential for human injury or death, the potential for increased risk of disease transmission between animal species and humans, or the Increased potential for death or injury to the bears, livestock or companion animals. **Sec. 3-7. Powers and limitations of animal control officers** The powers and limitations of animal control officers shall be: (9) (9) Issue orders or warnings, in the sole discretion of the animal control officer, regarding the presence of bears or other wild animals in an area, and directing residents in the area to remove or secure attractants within 14 days. a. Failure to comply with an order issued pursuant to this ordinance shall result in the issuance of a civil penalty as set forth in appendix B of this Code. **Sec. 3-4. Definitions** *Wild animal* means any animal which can normally be found in the wild state, particularly those feral, dangerous or non-domesticated animals which generally do not live in or about the habitation of humans, including, but not limited to: bears, non-human primates, all felines (other than the domestic house cat), deer, raccoons, skunks, squirrels, turkeys, venomous snakes, elephants, camels, coyotes, wolves, and any hybrid or crossbreed of such animals which have similar characteristics of the animals specified herein.