Burlington Planning Commission
Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 6:30 P.M.
Remote Meeting via Zoom
Minutes

I. Agenda

Call to Order  Time: 6:33pm
Agenda  No changes to the published agenda.

II. Public Forum

Name(s)  Comment
S Bushor  Support housing on Trinity Campus; hope a master plan comes forward for the campus that proposes development over existing parking lots. Propose to keep adequate buffers around larger buildings from neighborhoods; concerned that 15’ buffer is not enough.
B Butani  Interested in the discussion of the Trinity Campus zoning district.

III. Chair’s Report

A Montroll  No report.

IV. Director’s Report

M Tuttle  Council held public hearing on short term rentals on 2/7, but delayed action until 2/22 meeting. B O’Keefe from CEDO providing assistance for the Planning Commission.

V. University of Vermont Trinity Campus Plans

No action, informational item

Motion by:  Second by:  Vote: N/A
Type: Discussion  Presented by: R Cate, L Kingsbury

Richard Cate, VP of Development and Finance, and Lisa Kingsbury, Associate Director of Campus Planning, UVM, presented plans to create additional housing on Trinity Campus, and introduced several considerations for the Planning Commission regarding changes to the overlay zoning district. Slides are available at: https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CityPlan/PC/Agendas

Commissioner Questions:
- Will be people be concerned about the requested 25ft setback on Colchester Avenue?

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- What are the long-range plans for the Trinity Campus and other existing dorms, and what grade level students will be living on this campus?
  o UVM indicated likely to include sophomores, juniors, and graduates for a goal of an additional 520 beds; Future phase would re-envision “Back 5” dorms; zoning changes requested would accommodate that and potentially allow for a doubling of number of students in those halls.
  o In response to a question about future development on-campus, UVM indicated possibility of new housing on UHC lot, but Trinity is higher priority.
- Commission interest in converting existing surface parking; UVM indicated some surface parking could be developed, with residents’ access in facilities across Colchester Avenue.

VI. Proposed CDO Amendment: Minimum Parking & TDM Requirements

Refer Commission’s proposed changes to the ordinance and memo on TDM proposal, with edits reviewed by the Chair, to the Council Ordinance Committee

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M Tuttle shared an update on a number of edits to the proposed CDO amendments and the draft Planning Commission memo.

Commissioner Comments:
- Staff suggested an additional change for transit operations to allow 1space/employee + 1space/3,000 gfa for visitors; exempt registered transit vehicles.
- Commission confirmed the memo should articulate that their recommendation is that the proposed expansion of TDM applicability should be taken out. A study should be conducted before incorporating new standards in the ordinance, and that this should be from the full Commission.
- Move the bullet point about TDM only applying to new development to be a catch all, as concern is not just about 5-10 unit developments.
- Clarify point about codifying new standards, that point is that we need a study to identify goals before we develop standards, and note that small TDM effort are disjoined and not the best way to achieve broader goals.

VII. Commissioner Items

- Next meetings are February 23 (Wednesday) and March 8 at 6:30pm
- Commission requested an update on the Neighborhood Project
- Ordinance Committee discussed the request from the last meeting about screening standards for rooftop mechanical; no recommendation.
- Send Commission calendar invites for the whole year.

VIII. Minutes and Communications

Action: Approve the minutes and accept the communications

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IX. Adjourn

Adjournment Time: 7:44pm

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Signed: February 23, 2022

Andy Montroll, Chair

Respectfully submitted by:

Meagan Tuttle, Director