

Burlington Design Advisory Board

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Minutes

Burlington Design Advisory Board

Tuesday, December 13, 2016 3:00-5:00.

Conference Room 12, City Hall, 149 Church Street, Burlington, VT

Present: Matt Bushey (Chair), Steve Offenhardt, Sean McKenzie, Ron Wanamaker, Phil Hammerslough (alternate).

Absent: Chris Alley, Jeremy Gates (alternate)

Staff present: Mary O'Neil, David White, Meagan Tuttle, Laura Wheelock.

Session I - 3:00pm – 3:40pm

1. 17-0586SP; 149 Church Street, City Hall Park (RCO, Ward 3C) City of Burlington

Reconstruction of City Hall Park Sketch Plan - Major features include: replacement fountain, walkways & plaza, tree preservation & removal, small flexible performance space/stage with infrastructure, café structure and vending space.

(Project Manager, Scott Gustin)

Public present who spoke:

Carolyn Bates, Ward 5. Concern about loss of radial plan, fountain, historic setting.

Lynn Martin. Concern about changes, commercialization, loss of fountain.

Barbara Heilman, lives on College Street. Plan works well with Great Streets, asks about trees, market areas.

Kathleen Ryan. Concerned about losing the fountain, important as central organizing element. Historic nature of park. Unhappy to see elimination of Classical Park. Asks about fountain. For practical purposes, the children's fountain takes up a lot of space. Will require seating area for caregivers, and not enough space dedicated to that. Park has been sadly neglected. Will there be money to keep this going?

Shannon Reilly. Owner of Magnolia Restaurant. Works with farmers Market. Not a great location for the market. It was tolerable when smaller; now undercuts the bricks and mortar businesses. Typically he sees 250 patrons a day, but during farmers market only 100. Not fair to local merchants. Farmers won't tell you because they are afraid to lose location. Has Survey Monkey out with local business owners. Suggests alternate location of bike path or Lake Street, where paved surface. Right now it takes away parking and customers.

As Sketch Plan Review, no board action taken.

Session II – 3:40pm – 5:30pm

2. 17-0623CA/MA; 329-375 North Ave (NAC-CR, Ward 4N) Eric Farrell

Planned unit development with mixed commercial
and residential uses, related buildings, and infrastructure.

(Project Manager, Mary O’Neil)

Motion by Matthew Bushey to table discussion until December 20, 2016 meeting.

Steve Offenhardt – **2nd**.

Vote 5-0.

Motion carries.