



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, October 1, 2013
5:30-7:00 PM
Fletcher Free Library
Community Room

Minutes

Councilors: Kevin Worden, Jane Knodell

Staff: Brian Pine, Nate Wildfire, David White, Sandrine Thibault, Ron Redmond, Ed Antczak

Public: Joe Speidel, Jason Williams, Caryn Long, Emily Lee, Bill Church, Anne Brena, Bill Ward, Jim Holway, Gabrielle Sealy, Sandy Wynne

1. Review Agenda
2. Meeting minutes from 8/21/13 (5 min.)
 - Minutes adopted – KW moved adoption, JK seconded.
3. **Continuing discussion of neighborhood revitalization process:**
 - JK urged that the Committee request that “responsible parties” be identified for the initiatives.
 - Reminder: Council adopted a resolution identifying neighborhood quality of life is one of the priorities for this year. CDNR is looking for a transformation of those neighborhoods closest to downtown.
 - JK: Chapel Hill, NC has a plan for turning around areas with high concentrations of university students.
 - KW: Madison, WI has a model for re-purposing properties that were formerly occupied by college student renters.
 - Parking is a key issue to stabilize neighborhoods. John King must be involved. Tenants should be required to present a copy of the lease with their name listed. City should explore requiring a model lease to help enforce parking.

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- KW asked for examples of successful City inter-departmental initiatives.
- BP reported on Community-Based Action Teams (C-BATs) from the 1990s under Mayor Clavelle. C-BATs focused all City and nonprofit resources on specific streets to improve quality of life and safety. Also, the Vacant Building Program was an inter-departmental effort led by Ned Holt of DPW. Created a program and ordinance that eliminated boarded-up buildings by ordinance and reduced the number of vacant buildings from just over 30 to around 10-12 at any given time.
- Employer-Assisted Housing ought to be a top priority for this committee. The City, UVM, Champlain and FAHC have the capacity to bring the stability of homeowners to the target areas.
- Any initiatives undertaken must include indicators that measure the effectiveness.

4. Neighborhood Development Areas:

- NDA designation is intended to encourage municipalities and developers to plan for new and infill housing in the area within walking distance of its designated downtown.
- NDAs receive the following benefits:
 - Qualified “mixed income” projects are exempt from Act 250 regulations;
 - Act 250 projects not qualifying for the exemption receive get a 50% discount on application fees;
 - ANR fees for wastewater are capped at \$50 for projects that have a sewer allocation from an approved municipal system;
 - Exemption from the VT land gains tax.
- NDAs do not change the local zoning standards or the development review process.
- Staff from the Vermont Downtown Program will be invited to the next meeting to explain NDAs in more detail, and developers familiar with infill housing will be asked to discuss the challenges they face in creating more housing.

5. US Ignite:

EA gave a 10-minute presentation on Burlington Ignite. Part of the US Ignite initiative, Burlington Ignite seeks to foster the creation of next-generation Internet applications that provide transformative public benefit.

By engaging diverse public and private leaders, we “ignite” the development and deployment of new apps with profound impact on how Americans work, live, learn and play.

Next meeting will be November 5, 2013.