



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), Zoraya Hightower (ZH)

City staff: Christine Curtis, CEDO

Other Attendees: Megan Humphrey, HANDS; Cameron Segal, Living Well Group; Kelly Poor, AARP; Marcella Gange, CEDO; Gary Rogers, Burlington Parks & Rec; Sandrine Kibuey

Thursday, February 11, 2021

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Draft Minutes

Meeting Started at 5:05 PM

1. Approve agenda

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

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

2. Approve minutes: 1/20/21

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

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

3. Public Forum

No one spoke at public forum.

4. Continued discussion about creating a local "Council on Aging" and other ideas to support the needs of older Burlington residents

- Marcella Gange discussed looking at proposals that came out of the Council and were at the early stages of partnering with organizations working on aging issues. Senior providers working group began work at the beginning of the pandemic for Seniors facing most difficulties during the pandemic. The group meets on a weekly basis focusing on practical responses like PPE and cleaning materials. Now gathering information on vaccinations and staffing issues. Social isolation programs are now being discussed and what organizations are doing with the lack of visitation at the Senior centers. UVM and VDH have been great partners through this process.
- Gary Rogers stated that the weekly meetings have been successful and they have had great turnout from community partners and he feels that the ground work has been set for a strong coalition.
- BP asked the group what gaps currently exist that the City can take on in an impactful way.
- Kelly Poor stated that she would like to see a committee on aging bring issues to the Mayor, address issues of isolation, successfully age in place, and address barriers on transportation for Seniors.
- Cameron Segal reiterated social isolation issues and the struggle that most Senior facilities face and they need local, City support. Issues with staff and physicians and job stimulation within the facilities needs more support.
- Kelly – consistent connection with one City department to make this Council work.
- Megan Humphrey stated that flexibility on issues would be key especially in dealing with the pandemic. Would like the group to be called a coalition instead of a council.
- Gary – this process has been started in the past but was unsuccessful and it is working today because it is Covid driven. How do we continue on with a strong group?
- Cameron – what’s the role of the coalition and what would the expectations of City departments be?
- BP answered that he believes it is critical but does not know the capacity of the administration and how that staff time would be funded.

Megan, Cameron and Kelly agreed to meet and draft a framework for a potential coalition.

5. Other Business

No other business discussed.

6. Set date for next committee meeting/Adjournment

MOTION by Councilor Carpenter, SECOND by Councilor Hightower, to adjourn meeting at 6:10 PM.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.