



CITY OF BURLINGTON, VERMONT
**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT &
NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE**
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Councilor Selene Colburn, Ward 1
Councilor Jane Knodell, Chair, Ward 2
Councilor Bianka Legrand, Ward 7

July 18, 2014
8:00-9:00 AM
City Hall CR 12

Draft Minutes

Councilors: Selene Colburn, Jane Knodell, Bianka Legrand
Committee Staff: Brian Pine
Others City staff: Chief Schirling, Karen Vastine, Bill Ward

1. Review Agenda

No agenda changes.

2. Meeting minutes from May 1, 2014 and June 5, 2014, and July 2, 2014

All minutes were approved.

3. Public Forum

Caryn Long shared her concern that the Housing Report and this committee is focused only on increasing the housing supply and not on preserving neighborhoods.

Jim Hollway said fireworks are an issue in all areas of the City. He expressed concern that the Committee is not focused on the New North End and they face issues like other areas of Burlington. A NNE business association is in early development stages and NNE economic development needs attention.

4. Noise

Chief Schirling explained the complaint and enforcement process. Speaking with an officer in person is not required. All complaints are anonymous. If the responding officer does not observe noise, a statement by the caller is needed for a ticket to be issued. The standard is “unreasonable” noise and this can be subjective. Call backs are done by volunteers, a practice that goes back more than a decade. There are hundreds of warnings and tickets issued each year. 6-week targeted effort when the students return in August. Fireworks are disallowed but only violations in City parks can be prosecuted.

Karen Vastine explained the CJC role in handling noise violations. When tickets are issued, the offender can contact CJC to accept responsibility and attend restorative panel. 1st offense = \$300; 2nd offense = \$400; 3rd offense = \$500.

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10 hours of community service reduces fine by \$100. Offender must complete 2-hour restorative noise session, reducing fine by another \$100. About 100 people/year come thru CJC for noise.

Peter Wadsworth spoke about the Booth Street experience with fireworks. Since the Police cannot deal with fireworks since there are rarely witnesses, Booth Street residents visited houses where fireworks were being set off to explain how it hurt the fabric of the neighborhood. In each case, the offender seemed to be unaware of the impact and pledged to stop. It has helped lessen the occurrence.

5. “Problem Property” initiative

Code Enforcement is working with BPD to identify properties with multiple calls for service. The 12 properties in Wards 1 and 2 with the most calls for service over a 2-year period were placed on a list of “problem properties”. The owners were contacted and nearly seemed surprised to learn of the call volume coming from their properties. Code is working with the property owners to develop and implement a corrective action plan. Code will update the CDNR Committee on the progress addressing the behavior at these properties. More details can be found the CDNR website as of 8/11/14.

6. Housing Plan

Councilor Knodell explained how increasing the supply of housing will mitigate both the high cost of housing, improve the housing conditions and will reduce disruptive behavior in areas with high concentrations of students.

Brian Pine presented the early draft of the Housing Plan. The Plan will focus first on ways to increase the supply of housing and second on improving and maintaining the quality of the existing housing stock. On the production side, we will focus on serving all income groups and not only housing for young professionals and college students.

Lisa Kingsbury presented UVM’s Temporary Housing Replacement Plan for the planned demolition of the Chittenden-Buckham-Willis complex during the construction of FAHC’s new Inpatient Building project. More details can be found the CDNR website as of 8/11/14.

7. Overview of CEDO Economic Development efforts

Nate Wildfire, Assistant Director for Economic Development, presented the goals of the ED team:

- Facilitating development: helping to build things that generate economic growth and opportunity.
- Policy development: creating or amending ordinances and plans.
- Business assistance: responding to the needs and opportunities of business.

8. CEDO re-organization

Peter Owens explained the planned re-organization of CEDO. When he arrived in July 2012, the organization was too flat, with 9 people reporting to the Director. Darlene Kehoe may move to CAO and report to the Assistant CAO. Marcy Krumbine may take on the administrative aspects of the Director’s job to allow the Director to focus on development projects more. These changes will be explained to the Council at a future meeting. Some re-classification will be required.

9. Date and Agenda for next meeting

Next meeting will be July 7 from 8:00-9:30 AM. The agenda will include: follow-up on noise disturbances; discussion of the Housing Plan; neighborhood stabilization concepts.