



Burlington Advisory Committee on accessibility

**THIS HYBRID MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SHARON BUSHOR
CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR OF CITY HALL 149 CHURCH STREET,
BURLINGTON, VERMONT AND ONLINE OVER ZOOM.**

MINUTES OF MEETING

July 15, 2024

1. Adopt the Agenda

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Meeting Called to Order at 305pm

Motion Made to adopt the agenda by ER, seconded by SS Motion passes unanimously

2. Introductions

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Members of the committee and city officials present
Nate Bisio - Vermont Center for Independent Living, Committee Chair
Karen Downie, Burlington resident and retired physical therapist
Elena Rosen, BCA
Sarah Carpenter, City Councilor ward 4
Katherine Schad, CAO and ADA rep for the City
Tim William, HR Staff support
Katie Green, REIB
Sophie Sauve, BPRW
Jon Adam Kolitz, BPRW

Members of the Public present
Cleary Buckley, Burlington Resident

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4. Public Forum

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Cleary Buckley addresses the committee as it pertains to the Burlington building code. Section 8-2 of the Burlington code of Ordinance, where 10% of new residents are "accessible." Cleary states that they have come to the understanding that the department of permitting and Inspections views accessible as spaces that are adaptable and visitable and is language that relates directly to the federal Fair Housing Act. Stating that "I think that's an incorrect interpretation of what the intent of this section in the code of ordinance was trying to do was require more accessible and not adaptable or visitable for residents"

Councilor Carpenter, encouraged that the committee follow up with the Department of Permitting and inspections to better understand state and federal law, and what or how Burlington is trying to go beyond on items of accessibility.

5. News & Updates

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KD- asked if the committee if the city is engaging with any accountability apps, where city's or towns are shirring mobility accessibility information and other such information, Katie offered to get more information and report back to the sharing those findings with the committee.

Councilor Carpenter highlighted that there has been movement on creating an accessible path from Cambrian rise to the waterfront's bike path off of North Ave.

Nate - Shared that he was having a meeting with the Mayor's office to discuss the committee at the end of the month.

6. Review Resolution For Committee & Discuss Goals Going Froward

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The committee discussed the draft resolution to be brought forward to the City Council with the topics of discussion being focused on.

Committee member makeup, where specific agencies were not named but generalized groups made up of 3 City Staff, 3 representatives from organizations or programs representing those with disabilities, and when the resolution would be brought forward to council.

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6.1. Proposed Resolution for Council - Accessibility - July 2024 V3

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7. Other Committee Business

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8.1. Motion to adjourn

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8. Adjournment

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Recommended Action

8.1. Motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by TW, seconded by KS motion, passed unanimously meeting adjourned at 401pm

9. Informational and Non-Discrimination Statements

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