



Thursday, March 10, 2016

McClure Multi-Generational Center/Champlain Senior Center  
241 N. Winooski Ave.

Meeting Start: 6:35pm

### **Welcome & Introductions**

Facilitator: Ryan McLaran-Ward 3 Steering Committee Member

### **Public Comment**

Family Room Parent Advisory Group getting together to organize and share to the public the value of services and resources that the VNA Family Room has contributed to the community.

VT community Garden seed swap-Fletcher Free Library March 19 12-3

### **Purchase of St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral Church School Property by Champlain Housing Trust (CHT)**

Michael Monte, CHT Chief Operating and Financial Officer: CHT History, 2012-2013 the school department on behalf of church talked about buying school. CHT got approached by AALV to consider buying-AALV currently has whole top floor. Right now there is an option to purchase which means CHT really wants to purchase. After meeting with tenants CHT's intention is to make it a community center that's secure and not housing. The building is going be costly with updates; lots electrical and windows needs. Also there is a plan put in a good kitchen on every floor. Everybody is going to pay for operating cost of use. CHT's role will not be running programs but making sure bills are paid and maintenance is done. There is a parking agreement with the Church in place. Additional parking may be developed and meeting with current tenants to get their input. The goal is not to limit green area and preserve raised beds.

### **Burlington Parks and Recreation Potential Programming Involvement with St. Joseph's School Property**

Jesse Bridges, Director Parks, Recreation and Waterfront: Parks and Rec. looking to occupy middle floor. First came to St. Joseph when a summer camp

was housed there. Through this realized there is not enough of in door recreation space especially during winter months. Parks and Rec. see this as an accessible multipurpose location with the benefit of already existing programs and organizations there. Looking for public feedback of what Parks and Rec. should use the space as.

Other Parks and Rec items:

Memorial Auditorium needs 4million to keep up the operations. Not a good use of tax payer dollars. Will have public input process.

City Hall Park needs more work than just landscape but needs some more design that includes soil compact and run off issues. City needs to have more trees that will help prevent storm water run-off into our lake. This is less costly than adding to infrastructure. Right now have a conceptual plan which is not final. Will have public input.

### **Very Merry Theater Interest in CHP Purchase of St. Joseph's School**

Lori Hayes, President, Very Merry Theater Board of Directors:

The Very Merry Theater averages 60 shows a year in all in the elementary school and out growing their space. Over 30k a year is spent on space and interested in St. Joseph's because has the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest stage in the City. There's been an increase of teens interested in theater and if the theatre has a bigger space they can hold on working with teens in one space with elementary kids. In addition to acting, there is set building, costume design, makes up and want to have a place to develop those interest and skills.

### **Burlington Walk Bike Master Plan Update-** Tony Redington:AARP Volunteer:

Meeting reviewed different options for protected bike lanes and conditions on Main Street. Options for reconfiguring of section with diagonal parking was discussed. For full meetings please visit Walk Bike Plan BTV page

<http://www.planbtvwalkbike.org/about-2/project-documents/>

1st meeting on Colchester Riverside and Barrett. What came across clear was that the residents that want intersection to be safe for walker and bikers. One solution that came out was a suggestion to develop round about.

**North Ave. Task Force Update-**Andrea Todd, Ward 3: Vote resulted in the support for the pilot. The vote didn't end the conversation but added more complexity. The Mayor will still give attention to address concerns from those who oppose the pilot. Ave For Everyone website will show pilot plan. Phase one will start in June. Task Force is collecting public comments: What do you think and what do you feel to give to DPW which will decide the final decision.

<http://www.avenueforeveryone.com/>

## Public Officials

Jane Knodell-Central District: Downtown Law-predevelopment agreement with the developer of what city will do and what the developer will do. Focus will be on housing, Tax Increment Financing (TIF), infrastructure, sidewalks sustainability, labor, job opportunities for Burlington for after development.

Under current zoning the max is 10 stories and the proposal for the downtown mall ask for 14 stories. Height and mass will be a big issue. Zoning will need to change. Then legislature will have to approve TIF Development. At the end it will be the voters of Burlington to approve the final TIF Development. Go to CEDO webpage to find mall before and after design.

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/Downtown-TIF-District>

Telecom agreement first overriding priority is retaining local ownership and investment here.

Sara Gianonni-Ward 3: The Public Safety Committee announces public meeting for Monday, March 14th at 4:30 in Contois Auditorium. The agenda item regarding Memorandum of Understanding or MOU with Homeland Security. For agenda and MOU details go to

<http://www.boarddocs.com/vt/burlingtonvt/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=A7VKCP4DBFC4>

Handbook about Public Works and what DPW Commissions do are available at City Hall

Brian Cina-School District: School budget passed by 70percent. Working on strategic plan for next 5 years to create more financial stability. There will be a process in next few months for community to share vision and input. On district website can see teacher union and district negotiation.

<http://district.bsd.schoolfusion.us/modules/cms/pages.phtml?pageid=332596>

Meeting Adjourn: 8:45pm

Steering Committee Members Present: Tony Redington-Ward 2, Fauna Hurley, Ward 3

Note Taker: Phet Keomanyvanh, CEDO

