

## Ben Fulmer

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**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 splatter 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](http://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](http://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](http://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

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**From:** Cecil Bothwell <cecilbothwell@avlcouncil.com> on behalf of Cecil Bothwell  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 8:27 PM  
**To:** Will Keeton  
**Subject:** Re: Price Park, aka Pit of Dispair

Hi Will,

I'm entirely open to naming the park for Julian. Heck, I want a signature bridge if we MUST have the idiot I-26 DOT plan, named for Julian.

But your notion for this park is quite reasonable.

-c

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Cecil Bothwell  
@cecilbothwell  
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On Apr 11, 2017, at 3:01 PM, Will Keeton <[4olinb@gmail.com](mailto:4olinb@gmail.com)> wrote:

Mr. Bothwell,

I don't email much but wanted to explain the name of our new park I'd prefer, Price Park. Named for Julian Price, of course.

Of note, in part, from Wikipedia: In checking the person for whom Pritchard Park was named, I found Jeter Connelly Pritchard, - the man - and this:

*In North Carolina, Pritchard became a prominent leader of the [Lily-White Movement](#), an effort in the South during the early 20th century to drive the relatively few remaining blacks out of the Republican Party. The relatively small number of white Republicans in the state wanted to take control of the party entirely.*

The French have a saying: The more things change the more it's the same...

Olin

On Tue, Apr 11, 2017 at 1:21 PM, Cecil Bothwell <[cecilbothwell@avlcouncil.com](mailto:cecilbothwell@avlcouncil.com)> wrote:

Hi Olin,

Yes, I'm going to send a similar piece to the Xpress. (They won't print the identical one as a matter of policy.)

Thanks for your support on this. It has been a long fight.

-c

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On Apr 11, 2017, at 10:18 AM, Will Keeton <[4olinb@gmail.com](mailto:4olinb@gmail.com)> wrote:

I just received a copy of your comments from PARC, to which I respond: BRAVO! Keep up the good fight.

I live outside Asheville, and checked the AC-T, online, to see it was printed as a letter to the editor. I write to suggest that your comments also be sent to MountainXpress (if you have not done so already), sensing you have many allies in its readers.

Good luck to us all - and to Asheville - in achieving what so many want; only a park.

Olin Blankenship

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**From:** Will Keeton <4olinb@gmail.com> on behalf of Will Keeton  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 10:19 AM  
**To:** cecilbothwell@avlcouncil.com  
**Subject:** Price Park, aka Pit of Dispair

I just received a copy of your comments from PARC, to which I respond: BRAVO! Keep up the good fight.

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**From:** johndavidshort@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2017 4:12 PM  
**To:** Cecil Bothwell  
**Subject:** Re: PARC

Just keep fighting. Thanks.

JD Short  
(828) 380-4667  
Sent via mobile device.

On Mon, Mar 27, 2017 at 10:04 AM -0400, "Cecil Bothwell" <[cecilbothwell@avlcouncil.com](mailto:cecilbothwell@avlcouncil.com)> wrote:

Will try again tomorrow night.  
I anticipate the majority will say "no" - so we'll have to fight this one again in November.  
Sigh,  
-c

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Cecil Bothwell  
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On Mar 27, 2017, at 8:42 AM, [johndavidshort@gmail.com](mailto:johndavidshort@gmail.com) wrote:

Dear Council Members,

MAKE IT A TEMPORARY PARK WITH A SHORT LEASE IF YOU WISH TO PRESERVE THE OPTION TO DEVELOP IN THE FUTURE.

But please listen to the voters that live and work downtown and build a park to take a bit a stain off Pritchard Park. It been 14 years folks, do something for the people that make Asheville so popular with developers.

Thanks,

JD Short  
828-380-4667 [johndavidshort@gmail.com](mailto: johndavidshort@gmail.com)

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**From:** Cecil Bothwell <cecilbothwell@avlcouncil.com> on behalf of Cecil Bothwell  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2017 10:05 AM  
**To:** Jill Scobie  
**Subject:** Re: green space on Haywood

Will try again tomorrow night.

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On Mar 27, 2017, at 8:36 AM, Jill Scobie <[jill@scobie.net](mailto:jill@scobie.net)> wrote:

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)