



CITY OF BURLINGTON, VERMONT
CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT &
NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE
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Councilor Selene Colburn, Chair, East District
Councilor Tom Ayres, Ward 7
Councilor Adam Roof, Ward 8

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Fletcher Room

Fletcher Free Library

Draft Minutes

Chair Selene Colburn calls the meeting to order at 6:05. She discussed that this will be a planning meeting to discuss how the committee will be going forward. The Chair distributed the memo she wrote as a result of the last meeting on Inclusionary Zoning.

Those in attendance are listed above.

1. Review Agenda

The Chair reviewed the agenda as posted and as distributed. The Motion to accept was made by Councilor Roof and seconded by Councilor Ayres. Motion approved. 2. Public Forum (20 minutes)

Comments:

Joe Speidel from UVM spoke of UVM investigating the possibility of building a new arena in conjunction with South Burlington, possibly using TIF money; locating the arena by City center. He noted that the South Burlington location would be an equal distance from Church and Main. He also explained that the University would not be the sole owner but a big tenant. Speidel also suggest that putting it at the University Mall was a possibility. It was suggested UVM consider the Memorial RFP which should be released in the next couple of months. Councilors also brought up the importance of discussing what is done with the redevelopment of the existing space and the need in Burlington for good size convention/meeting space – which is a big economic driver.

Speidel mentioned the International Town Gown Association Economic Development Conference -

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regional meeting in Ithaca end of March and they are presenting; information was shared with CEDO to see if others want to attend.

Chair Colburn spoke on the purpose and ongoing nature of committee.

Sandy Wynn mentioned that she continues to be concerned about the enforcing of 4 unrelated people ordinance and the length of time it takes to enforce.

Chair Colburn said she plans on some quality of life issues that need to be addressed on upcoming CDNR agenda. She plans to have meaningful next steps and a clearer mandate.

3. Approval of Minutes – 12/15 (5 minutes)

Councilor Ayres noted that he was not in attendance at the last meeting and his name should be removed.

A motion to accept the minutes with that change was made by Councilor Roof and seconded by Chair Colburn and the motion was unanimous.

4. Update on CEDO's Community Development Programs– Marcy Esbjerg (10 minutes)

M. Esbjerg presented updates on three programs:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – The Entitlement amount we will be getting this year is \$724,881; applications that came in under Public Services totaled \$349,796 for \$108,732 in funding and Development requests totaled \$376,234 for \$430,173 of funding available. The first meeting of the Advisory Board on Public Services took place recently. The next meeting on Development projects occurs in mid-March. In April, the Action Plan will be presented to CDNR, Board of Finance as well as City Council meetings.

AmeriCorps Program– Update was provided based on information on the current program, the number of organizations involved and the focus of diversity and equity. A report is attached for reference. The report also discussed the upcoming grant and the new focus on creating a healthy and safer community.

Warming Shelter – The Shelter was opened in November and a report was submitted that encompassed the numbers served year to date. There were few questions on the data and also when the shelter will close this year (March 30). The report is attached.

New Public Engagement Specialist – Marcy announced that CEDO hired a new Community Development Specialist – Public Engagement who started in early February. Phet Keomanyvanh comes from United Way and is already out assisting NPAs and planning the Internship Program.

4. **Next meetings** – review advance schedule (10 minutes) – 3rd Tuesday at the Library

3/15 – Tom has a conflict

4/19

5/17 – Adam traveling

6/21

7/19 – Adam traveling

8/16

Check on shifting to the 4th week – 3/22, 4/26, 5/24, 7/26

Post all meeting dates on line once the dates are confirmed.

5. Map out topics for CDNR Committee through the summer (15 minutes)

March – Inclusionary Zoning RFP, will meet with the Mayor first as a response to Memo; Update from UVM on the off campus tracking system

April – 2016 Action Plan, CEDO Assistant Director Gillian Nanton- Neighborhood Revitalization Plan/RFP to hire a consultant – this discussion on the plan and ideas could take several meetings.

May – setting targets for types of housing stock, demand versus production, CEDO Assistant Director Gillian Nanton.

June

July

August

Other Topics – 4 unrelated ordinance – when to bring that back; ADU – tiny homes for homeless and aging population with a possible speaker; underused affordable housing programs; meet with landlords – what do they need – how does it work well.

Chair Colburn is looking at what kind of housing students are looking for. This might not be a meeting but she may report back to the committee.

Councilor Roof noted the value in knowing the work plan to come in advance to mull it over, have conversation and plan in advance.

There was a motion to adjourn made by Councilor Roof and seconded by Councilor Ayers. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Esbjerg

Assistant Director

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