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Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 1:08 PM
To: Kath Laing
Cc: David Hartnett; Joan Shannon; Sara Moore; Mary Danko
Subject: Correction to 10/18 PACC Minutes
Attachments: BCA in City Charter.pdf; Permanent BCA Board Seats Established.pdf

Hi, Kath —

The current draft minutes of the 10/18 PACC meeting say, "Board member (sic) who have a long history on the BCA and complete their allowed term are often invited to become Honorary or Emeritus members, so as not to lose the institutional knowledge and honor their years of commitment to BCA."

An important element of the discussion is missing from the minutes. My communication via email and through public comment was to raise the issue and concern that, specifically, the 'Honorary' board seats are in practical terms permanent voting board seats held by board members who have completed the three three-year terms previously allowed by the BCA bylaws. These seats are not identical to 'Emeritus' seats. The voting 'Honorary' seats were described by the BCA Director as "rewards" to board members. This response and the distinction between Honorary and Emeritus seats are central to the issue and should (please) be recorded in the minutes. My 10/1 email to the PACC, attached to the minutes, included two attachments that don't appear with the email of the minutes at present. They're attached for inclusion.

Thank you for understanding that the energy I put into this topic is meant to improve the ethical quality of governance in Burlington by ensuring transparency, inclusion, and fair representation in our governing processes. Thanks (to you and the PACC members) for valuing that effort enough to record it accurately with these corrections.

I'm hopeful to learn that the PACC will take up this issue and move it toward a resolution that is a better reflection of our character as a democratic community.

Best wishes, with appreciation for all you do.

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