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Subject: Pls Read! Moving Forward: Cking in re Plan SE/ED next steps/ Planning Commission Executive Committee Mtg-today 1 pm?

Greetings David et all,

Checking in re a couple of things please and thank you in advance for everyone's time and energies!

1. Following up to the Planning Commission meeting I attended 2 weeks ago, in support of the possible formation of a **diverse Steering Committee** moving forward w/ Plan BTV South End/Enterprise District, could you please let me know where did you all decide to leave this proposal for now?

As I said at the meeting, I feel it would be very useful to have a set group of diverse stakeholders around a table to review the draft plan and make recommendations for the next stage. People from the housing sector, small biz sector, large biz sector, land developer sector, architect sector, residents, artists (most of whom are small biz owners :), a youth representative, homeless sector, reps from Planning Commission, etc.... and definitely a rep from South Burlington as we share so much of a geographical boundary w/ them.

While there have been many meetings, they are often in "silo" style where people of varying backgrounds and beliefs don't have the opportunity to dialog deeply and generate solutions with those who hold the structural resources necessary.

2. After attending the Community Development Housing Framework meeting last week-which was very enlightening and thank you Selene for running such a great process and the Mayor's office and Chief of Staff, Brian Lowe for his input, might i suggest:

A Project to **Map All the Available Space that is CURRENTLY Zoned for Housing within Burlington proper and on it's perimeters in neighboring towns?**

(If this already exists, i would appreciated being directed to it)

3. I would also like to suggest the gathering of a : **Housing Target**

How many dwellings are needed to meet Burlington's needs of all kinds of people? As a starting point. If this exists, pls direct me to it. (I have included Dawn Maskowitz here given her background in affordable housing and maybe she can direct us to some resources?)

This was echoed by several Councilors and housing advocates at the Housing Framework meeting last week. It would be most helpful, and possibly prudent, to have a **goal** to work towards in terms of numbers/types of housing needed to meet our housing crisis and long-term livability goals.

4. Is this Exec Comm meeting of the Planning Commission open to the public this afternoon at 1?
<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/sites/default/files/Agendas/20150922ExecComAgenda.pdf>

5. In light of the Mayor's recent announcement of clearly not supporting housing in the Enterprise District, thank you again, I would like to ask if the comment phase closing date, for the Draft Plan be revisited please? I believe potentially some outreach/education to understand what this differentiation is would be beneficial. Also, given that all 3 Draft Plans contain housing in the Enterprise District, this has to be revisited....no?

6. Lastly, but not least, moving forward, I urge you all to please consider the hiring of more "local" experts and people among us, when possible, to keep some of the revenue spent on this vast project in our local economy. While I am all for people getting compensated for their knowledge and experience, I find it well, hard to swallow, that one consultant hired, earns \$250/hour for a public project for example. The irony of trying to provide housing for all, while working within a system of limited resources, income differences and social problems in our community such as homelessness and heroin addiction, leads me to ponder if the monies raised for this project, could be spent a bit differently. While many partners contributed, there is a substantial contribution from the city proper and thus her citizens.

Let's all continue to work together to solve the pressing problems in our midst and face the opportunities on the horizon.

Warmly,
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