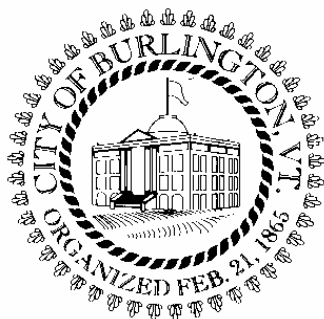


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**PUBLIC INPUT SOUGHT ON NEW TENANT FOR MORAN PROJECT**

***Four Potential Tenants Express Interest; Public Meetings to be Held This Month***

Burlington, VT – January 7, 2010. The City of Burlington is seeking public input on four potential tenants for the Moran Redevelopment Project. A series of public meetings have been scheduled this month to solicit feedback and questions about the potential tenants, one of which will be selected to join Ice Factor International and the Lake Champlain Community Sailing Center as tenants in the project. Public input will be especially valuable in the selection process as the project continues to move forward.

Over the last several months the City has secured or identified funding from a variety of sources that do not impact local taxpayers and which will allow the City to meet its commitments to redeveloping the Moran Center. In November 2009, the Green Mountain Children's Museum (GMCM) informed the City of Burlington of its withdrawal as a partner from the process of redeveloping the Moran Center. GMCM decided that it was best for them to pursue a less ambitious project as a start-up organization. GMCM leaving the project will not impact these funding solutions. The City is enthusiastic about its partnerships with the Lake Champlain Community Sailing Center and Ice Factor and is committed to a robust public process to identify a new tenant(s) to replace the GMCM in the project.

As part of that process to identify a potential new tenant(s), the City solicited Letters of Interest, reconvened the Moran Advisory Group to make recommendations to the Mayor on the possible new tenant(s) and will have multiple opportunities for public feedback at the Neighborhood Planning Assemblies in January.

Ward 6: Thursday, January 7 – 7pm, Greek Orthodox Church, 600 S. Willard St.  
Ward 1: Wednesday, January 13 – 7pm, Memorial Lounge in UVMs Waterman Bldg  
Ward 2/3: Thursday, January 14 – 6:30pm, MultiGeneration Center, 241 N. Winooski Ave.  
Ward 4/7: Tuesday, January 19 - Moran info and feedback will occur before Assembly starts, 6:30pm, Miller Center, 130 Gosse Ct.  
Ward 5: Wednesday, January 20 – 7pm, DPW/Parks Bldg, 645 Pine St.

The Parks, Arts and Culture Committee of the City Council will hold a public forum on 1/26 6:30pm, Miller Center, 130 Gosse Ct.

The City of Burlington has received four Letters of Interest from non-profit businesses interested in occupying up to 7,000 sq.ft. of ground floor space in the Moran Center at Waterfront Park redevelopment project.

Here are summaries of each organization's proposal:

**Burlington City Arts:** Proposes to use 7,000 sq.ft. to create an extension of the Firehouse Center for the Visual Arts with a focus on arts education. BCA would: run classes, camps and workshops in drawing, painting, photography and digital media, as well as professional development, design and merchandising; allow people to drop in and make art in short format classes; create exhibition space for education and tourism and rent space for large-scale events; and possibly manage a small store that would sell work of Vermont artists. BCA would grow their relationships with area colleges that currently use their facilities to offer classes for credit.

**Burlington College:** Proposes to use between 4,000 and 7,000 sq.ft. to create a multi-use facility to serve as a community gallery and public art space for exhibits, dance workshops, etc.; an event space for lectures, conferences, and events; and classrooms (including green build and environmental retrofitting classes). BC would also move (and expand) two functions to the Moran building: the Institute for Civic Engagement, which engages citizens in discourse regarding important issues; and the Pro Se Legal Clinic, which teaches low-income and disadvantaged Vermonters to manage their own legal issues.

**Flynn Center for the Performing Arts:** Proposes to use approximately 3,000 sq. ft. of indoor space for classes, camps, and informal performance, plus some outdoor performance area, perhaps in the fountain/plaza area. Since FCPA is considering using less than the full space previously allotted to Green Mountain Children's Museum, they have raised the possibility of collaborating with another organization whose mission and programming would be compatible (specifically mentioning BCA and LCMM).

**Lake Champlain Maritime Museum:** Proposes to use 7,000 sq ft. to create a new LCMM branch called the "Shipwreck Center," which will include interactive museum exhibits and theater space inside the building, focusing on the shipwrecks of Lake Champlain. The exhibits would include recovered artifacts, full sized replica vessels and other objects that tell the story of the Lake's military, commercial and cultural history. LCMM also proposes to relocate to Moran

the activities currently housed at Perkins Pier, including porting the schooner *Lois McClure*, and the Burlington Community and Youth Rowing project.

The Moran Advisory Group is looking for specific feedback on these interested organizations and their proposals in terms of what benefits each organization might provide to the community on the waterfront and why that is important. You can give this input at any of the above meetings or via email to [kmerriman@ci.burlington.vt.us](mailto:kmerriman@ci.burlington.vt.us).

You can find additional information on the project at [http://www.cedoburlington.org/waterfront/moran\\_plant/moran\\_plant\\_redevelopment.htm](http://www.cedoburlington.org/waterfront/moran_plant/moran_plant_redevelopment.htm)