



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

Tuesday, June 11th, 2024

6:30 – 8:30 PM

****Virtual meeting only****

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

City Staff: Christine Curtis, CEDO

Other Attendees: Jonathan Chapple-Sokol; Christopher Haessly

Draft Minutes

Meeting Started at 7:03 PM

1. Approve agenda

MOTION by Councilor Kane, SECOND by Councilor Litwin, to approve the agenda

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

2. Approve minutes: 5/15/24

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

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

3. Public Forum

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contact Christine Curtis at ccurtis@burlingtonvt.gov

- Jonathan Chappel-Sokol stated he has been in conversation with Bill Ward about vacancy tax - would like to hear more about that from this committee

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

- CN stated that all wards will appoint three reps by June 12th to engage in this conversation
- CN will follow-up and schedule a meeting with the ward reps and a CEDO rep
- EL is looking for a clear understanding from all NPAs what the specific ask is and what they hope to get out of this
- Christopher Haessly stated at the last NPA meeting members stated they would like a say in the process, and large issues that come to City Council (CC) that should be discussed with NPAs first
- NPAs want a say in who gets hired for the part-time NPA support role at CEDO
- EL stated that City Councilors have not had any time on NPA agendas – how are Councilors supposed to update NPAs if there is no space for them on the agenda
- Christopher advocates for this space on the agendas for CC updates
- Jonathan stated the independence of NPAs is important and for each NPA to structure themselves that works best for them – NPAs and City relationship is an issue – should define what the City can expect from NPAs and vis versa

5. Discussion: Letter from Jubilee Social Justice Committee

- CN will respond to letter and point them to previous CC meeting where these issues were covered and discussed
- JK stated we should make the camping policy more accessible on the City website – should this committee undertake amending this policy
- EL stated this policy would probably have to go to full Council with any amendments – would have to check with the City Attorney

6. Other Committee Business/Updates

- CN stated he would like to have agenda items ready 7 days prior to a CDNR meeting
- CN would like to keep meetings to an hour and a half and have certain meetings set as focused working meetings

- EL and JK feel two hours should be set meeting length
- EL would like to be looped in on draft agenda items prior to posting
- CN wants to follow-up on the priority list CDNR made last meeting – some items might be more appropriate for a different Committee
- EL wants to bring graffiti ordinance topic to CDNR
- JK mentioned he will be introducing vacancy rate issues at upcoming CDNR meetings

7. Adjournment

- ADJOURN at 7:50 p.m. by Councilor Neubieser with no objection