

coordinator

Joined In Person - Karen Downey (She/Her) - Resident of Burlington and Adjunct Faculty Instructor UVM Occupation Therapy Doctoral Program

Joined in Person - John Thomas (He/Him) - Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Joined in Online - Sharon Huerault (She/Her) - Resident of Burlington

Members of the Committee Not Present

Scottie Taylor (They/Them) - Nominee for the committee and Burlington Resident

Katherine Schad (She/Her) - Chief Administrative Officer and ADA Coordinator

Other Guests Present

Joined Online - Phillip Peterson (He/Him) - Burlington Department of Public Works Tech Services Division Senior Planner

Joined In Person - Jon Adam-Kolitz (He/Him) - Burlington Parks Recreation and Waterfront Parks Project Manager

Joined In Person - Isabel Vivanco - Burlington Parks Recreation and Waterfront Parks Planning Intern

Joined in Person - Stephen Petit, Deputy Chief of Administration Burlington Fire

5. Public Forum

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No members of the public were present online or in person to address the committee. However, one comment were submitted via email prior to the committee meeting. Those communications are provided as attachment to the agenda.

Subject

5.1. Email Communication about ADA parking

Meeting

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Other

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Recommended Action

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Subject **6.1. Update on Walking Path Mural**

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Category 6. News & Updates

Department Other

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6.1. Update on Walking Path Mural
No update was provided or available.

Subject **6.2. Update on capital budget request for Leddy Park Area elevator**

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6.2. Update on capital budget request for Leddy Park Area elevator
Ashely Parker shared that BPRW Facilities was beginning to process of putting forward an RFP for updates at Leddy, and that no update was available at that time, but believes the RFP may go out in October of this year.

7. Continued discussion on accessible city parking and accessibility during construction

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Phillip Peterson (He/Him) - Burlington Department of Public Works Tech Services Division Senior Planner, Entered into a brief dialogue with the committee about accessible parking in the city of Burlington and was a continuation of the conversation from the previous comites meeting.

8. Election of Officers

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Nate Besio was nominated for consideration for chair of the committee by Lisa Black, and Lisa Black was nominated as a co-chair by Karen Downey. No other members were nominated.

A Motion made by Tim Williams, seconded by XXX was to nominate Nate Besio to the role of chair and Lisa

Black to the role of co-chair for a term of two years.
Final Resolution: Motion Passes
Yes: Unanimous

9. Discussion on best practices for maintaining accessibility to Burlington Open meetings

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Based on a previous email to the committee, a brief discussion was started about how to increase accessibility to open meetings, including to members of the deaf and hard of hearing community. Members mentioned ideas such as creating a best practice document and sending to council for consideration, as well as reaching out the university American Sign Language course, for partnerships for translation services.

Subject **9.1. Accessibility Committee Meeting Accommodations for the deaf and hard of hearing**

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10. Other Committee Business

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Subject **10.1. Checking city email addresses for BACA news and updates**

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Category 10. Other Committee Business

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10.1. Checking city email addresses for BACA news and updates

Tim Williams shared the importance of utilizing city-issued email addresses for committee business, especially as that contact information is on the city's website and members of the public may be utilizing that as a way to raise concerns with members that in his role of staff support he may not be seeing.

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Subject **11.1. Motion to adjourn**

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Department Council and Board

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11.1. Motion to adjourn

Motioned by Karen Downey, seconded by John Thomas

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous

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