



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

August 7, 2014
8:00-9:00 AM
City Hall CR 12

DRAFT Minutes – Subject to Approval

Councilors: Jane Knodell, Selene Colburn
Committee Staff: Brian Pine
Others City staff:

1. Review Agenda

Agenda approved.

2. Meeting minutes from July 18, 2014

Added under item 5 the word “all.”

3. Public Forum

Put CDNR meeting on Front Porch Forum (FPF).

4. Noise

Request Ordinance Committee to look at ordinances to improve enforcement of fireworks.

NSI on Isham Street

QOL enforcement of 4 unrelated

Problem properties: 90% of properties are in decent condition. Nearly all were responsive in a prompt manner.

Gail Champnois:

2011-2012	194 noise violations
2013-2014	112 noise violations

UVM is changing registration to provide addresses for students.

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When complaints about noise/disturbances come in, Gail logs it. This allows BPD and UVM to focus on frequent violators.

Isham Street is working on issues. Garden project.

5. Housing Draft Plan

Councilor Knodell will summarize the draft: key missing items, what should be removed, what is priority.

Increase supply at all income levels, not just one particular demographic group.

Reg. reform: FBC

Minimum parking, reducing fees

HTF - \$190K/yr for capacity and project funding

Mayor requested full penny for FY16

Student housing puts pressure on the market. More supply will likely occur downtown.

Neighborhood stabilization

Municipal sites – can reduce costs

Homeless

Energy Efficiency

Sharon Bushor (general comments):

Interim Zoning trigger could be increased, but doesn't support separate buildings for IZ. Restore funding to HTF – wants to see it (IZ). Municipal sites – be careful about using land just for students.

Student housing – not sure that housing for upper class students off campus. Zoning was changed to allow more on-campus housing development. Concerned about institutional growth and expansion.

Caryn Long: Don't put students in one place.

Senior housing is missing.

Sandy:

Against housing for students downtown. Institutions are driving the process. No enforcement of the ordinance. Limiting number of unrelated adults. City Attorney exploring options for more enforcement.

This item will be on the next CDNR Committee agenda.

Michael Monte:

Remove minimum parking requirements but don't add a whole new layer of requirements. IZ can be changed. Increase trigger number, payment option ought to be feasible. Increase HTF, low-income people can have community even if they live in separate buildings.

Building codes need to be added to the Plan.

First year of taxes cover permitting. Increases volume of development.

Permit close-out: Staff spends time on this.

Student housing is critical. Some concern about downtown impact.

Lisa Kingsbury:

On-campus housing is being developed, 50-250 more beds in CBW. Improve conditions to retain uppers.

2008: 400 uppers

2014: >800 uppers

4,000 students – report is wrong

3,500 students off-campus, not all living in BTV.

Selene Colburn:

What is the goal? Downtown Plan or citywide housing plan? Big tensions: IZ changes are compelling, but the public comment pushed low-income housing. How to address the need while reducing IZ #'s?

Supports new housing for students, but concerned about “high rise” for students only. Conflicts with downtown uses. What employer-assisted housing ideas can be in the plan?

Mayor's priorities for Housing Plan

IZ changes – send Ordinance and CHT memo

Geographic scope of plan

Fees – do the analysis of Grove Street project

Neighborhood stabilization

EH:

High values make it hard to create/convert sf in student areas. Employers – put in \$50K each. Twenty employers buy housing and rehab for employees.

Create entity to citywide reappraisal on rentals is about to be done – values will increase.

Would this effort be limited to Burlington only? FAHC may be reluctant to offer this to employees for reasons of fairness.

CHT looking at REIT for projects.

6. Date and Agenda for next meeting

Next meeting will be September 4 from 6:00-8:00 PM.

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