

Report to Environmental and Energy Stewardship Subcommittee on ABRC Ordinance Update and Priorities

- Hadn't done update for nearly 10 years, much has changed in RAD and river since then; trying to keep commission relevant to City and region
- Design Review taken out of duties a few years ago, consolidated with downtown design review, so edited out, though we still review new projects, such as 179/144 apartment project discussed yesterday
- Following takeaways from the River Summit held in 2022 by the ARRC–WQ concerns, need to work with others, value of education about River's importance– new ordinance makes more pointed referral to larger Riverfront area than just what's in the RAD. This acknowledges regional aspect of watershed and need to work together with other communities to support sustainable economic development, while improving and protecting WQ
- Name change also reflects desire to work at a more watershed scale
- Reduced CIBO and RL to one seat each from two
- Added seats for Black Mtn and Swannanoa to facilitate collaboration, highlight next growth areas
- Stipulated seat for Housing Authority rep or resident
- Three priorities
 - Review comp plans and other info from AVL, Buncombe, Woodfin, Black Mountain, etc., to identify areas of potential collaboration/conflict across broader region on economic development and WQ challenges
 - Review 1989/2004 Wilma Dykeman Riverway Plan re: progress made and what still needs work (Swannanoa River area), economic and environmental plan part of the ordinance for years
 - Update Design Guidelines for RAD and seek enhancement of transportation options
- Commission looks forward to working with subcommittee and others at County level