



CITY OF BURLINGTON, VERMONT
CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT &
NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE
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Councilor Evan Litwin (EL), Chair, Ward 7
Councilor Carter Neubieser (CN), Ward 1
Councilor Allie Schachter (AS), East District

CDNR Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 18th, 2025
6:30 – 8:30 PM
Sharon Bushor Conference Room, 1st Floor – City Hall

Committee members: Evan Litwin (EL), Allie Schachter (AS)

City Staff: Christine Curtis, CEDO

Other Attendees: Brian Pine, Rebeka Lawrence-Gomez, CEDO; Sarah Carpenter, Andrea Viets, Jane Catton

Draft Minutes

Meeting Started at 6:30 PM

1. Approve agenda

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

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

2. Adopt Minutes

MOTION by Councilor Schachter, SECOND by Councilor Litwin, to approve the 5/1/25 minutes

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

3. Public Forum

- No one spoke at public forum

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4. Initial Discussion & Planning: Council on Aging Report referred by City Council
 - The group discussed the Council on Aging report. Allie Schachter highlighted the importance of the report, which focuses on supporting seniors in the community, and emphasized the need to continue this work amidst recent city restructuring. The group agreed to prioritize next steps and discuss the report's key takeaways, with a focus on the aging council's future activities.
 - The group reviewed the resolution passed by the City Council, which called for a review of services for older adults and the allocation of resources to the Heineberg Community Senior Center. The group considered formalizing the Council on Aging as a city commission and explored potential support from the City's REIB department.

5. HTF Reports and Update – Rebeka Lawrence-Gomez, CEDO
 - Discussed funding options for affordable housing, with Brian Pine explaining the Housing Trust Fund's role and history. The group reviewed various revenue-generating ideas, including property transfer taxes and converting exempt properties to taxable status. They agreed to compile pros and cons of each option for the next meeting, where they will work with Carter to develop recommendations for the Housing Trust Fund Committee and Mayor's office. The discussion also touched on the need to correctly allocate short-term rental taxes according to the original ordinance, which states a 9% tax for the Housing Trust Fund.

6. Initial Discussion & Planning: Syringe Litter Report from Board of Health referred by City Council
 - The group discussed next steps for addressing syringe litter in Burlington following a recent Board of Health report. They agreed to draft an invitation letter to stakeholders for upcoming summer meetings, with a focus on engaging syringe service providers, community organizations, and city departments. The committee plans to evaluate low-cost, high-impact solutions like additional collection boxes and explore options for funding and implementing them. They also aim to research successful programs in other cities and assess the feasibility of potential changes to syringe service programs in Burlington. The group will meet again to further discuss recommendations and next steps before presenting findings to the City Council by September 1st.

7. Scheduling

- The group scheduled several meetings to discuss a syringe litter initiative, with the next work session set for July 10th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. They agreed to hold another work session on August 7th, followed by a final meeting on August 20th where they will vote to approve their memo.

8. Adjournment

- ADJOURN at 8:35 p.m. by Councilor Litwin with no objection