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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**  
**Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**5:30 – 7:30 PM**

**Sharon Bushor Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor – City Hall**

**Committee members:** Evan Litwin (EL), Allie Schachter (AS)  
**City Staff:** Christine Curtis, CEDO  
**Other Attendees:** Bill Ward, Permitting & Inspections

**Draft Minutes**

**Meeting Started at 5:37 PM**

1. Approve agenda  
MOTION by Councilor Schachter, SECOND by Councilor Litwin, to approve the agenda  
VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.
2. Public Forum
  - No one spoke at public forum
3. Work Session: Syringe Litter in Burlington
  - The group discussed strategies for improving syringe disposal infrastructure in the City. Members proposed installing more safe syringe disposal boxes in strategic locations, which Bill confirmed was already being addressed by the Board of Health. They discussed the

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cost and logistics of implementing these boxes, with Bill noting that two smaller boxes were recently acquired for around \$300 each. The group agreed that increasing the availability of safe disposal options was a priority, but they also emphasized the need for better data collection efforts and collaboration with community partners. EL discussed a pilot project for managing syringes in Burlington, focusing on data collection and identifying high-impact areas. He emphasized the need for collaboration with the Howard Center, which distributes a significant number of syringes monthly, and suggested exploring partnerships with local businesses for maintaining and monitoring disposal boxes. AS also highlighted the importance of selecting a suitable location for the pilot that could be easily replicated and managed, while addressing concerns about stigma and accessibility. EL led a discussion on strategies to manage and incentivize the collection and transportation of used syringes, exploring the possibility of engaging businesses and community groups to host and monitor collection boxes. He proposed a city-wide marketing campaign similar to the "Adopt a Highway" program and suggested exploring partnerships with organizations like the Howard Center and local businesses to encourage volunteer participation. EL also emphasized the need to address community concerns about public safety and to consider incentivizing legal exchange programs for syringes, while acknowledging the importance of maintaining public health standards. The group agreed to further research funding options for such initiatives and to continue discussions with relevant stakeholders, including the Board of Health and the Howard Center. The committee aims to produce a concise final report with actionable recommendations for the City Council by the end of August.

#### 4. Adjournment

- ADJOURN at 7:17 p.m. by Councilor Litwin with no objection