



CITY OF BURLINGTON, VERMONT
CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT &
NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE
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Councilor Bryan Aubin, Ward 4
Councilor Jane Knodell, Ward 2
Councilor Kevin Worden, Chair, Ward 1

Tuesday, August 21, 2013
8:30-9:30 AM
City Hall
Conference Room 12

Minutes

Councilors: Kevin Worden, Jane Knodell,
Staff: Brian Pine, Nate Wildfire, David White, Sandrine Thibault,
Public: Joe Speidel, Jason Williams, Karen Long, Emily Lee

1. Review Agenda
2. Meeting minutes from 6/24/13 and 7/16/13 (5 min.)
 - Minutes adopted – Jane motion, Kevin second
3. Continuing discussion of neighborhood revitalization process:
 - Council adopted a resolution identifying priorities, and quality of life is one of the priorities – so we should think of Council as a resource in our conversations
 - We're looking for a transformation of those neighborhoods closest to downtown

Goals:

- Better balanced neighborhoods – resident types, housing types, demographics, affordability – increase the choices
- Increased home ownership – less turnover
- Reinvestment in existing housing stock
- Safe and quality housing/Elimination or reform of problem landlords
- Connecting residents to work – creating walkable neighborhoods, and workforce housing

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- More downtown housing
- Better stormwater management and green belt
- Safe walks
- Noise reduction and quality of life improvements

Initiatives:

- Enforcement of 4 unrelated ordinance/transparency and clarity on allowed uses
- Condo conversion rules need to favor conversion to owner-occupancy
- Cohesive and connected parking plan for downtown and residential areas
- Seed capital – acquisition dollars for problem properties
- Taxation policy for rental units – creating a better balance between value, cash flow, and value of the asset
- Identify sites, funding sources, and great management firms to build university affiliated housing downtown, and create compelling advocacy plan/messaging campaign for why that's a part of the solution for neighborhoods.
- Neighborhood Improvement District/TIF to provide seed capital or other capital
- Mapping problem properties using BPD calls, municipal violations, etc. Data to drive strategies – use data for acquisition strategy, prioritization, safety, etc. Connection between code, BPD, and P&Z.
- Patrols the next day to follow up with violators – all on the lease to follow up
- Develop strategies to build comprehensive capacity to do scattered site redevelopment and acquisition – once we have \$, we have to have people to creatively deploy it on a building by building basis

Stakeholders:

- Landlords/rental property owners
- Institutions
- Current residents – NPA's
- Students
- Financial institutions
- Low-incomes advocates
- Refugee resettlement programs
- All City departments
- Downtown advocacy groups
- NPA's

3.5 Parking Update

- Nate gave a 6 minute presentation on parking

4. Date and items for next meeting (5 min.)

- US Ignite update at next meeting

5. Other business (5 min.)