Message from board chair, Elyse Marder.

Rather than offering specific appointment recommendations, I am providing a summary of strengths and considerations to support Council's deliberations.

For context, NAC currently consists of five members; two members reside in 28803 (Oakley specifically), two reside in 28806, and one resides in 28801. All current members are homeowners, four identify as white, and four are under the age of 40.

I hope that context and the summary below will inform Council's discussion about opportunities to broaden representation across geography, age, housing status, tenure in Asheville, and lived experience.

Janet Canfield - Applied for at-large seat

- Would contribute age diversity to the current board.
- Resides in Oakley. NAC currently includes two members from Oakley.

Rose Forbes - Applied for at-large seat

- Would contribute age diversity.
- Resides outside city limits. WAVL and NAC currently includes two members from WAVL (though from different areas and WAVL is geographically large).

Lindsey Johnson-White - Applied for at-large seat & 28805 seat

- Employed by Mountain BizWorks; Renter; Brings perspective connected to the LGBTQ+ community.
- Would not expand age diversity on the board.

Emily Palumbo - Applied for 28805 seat

- Resident of Haw Creek. Would add geographic representation from an area not currently represented on NAC.
- Would not significantly expand demographic diversity of the current board.

Lukas Ray - Applied for 28805 seat

- Connected with Mountain Housing Opportunities; Experience related to housing and recovery efforts.
- Would not significantly expand demographic diversity of the current board.

Richard Wallace - Applied for 28804 seat

- Asheville resident for over 30 years (brings long-term community knowledge); NAVL representative; Renter
- Would not significantly expand other demographic categories currently underrepresented on the board.