



CITY OF BURLINGTON, VERMONT
CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT &
NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE
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Councilor Carter Neubieser, Chair, Ward 1

Councilor Evan Litwin, Ward 7

Councilor Joe Kane, Ward 3

CDNR Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 15th, 2024
7:00 – 9:00 PM
****Virtual meeting only****

Committee members: Carter Neubieser (CN), Evan Litwin (EL), Joe Kane (JK)

City Staff: Christine Curtis, CEDO

Other Attendees: Carol Livingston; Anita Rapone; Amy Prenowitz; Jess Hyman; Charles Messing

Draft Minutes

Meeting Started at 7:03 PM

1. Approve agenda

MOTION by Councilor Litwin, SECOND by Councilor Neubieser, to amend the agenda to move agenda item #5 up to #3 and return back to Public Forum later in the meeting; and to move agenda item #6 to #4

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

2. Approve minutes: 1/30/24

MOTION by Councilor Neubieser, SECOND by Councilor Litwin, to approve the minutes

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

3. Public Forum

- Carol Livingston stated that NPAs are unique and have been around a long time and serve a valuable purpose. Few of the Councilors spoke

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to the NPAs on major issues – what is the communication and relationship between Councilors and NPAs? How can we strengthen it? The other concern is there is no system that includes the NPAs in big decisions without adding extra burden to Councilors

- Jess Hyman echoed everything Carol stated – there is a lot of history and the pandemic changed dynamics at the NPAs – more tension between NPAs and City departments and City Councilors – the proposed resolution addresses communication and relationship issues – will be a good exercise and important to setting a good foundation
 - Roundabout resolution: really great to recognize Tony by naming it after him
- Charles Messing stated he is in full support of naming Roundabout after Tony Redington. Memorial Auditorium: great idea for a place for kids to go. The City let it get rundown and there is a good chance it cannot be fixed – build a replica in its place

4. Resolution: The Relationship Between City Officials and The Neighborhood Planning Assemblies

- CN stated these resolutions need some clarity and it makes sense to get some representatives from the NPAs, the Mayor's office, and one from this Committee to hash this out over the next couple months as a working group as opposed to this Committee taking this on alone
- JK would like more clarity on what the relationship is currently – we need to better define the starting point and what would we like to see come out of this
- EL supports reviewing this resolution and requests CEDO be part of the conversation on the history and current relationship between NPAs and City government. There are real challenges for Councilors – they cannot attend all NPA meetings due to scheduling conflicts. The by-laws are all different, how do we ensure all Councilors are compliant with all the by-laws? Need City Attorney office involvement in this process
- CN stated there needs to be a shift in the process – City Attorney's office and CEDO involvement makes sense for base line
- Jess Hyman encourages Councilors to think about structure and funding for community outreach and engagement – CEDO provides one part-time staff person to support all NPAs – working hard to increase engagement but not always as successful as we would like it to be

- EL stated that a presentation from Director Pine about current challenges would be a good start
 - CN stated we need to give NPA's real authority
 - CDNR Committee to start thinking about what the working group will look like – JK suggested asking Brian Pine about what the potential benefits would be
 - CN to connect with some NPA representatives to discuss a process/plan
5. Communication re Ward 2/3 NPA Resolution to Name the New Shelburne Street Roundabout After Tony Redington and Resolution in Support of Big Heavy World Teen Center Proposal for Memorial Auditorium
- Shelburne Roundabout: CN already has draft resolution to be shared with CDNR Committee for review
 - Committee members reviewed the resolution
 - Review draft resolution, make edits, and finalize at next meeting and make a recommendation to City Council
 - Big Heavy World: follow-up with NPA and CEDO on this item
 1. Reach out to Councilors who were around when this resolution was brought to Council on 2/6/23
 2. EL will do follow-up and will report back to CDNR Committee at next meeting
6. CDNR meeting schedule
- Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 11th at 6:30 p.m. - Zoom only
 - CDNR Committee meetings will be held the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. starting in July in SB conference room with a virtual option to join the meeting
7. Other Committee Business
- CDNR Committee Priorities: All NPA resolution; blighted properties and impact on public safety; annual rent increase cap; vacancy ordinance; public safety issues that occur around schools – youth safety buffer zones; Elmwood pods and impacts on community
8. Adjournment
- ADJOURN at 9:00 p.m. by Councilor Neubieser with no objection