



CITY OF BURLINGTON, VERMONT
CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT &
NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE
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Councilor Brian Pine, Chair, Ward 3
Councilor Sarah Carpenter, Ward 4
Councilor Zoraya Hightower, Ward 1

Committee members: Chair Brian Pine (BP), Sarah Carpenter (SC)

City staff: Christine Curtis, CEDO

Other Attendees: Megan Humphrey, HANDS; Cameron Segal, Living Well Group; Beth Hammond, Heineberg Senior Center

Wednesday, January 20th, 2021

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Draft Minutes

Meeting Started at 5:30 PM

1. Approve agenda

MOTION by Councilor Carpenter, SECOND by Councilor Pine, to adopt the agenda as presented

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

2. Approve minutes: 11/30/20, 12/11/20

MOTION by Councilor Carpenter, SECOND by Councilor Pine, to approve the minutes as presented

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

3. Public Forum

No one spoke at public forum.

4. Senior services and recommendations of the 2019 ad hoc committee

The Committee invited Megan Humphrey, Cameron Segal, and Beth Hammond to discuss the services that they offer to Seniors and what specific needs are still being unmet in the community.

- Councilor Pine explained that the CDNR Committee was tasked with convening a council or committee on Seniors to ensure that Burlington is addressing Senior needs in a more proactive and collaborative way.
- Cameron Segal discussed wanting a City committee to support facilities and programs to assist in caring for Seniors. Cameron mentioned that Luke McGowan and CEDO has been working on specific Covid Senior issues and would like to see these efforts extended beyond Covid.
- Beth Hammond discussed the need to be more involved in the Senior community in Burlington outside of the Centers, specifically those Seniors who live alone. Beth discussed sustainability of programs and centers and that funding was a big issue that they always face. If there was a committee that represented Senior needs, there would be more growth and sustainability of programs that directly address those needs. Beth stated she worries that the City funding they are receiving is not going to be long term.
- Megan Humphrey discussed the number of partnerships that have expanded because of Covid. HANDS asks for a small amount of funding from the City every year but funding continues to be a challenge. Megan discussed the isolation that Seniors are facing in Burlington as well as the ability to pay property taxes for those that still live at home.
- Councilor Pine asked about examples of successful partnerships. Megan stated that the food banks and food pantries are always a helpful collaboration. Beth discussed the support buddy system and how that means of checking in on a large number of Seniors was successful. Cameron discussed utilizing college students to get more involved in Senior programs.

5. Ideas for lowering the municipal property tax burden on low-income property owners

***agenda item tabled*

6. Other Business

No other business discussed.

7. Set date for next committee meeting/Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM