

Ben Fulmer

From: Roger Smith <rogersmithone@gmail.com> on behalf of Roger Smith
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 12:23 PM
To: Cecil Bothwell
Cc: esthermanheimer@avlcouncil.com
Subject: Campaign Dishonesty

On behalf of the 2017 Committee at Battery Park Senior Apartments, I call your attention to the comments you made in response to an *Ashvegas* report of October 6, 2009, entitled "Last-minute e-mail attacks Asheville City Council candidate Kelly Miller; so who is behind it?" "Lots of folks in town want to know who is really behind the Progressive Research Group," reported Jason Sandford.

In comments that followed the report, *A Loyal Reader* responded the the perceived "Karl Rove" tactics that you and your supporters had used in that e-mail attack to paint a Bothwell opponent with a negative image. "It appears that Charlie Thomas is earnest in his stated belief in the influence of money on elections," the posted comment stated. The same comment also suggested that "If you guys get in, I guess we can expect similar tactics when he [meaning Bothwell] wants to get his way on council business. You're poisoning the well of Asheville politics," insisted *A Loyal Reader*, "and I am ashamed for you."

The next responder, *An Interested Reader*, suggested that (with regard to the e-mail tactics in question), "you can argue that the facts are correct, but by omission of certain information, the writer is asking the reader to draw a false assumption." *Steve in NC* responding by writing "But context matters and you're playing semantics here. You obviously put this info up to discredit Miller and Manheimer in the eyes of progressives, and attack their credibility."

In your defense of these "facts" and the negative report, you commented: "Writers who reveal uncomfortable truths about public figures are used to getting splattered with mud--it goes with working in the trenches. Bending the truth is a typical propaganda tool."

I call your attention to another one of your campaign tactics in which you have been caught bending the truth. On August 30, 2017, you posted a video clip to your re-election web page about your fight for "greenspace" and parks in the city. "We need to keep up with that and create a space here in the downtown that everyone can enjoy. For me, fighting for parks is not a theoretical exercise," you said with the Basilica of St. Lawrence behind you. "I've been fighting for a park across from the Basilica since 2003."

The following paragraphs are taken from our Committee "Brief" [The 2017 Committee vs. Cecil Bothwell, et al.] in which the seniors at Battery Park Apartments diligently documented your misleading claims over the years.

"The record of those minutes, and the 2005 Committee's DVD, 'Other Views, Another Vision,' show that Bothwell had been misleading in his statement that the City's 2004 action had caused PARC to launch its campaign on Sept. 22, 2005. 'Beginning in 2004 and continuing through today,' Bothwell wrote on August 24, 2015 at cecilbothwell.com, 'I have fought commercial development of the city-owned property opposite the Basilica of St. Lawrence and the Asheville Civic Center and pressed for creation of a public park.' Yet, no record of such action in 2004 by Cecil Bothwell appears in the public record prior to the September 28, 2005 notice to the *Mountain Xpress* article by Bothwell entitled 'PARC says 'no parking'.

"Bothwell's claim, that beginning in 2004 he has fought against the 'commercial development' at Battle Square, does not hold up under scrutiny. Furthermore, his claim about opposing that commercial development does not mention a parking deck, specifically. In fact, his comments in the fall of 2015 for the stlawrencegreen.com website in which he writes about a poll he claimed to have conducted on September 22, evidence the same misleading claims that characterize how this cutthroat politician intended to strip the credibility of the 2005 Residents' Committee and 'the original populist crusade' he went about claiming as his own. 'Two City Council elections have been substantially decided over the issue,' he wrote at cecilbothwell.com on March 1, 2017."

Where is the record to support your claim that you have fought for a park at the Basilica since 2003?
Answer: There is none.

You refuse to be honest about your local representation of the senior community at both Battery Park and Vanderbilt Apartments. Your chief involvement with Warren Wilson College and the community garden coordinator on Page Avenue is meant to be misleading and a misrepresentation of exactly what your activity in our neighborhood is really about. You indicate in your video clip that you support a park that can be used by everyone, but the community garden you support has nothing whatsoever to do with the seniors or a place to be used by anyone unless it is coordinated through your representative, Clare Hanrahan. In short, you and your associates from Warren Wilson College have involved yourselves in our community for self-serving purposes. Yet, the garden coordinator goes to the press with all these claims that the garden is for the seniors and for food security...which is a complete fabrication meant to mislead the public about you and your socialist purposes.

You refuse to acknowledge the 2017 Committee or its 2005 forerunner, the 2005 Residents' Committee, chiefly because the record of our achievement runs counter to your misleading claims, claims which are meant to be self-serving for political purposes only.

We are going to urge you to support a park for everyone, as you claim, by promoting "Asheville Public Space 3" from *Visions: A New Public Space at the Basilica of St. Lawrence* created by the Clemson School of Architecture. The Mayor is aware of our committee and of our drive to promote this outstanding plan for the City of Asheville.

Stop poisoning Asheville politics with your web master designs that are meant to falsely give the people of Asheville the image that you care more about our City more than you care about your self-serving political career.

Submitted on Behalf of the 2017 Committee at Battery Park Senior Apartments by
Roger Smith

Ben Fulmer

From: Deborah Miles <dmiles@unca.edu> on behalf of Deborah Miles
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 6:31 PM
To: Esther Manheimer
Cc: Jaime Matthews
Subject: Re: Confederate Monuments

Excellent - great to see it in the paper this am and thank you for your leadership.

On Thu, Aug 24, 2017 at 5:36 PM, Esther Manheimer <esthermanheimer@avlcouncil.com> wrote:

Deborah,

Thank you for emailing me, at last city council meeting we directed the Governance subcommittee of council to take a look at the monument question. Under state law, monuments cannot be removed, but there is an opportunity to contextualize our monuments by adding new monuments or other methods of memorializing our history. In addition, the African American Heritage Committee is working on this issue and there will be plenty of opportunity for the public to weigh in.

You are welcome to attend the upcoming meetings, where we will be discussing next steps.

Jaime, copied can let you know when and where they are happening.

Thanks,

Esther

On Tuesday, August 22, 2017, Deborah Miles <dmiles@unca.edu> wrote:

Dear Esther,

I appreciate the idea of a community decision making process for the multiple monuments and markers to the Confederacy in Asheville. Is there something I can do to help such as research what other communities have done, host speakers, collaborate on convening for a community discussion, or something else? There are good reasons, both civic and safety wise, to be proactive on this.

Have you seen the discussion from PARC about the conversation with the [police guarding the monument](#)?

The police do not need to be the ones interpreting that site - for many reasons. Deborah

Sincerely,

Deborah Miles
(Deb or Deborah preferred)

She, Her, Hers

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One University Heights, CPO 1200
Asheville, NC 28804
UNC Asheville, Highsmith 223 - <https://maps.unca.edu/828-232-5024>
www.diversityed.org

*Former Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders said it best "You can't be what you can't see". *

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Ben Fulmer

From: Mark DeVerges <mark@deverges.com> on behalf of Mark DeVerges
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 1:03 PM
To: AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov
Subject: In support of Haywood Street task force suggestion of a business incubator on the site, an apartment building, and retail space, as well as some green areas

Dear Council,

I am very much in support of the Haywood Street task force. They were active in hearing from all member's of the community. The PARC group seems manipulating their report and ignoring another large contingent of individuals that believe in an 'AND' strategy... that this parcel is well suited for engaging development AND a public park aspect.

Please follow the task force's recommendations. Else, a special interest PARC will run afoul of a well processed and thoughtful group comprised of many differing community members.

Truly,

Mark DeVerges

Mark DeVerges | 828-423-9484 Cell

Ben Fulmer

From: Jill Scobie <jill@scobie.net> on behalf of Jill Scobie
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 8:36 AM
To: AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov
Subject: green space on Haywood

Hello City Council members,

I was a city resident from 1995 through 2004. Now I live in Buncombe County but still like to frequent downtown. My 87 year old mother lives in Asheville and I try to spend time with her 4-5 times a week.

I was not a signer of the PARC ad asking you to decide in favor of green space on Haywood across from Pack library and the Basilica, but I would like to add my voice to those who did sign.

It is not a simple task to bring my mother downtown due to her limited ability to walk great distances, uphill, on uneven surfaces, etc. so I do so infrequently and for very specific reasons. She likes the yarn shops at the Arcade and on Wall St, the bead shop on Lexington, the Diana Wortham Theatre and a few scattered restaurants. If there were a green space near the library, it would be easy to park, visit the library and enjoy sitting in the park, maybe picnicking. She loves to watch humanity stroll by.

A park, rather than more buildings, in this location will benefit the physical and mental health of Asheville residents and make our city an even more inviting place for tourists to visit and to entice businesses to locate their new office here. Everyone states quality of life when they list their reasons for wanting to live in Asheville. Let's try to keep focusing on that!

Thank you,

Jill Scobie
248 John Tate Dr
Fletcher, NC 28732

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The ideals which have lighted my way, and time after time have given me new courage to face life cheerfully, have been Kindness, Beauty, and Truth. -Albert Einstein, physicist, Nobel laureate (14 Mar 1879-1955)

Ben Fulmer

From: Jaime Matthews <JMatthews@ashevillenc.gov> on behalf of Jaime Matthews
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2016 11:59 AM
To: Esther Manheimer;Christopher Pratt;Lakota R. Denton
Cc: Cecil Bothwell;councilgroup;John Boyle - Contact;Dawa Hitch;james@minicklaw.com;Gary Jackson;Cathy Ball;PARC
Subject: RE: Re:

Hi All,

Please see below a brief overview of initiatives the City has run in the last 12 months with regard to pedestrian and traffic safety. If you have any other question or want more information, please let me know.

Thanks,
Jaime

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1. **PACE Car Program** – a collaborative effort between CoA and Grove Park/Sunset Mountain Neighborhood.

Here is a quick blurb from our story back in April:

“All of us are bringing information from our own expertise to make sure we have a well-rounded effort,” says Community Resource Officer Todd Brigman. Using data from road traffic tests, the APD will be able to target specific times and trouble spots, as well as offer a visible deterrent to speeding. The Transportation Department, through the [Road Safety Review Team](#), can also offer reengineering of crosswalks and intersections or [traffic calming devices](#).

But not all areas are appropriate for traffic calming measures, and the APD cannot be everywhere at once, so strategies like education and awareness efforts need to come into play. And that's how neighbors can make an impact...

Ideas for education outreach include yard signs, neighborhood outreach and a neighborhood speed accountability program where neighbors sign pledges to comply with the speed limit. A sticker campaign could further spread the word.

FULL STORY: Neighborhood and City collaborate to reduce speeding (April 2, 2015)
<http://coablog.ashevillenc.gov/2015/04/neighbors-and-city-collaborate-to-reduce-speeding/>

2. **Watch For Me** – there was an education component on pedestrian, bicycle and motorist safety followed by focused enforcement.

There was a citywide **reduction of 27% in pedestrian and bicycle related crashes** in comparison to the same time period average for 2010-2014.

Asheville's pedestrian, bicycle crashes lower during City's Watch for Me campaign (January 11, 2016)

<http://coablog.ashevillenc.gov/2016/01/ashevilles-pedestrian-bicycle-crashes-lower-during-citys-watch-for-me-campaign/>

From: esthermanheimer@avlcouncil.com [mailto:esthermanheimer@avlcouncil.com]

Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2016 10:49 AM

To: Christopher Pratt <chrispd1@gmail.com>; Lakota R. Denton <lakota@minicklaw.com>

Cc: Cecil Bothwell <cecilbothwell@gmail.com>; councilgroup <AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov>; John Boyle - Contact <jboyle@citizen-times.com>; Dawa Hitch <DHitch@ashevillenc.gov>; james@minicklaw.com; Gary Jackson <GJackson@ashevillenc.gov>; Cathy Ball <cball@ashevillenc.gov>; PARC <ashevilleparc@gmail.com>; Jaime Matthews <JMatthews@ashevillenc.gov>

Subject: RE: Re:

I see the problem. Jaime, can you send out the information on the Watch For Me campaign to everyone? When I sent it out, it was garbled.

Thank you,
Esther

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From: [Christopher Pratt](#)

Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2016 10:30 AM

To: [Lakota R. Denton](#)

Cc: [Esther Manheimer](#); [Cecil Bothwell](#); AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov; [jboyle](#); [Dawa Hitch](#); james@minicklaw.com; [Gary Jackson](#); [Cathy Ball](#); [PARC](#)

Subject: Re:

Nor can I, not sure why.

On Thu, Feb 4, 2016 at 10:11 AM, Lakota R. Denton <lakota@minicklaw.com> wrote:

I can't read this email, it looks encrypted.

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Lakota R. Denton
Attorney
Minick Law, P.C.
[828-333-5024](tel:828-333-5024)

On February 4, 2016 at 10:06:50 AM, esthermanheimer@avlcouncil.com (esthermanheimer@avlcouncil.com) wrote:

lakota@minicklaw.com" <lakota@minicklaw.com>

From: <esthermanheimer@avlcouncil.com>

Subject:

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In addition, the city=E2=80=99s partnership with DOT in the =E2=80=9CWatch =
for Me=E2=80=9D campaign saw great success. Here=E2=80=99s some informatio=
n about that. See below. But traffic and pedestrian safety remains a high=
priority. Many of the streets in Asheville are under DOT control, requiri=
ng a close working relationship with DOT to address safety concerns. The n=
ew sidewalks down Hendersonville Road are good example of the results of th=
at partnership.

Asheville=E2=80=99s pedestrian, bicycle crashes lower during City=E2=80=99s=
Watch for Me campaign

The City of Asheville=E2=80=99s 2015 Watch for Me NC campaign, which ran fr=
om September to November, saw a citywide reduction of 27% in pedestrian- an=
d bicycle-related crashes in comparison to the same time period average for=
2010-2014.

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This is the first year the City of Asheville has participated in the=C2=A0W=
atch for Me NC campaign. The statewide initiative, run through the NC Depar=
tment of Transportation, aims to reduce pedestrian and bicycle injuries and=
deaths through a comprehensive and targeted approach of public education a=
nd police enforcement.

Asheville=E2=80=99s campaign, which kicked off Aug. 4, focused on educating=
motorists and pedestrians on laws through the month of August and began mo=
torist-focused enforcement on Sept. 1.

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Enforcement focused on heavily used pedestrian areas of Asheville such as d=

owntown, Biltmore Village, Merrimon Avenue and West Asheville. Throughout the three-month period the Asheville Police Department's Traffic Safety Unit conducted 10 operations focused on enforcing pedestrian related laws to motorists. These operations resulted in 49 charges. In addition, the Downtown Unit conducted multiple operations during this time frame focusing on major pedestrian intersections, such as those surrounding Pritchard Park.

Our department's primary focus is to ensure that all citizens and visitors to the City of Asheville are safe," said Asheville Police Chief Tammy Hooper. "There are a number of areas throughout Asheville that experience very high pedestrian foot traffic. From 2010 to 2014 we had an average of 37 pedestrian-involved wrecks per year; in calendar year 2015 we experienced 27. Obviously, the goal is zero, but this is a substantial and very positive reduction. We hope to continue the downward trend through various efforts which include participating in campaigns such as Watch for Me."

The City of Asheville would like to thank community partners who assisted in the program:

- UNC Asheville Police Department
- AB Tech Community College
- Asheville City Schools
- Active Routes to School
- Buncombe County District Attorney's Office
- Mountain Area Health Education Center
- Blue Ridge Bicycle Club
- Asheville on Bikes
- WNC Bicycle Dealer's Association
- Asheville Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force
- City of Asheville Multimodal Commission
- City of Asheville Neighborhood Advisory Committee

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From: Cecil Bothwell
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2016 11:56 AM
To: Christopher Pratt
Cc: AshevilleNCCouncil@ashevillenc.gov; PARC; jboyle
Subject: Re: CSLOW DOWN ASHEVILLE - Local law firm launches driving speed reduction sign campaign.

The City of Asheville currently has a "slow down" campaign going. The PACE CAR program was initiated last year in partnership with the Grove Park/Sunset Mountain Neighborhood Association. It replicates similar programs in other cities which enlist local residents who pledge to drive at the speed limit and then receive a sticker identifying their cars as Pace Cars. Enforcement was also stepped up in the neighborhood.

This follows on continuous Council action regarding traffic calming in the City. (See [this link](#) for a 2014 update on the issue.)

I haven't seen an evaluation of the success or failure of the program at this point, but I think it's clear that the City of Asheville is working on this matter.

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On Feb 2, 2016, at 7:08 PM, Christopher Pratt <chrispdoc1@gmail.com> wrote:

"SLOW DOWN ASHEVILLE" - Local law firm launches driving speed reduction sign campaign.

-- There you go Asheville, our City Council won't and APD doesn't have enough officers so can't take action to control traffic so we get signs paid for by local law firms. How's that working for you?

Local law firm launches driving speed reduction sign campaign

Posted on February 1, 2016 by Able Allen - sign-project_redo-300x225
Press release from Minick Law:

We are proud to be launching "SLOW DOWN ASHEVILLE"; a public safety campaign designed to help motorists drive safely on Asheville's busy and narrow roadways. Co-sponsored by N.C. Farm Bureau and Fast Signs of Asheville, Minick Law will be distributing FREE "SLOW DOWN ASHEVILLE" yard signs to residents and businesses, to serve as a reminder to Asheville motorists to drive with appropriate caution on our city streets.

Asheville, N.C. holds the unfortunate title for the highest number of pedestrian injuries in the state, per capita. The city's vibrant growth brings with it more challenges to pedestrian and bicycle safety, as our roads get more and more congested, and side streets become thoroughfares for drivers looking for shortcuts.

This project hits especially close to home for us at Minick Law, as many of our attorneys and staff members live in Asheville's particularly congested neighborhoods, with young children and pets. Watching motorists zoom past our homes every day, we decided that we needed to do what we could to help address and bring much needed awareness to an important local issue.

Minick Law=Es Asheville Personal Injury Attorney Lakota Denton handles a variety of serious pedestrian and bicycle accidents in Asheville, and as he puts it: "Unfortunately, I've seen some really sad and terrible things happen to pedestrians and bicyclists when drivers are going too fast and not paying attention. We need to drive like our own children and pets live on the street we're driving on."

Beginning on Wednesday February 10th, You can stop by the following locations to pick up your free SLOW DOWN ASHEVILLE yard sign for your home or business:

Minick Law 30 Orchard St. Asheville, NC 28801

NC Farm Bureau 41 Chamberlain Dr. Asheville, NC 28806

High 5 Coffee 190 Broadway #102 Asheville, NC 28801

High 5 Coffee 13 Rankin Ave. Asheville, NC 28801

Edna's of Asheville 870 Merrimon Ave. Asheville, NC 28801

Edna's At The River 219 Amboy Rd. Asheville, NC 28806

Biscuit Head 733 Haywood Rd. Asheville, NC 28806

Biscuit Head 417 Biltmore Ave 4F Asheville, NC 28801

(More locations TBD)

Want to be a distribution point for SLOW DOWN ASHEVILLE yard signs? Drop us an email

Thank you for doing your part to keep our community safe.

<https://mountainx.com/blogwire/local-law...>

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