



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, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**6:30 – 8:30 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:** Robert Perry, Clarke Street resident; Amy Kimmel, Clarke Street resident;  
Beth Holden, Charlotte McCorkel, Dan Hall, Howard's Center; Beth Whitlock, CEDO; Emily Healy

**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. Approve Minutes: 6/18, 7/10, 8/7, 8/20

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

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

3. Public Forum

• Robert spoke

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- Amy spoke

#### 4. Public Hearing: 2024 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) – CEDO

- Beth presented on the CAPER
- Committee members had questions about the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA)
- Christine described the application and approval process regarding the NRSA and the benefits of having a designated strategy area particularly for CDBG funds – allows for more flexibilities with grant spending and is a great leveraging tool

#### 5. Syringe Litter Report Review

- Howard Center staff were present and had an open discussion with Committee members. The meeting focused on addressing syringe litter and related public health issues in Burlington. Dan, Charlotte, and Beth from the Howard Center shared their perspective on the Board's recommendations, emphasizing the importance of expanding disposal infrastructure, mobile service delivery, and addressing root causes such as substance use disorder and housing insecurity. They also highlighted ongoing efforts to educate clients on proper disposal, expand volunteer opportunities, and collaborate with various stakeholders to tackle syringe litter. The group clarified the differences between Project Shine, a community-wide initiative, and the Situation Table, a multi-agency crisis response model.

##### **Syringe Litter Funding Challenges**

- The group discussed funding challenges for syringe litter mitigation efforts, with Dan confirming they currently have \$1,500 from the city but no other funding sources identified. Others emphasized the need for collaboration with community partners and state funding through the Department of Substance Use, while noting that street outreach programs often operate at a deficit and receive support from multiple city departments.

##### **Syringe Return and Usage Concerns**

- Raised concerns about the high number of unreturned syringes, noting that even with an increase in return rates, the number remained significant. Dan explained that the program tracks syringe distribution but emphasized that many unaccounted-for syringes likely end up disposed of properly, not on the streets. He also

highlighted the impact of increased fentanyl use, which has led to higher syringe usage.

#### **QSR Report and Community Engagement**

- Discussed concerns about a QSR report that inaccurately characterized Howard Center's work. They explored the possibility of reactivating an SSP advisory committee to better address community concerns and balance service delivery with neighborhood needs. Dan acknowledged the pressure staff face from high demand and community scrutiny, while others emphasized the importance of maintaining relationships and providing comprehensive support to users.

#### **OPC Co-Location Service Planning**

- The group discussed the potential co-location of syringe service provision with an upcoming OPC (Overdose Prevention Center) and explored various service delivery models, including mobile options. They reviewed the timeline for reviewing and approving a draft report in mid-October, which will then go to the full council for consideration. The discussion highlighted the need to balance community concerns with the potential benefits of the OPC, including opportunities for housing and other services.

#### **6. Adjournment**

- ADJOURN at 8:21 p.m. by Councilor Litwin with no objection