



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

Other Attendees: Christie Delphia; Rebecca Reese, CEDO; Cameron Segal, Living Well Group; Angela Smith-Dieng; Heather Filonow; Kelly Stoddard-Poor, AARP; Marcella Gange, CEDO; Megan Humphrey, HANDS; Molly Dugan

Wednesday, March 31, 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 Hightower, to adopt the agenda as presented

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

2. Approve minutes: 2/25/21

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

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

3. Public Forum

Christie Delphia – reported on housing issues and Code Enforcement.

4. Early Learning Initiative (ELI) update – Rebecca Reese, CEDO

- Discussed the Annual Report for ELI.

- Presented on ELI Community Success and First Steps scholarship program (57 scholarships awarded).
- SC asked what City funds are contributed to this program. RR responded utility funds.
- BP asked if there is a decrease in slots. RR stated that some facilities closed recently but, have not seen an impact yet.
- ZH asked how many households does this program reach. RR said a general number is 70% are looking for care/161 families each year.
- The Committee thanked Rebecca for the presentation and stated she might want to present to City Council as well.

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

- Cameron Segal presented to the Committee "Framework Development for a Burlington Aging Council".
- Unlike other Boards and Committees, this group recommends this Council be created by City Council resolution.
- Older residents of Burlington must be valued members of the community.
- Focus areas this Council will focus on: Health Prevention, Access and Quality, Food Security, Multimodal Transportation, Accessible Outdoor and Indoor Public Spaces, Housing, Social Inclusion, Technology, Civic Engagement & Volunteerism, Industry Support, Family caregiver support.
- Membership makeup: No more than 15 members serving 2-year, staggered terms with an elected Committee Chair. City of Burlington support as a representative from CEDO.
- Burlington Plan on Aging that would be updated every 4 years based off of the Vermont State Plan.
- Potential State-wide model for other towns and cities in Vermont.
- The community is massively supporting this effort and letters are forthcoming.
- BP stated that budget season is coming up for City Council so if CEDO staff will be needed to support this Council, they should put together a budget now to provide funding.
- SC stated the CDNR Committee needs to wrap this in a resolution soon and present it to City Council. A discussion needs to happen with CEDO to ensure support can be provided.
- ZH brought up the continued engagement point from the presentation and wanted to hear more. Would also like this Council to engage more with CDNR. Kelly Stoddard-Poor stated that they want to set some benchmarks

and have a direct line of communication with City Council and Mayor. Quarterly or mid-year check-ins to discuss recommendations.

- SC stated this Council will need staff support and structure, will need to engage CEDO and discuss their budget and staff availability.
- Next steps: BP is assuming that this CDNR Committee will remain the same and if so, would like to draft a resolution soon to present to City Council. BP is going to send presentation to a staff person to begin drafting a resolution to move forward.
- Marcella will follow up with CEDO Acting Director on supporting this new Council. BP wants Marcella to draft a staff budget.

6. Other Business

Christine Curtis requested that CEDO be allowed to present the Annual Action Plan at an upcoming April meeting. Tentatively, the Committee is thinking of an April 15th date. If CEDO needs more time to present a more completed Action plan to CDNR, SC stated they might be able to schedule a meeting in early May before the Action Plan goes to City Council for approval.

7. Set date for next committee meeting/Adjournment

MOTION by Councilor Carpenter, SECOND by Councilor Hightower, to adjourn meeting at 7:11 PM.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.