



**CITY OF BURLINGTON, VERMONT**  
**Burlington Aging Council**  
 c/o Community & Economic Development Office  
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**Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Burlington Aging Council**  
**Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup> , 2022 3:00pm – 4:30pm**

<b>Member Status</b>	<b>Full Name</b>	<b>May 17th</b>
1 member representing an organization supporting New Americans in Vermont	Symphorien Sikyala	x
1 member representing a healthcare provider	Jeanne Hutchins, MA	x
1 member representing a long-term care organization in Burlington	Shawn T Hallisey	
1 member representing an affordable housing organization in Burlington	Molly Dugan	x
1 member representing an organization working to fight food insecurity in Vermont	Jane Catton	x
1 member representing an organization providing advocacy and support for older adults in VT	Kelly Stoddard Poor	x
1 member representing a senior center in Burlington	Andrea Viets	x
1 member representing an organization providing mental health services in Vermont	Aiison Miley	x
1 member representing an organization providing transportation services in Vermont	Jordan Posner	
1 member representing the City's Community and Economic Development Office	Brian Pine*	x
3-5 older adults living in Burlington	Barbara Shaw-Dorso	
3-5 older adults living in Burlington	Glenn McRae*	x
3-5 older adults living in Burlington	Martha Molpus	x
3-5 older adults living in Burlington	Charles J Messing	x
3-5 older adults living in Burlington	Lorna Kay	
Staff	Marcella Gange	x
<b>1 member representing an organization advocating for racial equity, inclusion, and belonging in Burlington</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	
Guest	Chris Damiani	

1. [Motion to approve agenda 05 17 22](#): Amend agenda to move Items 5 and 4 above Item 3. Proposed by GM and seconded CM, unanimous

2. [Motion to approve minutes 04 19 22](#): proposed by JC and second, CM - unanimous

5. Process and Request Updates

- DAIL, AARP, etc. Statewide Survey Update - KP (Kelly) Please continue promoting the survey through networks and posting on social media etc. Send mailing address to KP for postcards.
- Data request update: (Jane, Marcella) Zip code level data from community needs assessment (DAIL, Agewell) requested to have Burlington level data – no update form DAIL, continue follow up.
- Funding Request to City Council & Mayor: funding approved for city to hire intern in next FY – BAC to develop work plan.

4. Discussion: Developing an agenda to produce an aging plan for Burlington by June 2023.

BAC Leadership and organization – how to increase work and coordination between meetings. The Working Group model seems to provide direction to identify issues and make recommendations. Before initiating new working groups, wait for feedback from the ENVISION Vermont Age-Friendly Survey to inform next steps.

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### 3. Working groups – any quick updates, next meeting dates, needs:

- Healthcare Workforce Development – (Jane). Working group has considered barriers, topics and made recommendations – no further work at present.
- Social Isolation/Inclusion – (Glenn) – group will meet 5/23 at 11.30am, GM will circulate invitation, all welcome to join.
- Housing – (Molly): Proposal to advance the Home Share Vermont Pilot Incentive Program (see notes) was approved by the Council (4/19). Advancing to Community Development and Neighborhood Revitalization Committee of City Council – focus on prevention based housing assistance to support aging in place, e.g. Homeshare- and expand SASH and other service type programs and home modification programs
- UVM Capstone project groups – (Glenn) Thanks to all – See reports and recording on website, please review as they contain good practitioner learning and may inform new work focus areas.

6. Elmwood Avenue Emergency Shelter Community. Background information available for members here: <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/Ending-Homelessness>

KP noted that homelessness not considered in Working Group. Public Safety concerns were raised by neighbors in McKenzie House (A rental apartment community for seniors and people with disabilities). A member of the public joined the discussion and raised public safety concerns about the Transit Center.

JC – Please remember when considering senior housing that there is about \$90 million for housing in state budget - \$50 million for new units for people who are low income or homeless, \$20 million moderate income and \$20 million for Vermont HIP.

### 7. Upcoming

Next meeting June 21 - Agenda Suggestions; Review survey data if available, Discussion with City Council on goals/expectations of plan?

### 8. AOB & Announcements

*This meeting will be a hybrid meeting. To comply with open meeting law requirements the in-person aspect of the meeting will be staffed at the Queen City Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor City Hall, 149 Church St, Burlington. Please inform staff if you are unable to attend the meeting remotely and by zoom [mqanqe@burlingtonvt.gov](mailto:mqanqe@burlingtonvt.gov)*