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Burlington Planning Commission Executive Committee

Tuesday, October 6, 2015, 12:00 P.M.

Dept. of Planning & Zoning Conference Room, Burlington City Hall

Meeting Notes

Present: Y. Bradley, B. Baker & A. Montroll

Public: M. Lang

Staff: D. White, M. Tuttle

I. Status Reports

- Staffing: Meagan Tuttle started on Oct 5, and the Department re-organization plan will go to the Council in two weeks.

II. Upcoming Commission Agenda Items

- Downtown and Waterfront Form-Based Code Update/Revisions: Joint Committee is hoping to wrap up in December and looking for opportunities to get before the Commission to bring them up to speed. Taken out Public Trust and Enterprise areas, and making steady progress. Purpose of the Committee was to do the detailed work and come to a consensus so the larger bodies wouldn't have to. Need to avoid the larger bodies from getting buried in the weeds unnecessarily. No need for PC Ordinance to review, just overview from full Commission. Hope to do the same with the Council, but that will be up to them. May want to have a joint Council-Commission work session to help get everyone educated and up-to-speed. FBC is a major change to how the regulations are presented and the process for getting there, but actually very little to the actual standards themselves (e.g. building heights, setbacks, uses, etc). Need a summary that describes the benefits of FBC - what it does and does not do. One big issue that still need a deeper discussion is Historic Buildings. Need to set the new foundation established by the form based code, and then take on some of these bigger issues rather than try to take on everything at once.
- BTV Mall Redevelopment Update: Developer has met many of the City's requests. Looking to schedule another design workshop with community to present new plans and get comments. Afterwards, it would make sense to meet with the Commission to discuss specific zoning issues/changes to be incorporated into the Development Agreement.
- planBTV: South End Master Plan Draft Update/Revisions: On agendas for coming meetings 10/6 and 27, 11/10 and 24.
- Historic Buildings: Need to establish clear goals for what we are trying to achieve before embarking into any details. Y. Bradley to discuss with Council Ordinance Chair to outline a plan for how the Commission and Council are going to take this up again.

- Riverside Ave: Commission and Department trying be responsive when residents make specific requests, so this needs to get done sooner rather than later. Been languishing due to lack of staff capacity and many competing demands.

III. Other Business

Really good to have a meeting right before PC meeting. Should try to do this regularly - before the first Commission meeting of each month at noon.

B. Hedrick: Would like to see greater protection for neighborhoods built into the zoning. Traffic is particularly an issue. Also feels that Jim Bar from UVM has a conflict of interest in his participation in the Residential Parking Plan by writing into the plan UVM's goals to move parking to the periphery. An example of many issues with the report – it is tainted and corrupt and should be sent back for greater and open public participation.

IV. Adjourn (1:15 p.m.)

Next meeting: Nov. 10 at noon