



CITY OF BURLINGTON, VERMONT
 CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT &
 NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE
 c/o Community & Economic Development Office
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Sharon Bushor Conference Room, 1st Floor, City Hall

Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 6:00 PM

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1. Agenda

1.1. Motion to amend/adopt agenda

2. Adopt Minutes

Subject	2.1. Approval of 3/18/26 Minutes
Meeting	June 17, 2026 - CDNR Committee Meeting - Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 6:00 PM, Sharon Bushor Conference Room, 1st Floor, City Hall
Category	2. Adopt Minutes
Department	Community & Economic Development Office (CEDO)
Type	
Recommended Action	

Subject	2.2. Approval of 5/20/26 Minutes
Meeting	June 17, 2026 - CDNR Committee Meeting - Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 6:00 PM, Sharon Bushor Conference Room, 1st Floor, City Hall
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3. Public Forum

Subject **3.1. PUBLIC FORUM - Verbal Comments**

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Category 3. Public Forum

Department

Type

4. Burlington Walk Bike Council's Block Party Draft Resolution

Subject **4.1. CDNR Committee will work through the draft resolution in order to present it to City Council at the soonest meeting possible.**

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Category 4. Burlington Walk Bike Council's Block Party Draft Resolution

Department Community & Economic Development Office (CEDO)

Type

Recommended Action

5. Graffiti Abatement Committee

Subject **5.1. CDNR Committee will continue to discuss the scope of work and draft some basic framework and structure, and discuss stakeholder outreach so that interested parties can join the July meeting to help think through the committee's scope/mission and representative mix. This will be an ongoing conversation—no action will be taken.**

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Category 5. Graffiti Abatement Committee

Department Community & Economic Development Office (CEDO)

Type

6. Adjournment

Subject **6.1. Motion to adjourn**

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Category 6. Adjournment

Department Council and Board

Type

Recommended Action



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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, March 18, 2026
6:00 – 8:00 PM
Sharon Bushor Conference Room, 1st Floor – City Hall

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

City Staff: Christine Curtis, CEDO

Other Attendees: Brett Rodgers, Agnes Barsalow, PaintCare; Andrea Viets, Director Heineberg Senior Center; Katherine Schad, CAO; Kara Alnasrawi, Maggie Callaghan, CEDO; Anne Gatch, Megan Z, Eagle Bay Academy; Gordon Dragoon, Jason Stuffle, Burlington Walk Bike Council

Draft Minutes

Meeting Started at 6:01 PM

1. Approve agenda

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

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

2. Approve Minutes: 2/3/2026

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

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

3. Public Forum

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- Ann Gatch and Eagle Bay Academy staff requested permission to convert a graffiti-covered wall into a student-designed mural.
- Approximately \$1,000 for paint and supplies.
- A target start date of May 2026.
- The project is tied to a “Math Through Art” curriculum where students apply geometry, scale, measurement, and design concepts through mural creation. Speakers emphasized educational benefits, youth engagement, community pride, and graffiti prevention through stewardship of public spaces.
- Andrea Viets updated Committee on Heineberg Senior Center to include preparation of roughly 200 tax returns through AARP Tax-Aide services, increased participation in free meal programs and wellness activities, growth in Bone Builders exercise classes, receipt of a Creative Aging Grant, expanded food security efforts serving approximately 40–50 people weekly, and new programming connecting seniors and English language learners.

4. Housing Trust Fund – Informational/Discussion

- CEDO staff presented plans to modernize Burlington’s Housing Trust Fund, which currently holds about \$1.5 million.
- Key priorities discussed included:
 - Creating clearer policies, procedures, and evaluation criteria.
 - Developing a formal scoring rubric for funding decisions.
 - Making the process more transparent and accessible.
 - Expanding participation beyond large housing developers.
 - Exploring support for homeowners and small-scale projects such as ADUs.
- Improving outreach so more residents understand funding opportunities.
- Committee members discussed:
 - Increasing Housing Trust Fund revenues through tools such as short-term rental taxes and inclusionary zoning reforms.
 - Maintaining long-term affordability requirements for funded housing.
 - Supporting more multi-bedroom affordable housing for larger and immigrant families.

- Balancing investments in large affordable housing developments with smaller community-based housing projects.

5. Regional Programs follow-up discussion

- The committee continued work on restructuring the city's regional programs funding process.
- Three funding categories were identified:
- Non-discretionary regional services that belong in departmental budgets.
- Critical service partners such as Howard Center Street Outreach, VNA Home Health & Hospice, Heineberg Community Senior Center, and Turning Point.
- Smaller discretionary community grants.
- Proposed changes include:
 - Creating a formal grant application and review process.
 - Requiring clearer impact reporting from recipients.
 - Improving accountability and transparency.
 - Potentially having CEDO administer discretionary grants through a structured annual program.

6. Community Based Solutions for Graffiti Abatement

- Representatives from PaintCare presented a proposal to support Burlington's graffiti abatement and mural efforts. PaintCare operates a paint stewardship and recycling program and has collected more than 1.2 million gallons of paint in Vermont since 2014.
- The proposed partnership would:
 - Provide reusable paint for murals and beautification projects.
 - Support graffiti cleanup efforts.
 - Potentially sponsor selected mural projects.
 - Assist with outreach and public awareness efforts.

Committee Motion: Recommend City Council form a graffiti abatement committee and recognize partnership between City of Burlington and PaintCare and refer back to CDNR to finalize all details of the graffiti abatement committee

MOTION by Councilor Litwin, SECOND by Councilor Schachter

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

7. Community Block Party Efforts – Burlington Walk Bike Council

- Representatives from the Burlington Walk Bike Council proposed simplifying the process for organizing neighborhood block parties.
- Current concerns include:
 - A requirement to collect signatures from 75% of affected residents.
 - Long permit timelines.
 - Administrative barriers that discourage participation.
- Ideas discussed included:
 - Shorter application timelines.
 - Reduced signature requirements.
 - Designated block-party weekends.
 - Better coordination with city departments.
 - Possible future support through neighborhood organizations.
- Committee members generally supported the concept but requested additional consultation with permitting staff and other city departments before advancing a formal proposal.

8. Adjournment

- ADJOURN at 8:16 p.m. by Councilor Litwin with no objection



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Councilor Carter Neubieser (CN), Ward 1
Councilor Allie Schachter (AS), East District
Councilor Laura Sanchez-Parkinson (LSP), Ward 3

CDNR Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 20, 2026
6:00 – 8:00 PM

Sharon Bushor Conference Room, 1st Floor – City Hall

Committee members: Evan Litwin (EL), Allie Schachter (AS), Laura Sanchez-Parkinson (LSP)

City Staff: Christine Curtis, CEDO

Other Attendees: Gordon Dagoon, Jason Stuffle, Ellery Ames, Jak Tiano, Burlington Walk Bike Council

Draft Minutes

Meeting Started at 6:05 PM

1. Approve agenda

MOTION by Councilor Schachter, SECOND by Councilor Sanchez-Parkinson,
to approve the agenda

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

2. Public Forum

- No one spoke

3. Letter from Greater Burlington Industrial Corporation (GBIC)

- Informational only – to place on file

4. Community Block Party update – Burlington Walk Bike Council

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- Designate a citywide block party weekend.
- Temporarily reduce barriers and administrative requirements for organizing block parties.
- Encourage greater use of streets as community gathering spaces.
- Build neighborhood connections and strengthen community engagement.
- Committee discussed whether to hold a single citywide weekend, multiple weekends, or a broader block party season.
- Selecting dates that avoid conflicts with major city events, move-in periods, and road closures.
- Potential funding sources, including Local Motion microgrants and Councilor Initiative Funds.
- Coordination with Neighborhood Planning Assemblies (NPAs).
- Marketing and outreach to ensure participation across neighborhoods.
- Whether the current requirement that 75% of affected residents approve a block party should be modified.
- Exploring digital signatures to simplify neighborhood approval processes.
- The Walk Bike Council will revise its resolution based on committee feedback.
- Committee members will work directly with organizers between meetings.
- The goal is to move a refined proposal to City Council in June rather than delaying the effort.

5. Graffiti Abatement Committee

- The committee began shaping a new community-focused committee to address graffiti, beautification, murals, and public art initiatives.
- Discussion explored Whether the name “Graffiti Abatement Committee” is too narrow or carries negative connotations.
- Alternative concepts focused on beautification, public art, or defacement response.
- Creating a centralized process for mural proposals and beautification projects.
- Supporting equitable access to funding and resources for community art projects.

- Coordinating volunteers, artists, businesses, and neighborhood groups.
- Developing community cleanup and graffiti-removal efforts.
- Gather input from organizations already involved in mural and public art work.
- Better understand how Burlington currently handles murals and graffiti response.
- Potentially create a volunteer-driven committee supported through CDNR rather than adding workload to city departments.
- Consider community cleanup days and neighborhood-based beautification initiatives.

6. Syringe Litter Recommendations

- The committee revisited a previously completed syringe litter report and discussed recent developments.
- Members discussed uncertainty about which organizations receive state funding for syringe service programs (SSPs).
- Questions remain about whether organizations beyond Howard Center receive state-supported SSP funding and reporting requirements.
- Members noted that Howard Center plans to discontinue participation in the SSP program after current funding ends.
- Discussion focused on possible future uses of the Clark Street property, including recovery housing opportunities.
- Members explored potential state and federal funding programs that could support recovery housing development through nonprofit partnerships.
- Next steps include:
 1. Revisiting the syringe litter report recommendations.
 2. Reviewing which recommendations remain relevant.
 3. Evaluating progress made since the report was issued.
 4. Potentially preparing updated recommendations or a formal resolution for City Council consideration.

7. Adjournment

- ADJOURN at 7:52 p.m. by Councilor Litwin with no objection



Block Parties in Burlington

Street gatherings as tools for social connection, civic engagement, and active transportation



Jack Evans,
Complete Streets Specialist
jack@localmotion.org



Local Motion's mission is to make it **safe, accessible, and fun** for everyone to bike, walk, and roll in Vermont.



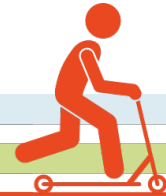
Our Work:

Local Motion's Services



Our Work:

Complete Streets Technical Assistance



Streets as Places

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- We did we get involved?
- Block parties
 - Build **social connections** & trust
 - Create **resilience** & opportunities
 - **Reimagine streets** as people-first places

BLOCK PARTY HOW-TO MANUAL





**\$10,000 GRANTED TO HOSTS OF
24 BLOCK PARTIES STATEWIDE**



**25 events in
Burlington
Only 3 funded**

Big Impacts, Bigger Costs

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- Many residents **don't know it's possible**, where to begin, or are discouraged by the administrative burden
- **Requires major investment:** time, resources, social capital, and access
- While hosting a block party *should* make the next one easier, **many people become discouraged**



Our Ask

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- **Lower the barrier to hosting block parties.**
Make the entire process:
 - Clearer
 - Easier
 - Faster
- **Enable new and more informal types of events**
- **Build a culture for block parties**
- **If the City invests in its neighborhoods, they will invest in the City**



Memo

To: City of Burlington, City Council

From: Gordon Dragoon, Chair
Jason Stuffle
Jak Tiano
Ellery Ames

CC: Jack Evans, Local Motion Representative
Phillip Peterson, PE, Senior Transportation Engineer & Planner
Chapin Spencer, Director of Public Works

Subject: Resolution in Support of Neighborhood Block Parties and Designation of Annual Block Party Weekends

Background

Burlington's neighborhoods are the foundation of what makes this city exceptional, and the connections built between neighbors are the social fabric that makes our city resilient, safe, and welcoming. Block parties are one of the most essential expressions of that neighborly spirit. They are a simple, joyful act of reclaiming the street as a place for people to gather.

The Burlington Walk/Bike Council (BWBC) has long advocated for streets that serve people first. Block parties sit squarely within that mission: they are proof that streets can be places of gathering, play, and belonging, not just thoroughways for vehicles. This memo introduces a resolution the BWBC is asking the City Council to adopt, which seeks to streamline the block party permitting process citywide and designate two annual Burlington Block Party Weekends.

Why Block Parties Matter

Research¹ consistently shows that the strength of a community is directly tied to how well neighbors know one another. Informal, recurring gatherings, such as street potlucks, play streets, or annual parties, are among the most effective tools for building the social trust that reduces crime, supports mental health, and helps communities weather hardship together. In an era of increasing social isolation and screen-mediated connection, the

¹ <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC8719732/>
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0277953615003512>

simple act of being together with your neighbors outside breaking bread, playing games, or just building connections offers profound civic value.

Burlington has always understood this. Our neighborhoods are active, engaged, and proud. Block parties are a natural expression of Burlington's community-first culture, and part of the same instinct that crowds Church Street, fills our NPAs, or draws thousands to our farmers markets, and that makes this city feel so friendly. However, in recent years Burlington has seen an increase in isolation, division, and threats to safety due to the increased levels and congestion of traffic on our streets. Instead of connecting us, streets can often divide neighborhoods, and only the quietest of streets are able to safely support the type of childhood play and informal neighborhood connection that was common only a couple of decades ago. Play streets deserve particular attention in this context. When a street is temporarily closed to through traffic and opened to people of all ages and abilities, it becomes something remarkable: a safe, shared outdoor space where kids can ride bikes, draw with chalk, and play freely in sight of their homes with the other kids on their block, while neighbors socialize freely. In neighborhoods with multi-family homes, small backyards, or limited access to parks, a play street can be a transformative resource, and the recurring batched permit pathway proposed in this resolution would make it possible for any block to establish a play street with minimal administrative burden.

The Case for Reimagining our Streets

Streets make up a significant share of Burlington's public land. For most of the day, on most blocks, that land is used primarily to store and move private vehicles. Block Parties and Play Streets offer a periodic, low-stakes way to ask: what else could this space be? They invite residents, especially children, older adults, and low-income households, to experience their street as a place that belongs to them.

This is not a radical proposition. Cities across the country and around the world have found that temporarily reclaiming streets for community use builds social cohesion, supports public health, and creates long-term support for the kinds of infrastructure improvements that make neighborhoods safe, shared places.

The Problem with the Current Process

Despite a strong culture for block parties, the current permitting process creates real barriers to participation:

- Lead times are long, often 4+ weeks
- Applications are unnecessarily complex
- The requirement for 75% of impacted neighbors to sign off on each closure is among the highest thresholds in other cities with comparable processes

Each event could take 1-2 months with hours of labor and uncertainty before you even begin to actually plan the event. Many residents who would love to host a block party never start the process because they don't know it's possible, don't know where to begin, or are discouraged by the administrative burden. Many who do host find the process too difficult to do again.

The result is a skewed distribution: block parties happen most often in neighborhoods where residents have time, resources, and social capital to navigate bureaucracy. While Burlington has many strong examples of annual block parties, we should strive to see

smaller and more diverse types of events happen more often, and in new neighborhoods.

The Resolution

The BWBC is asking the City Council to adopt a resolution that does three things:

1. Directs DPW, BPD, BFD, and other relevant departments to work with the BWBC to develop a streamlined permitting process for all block party applications, with the goal of reducing lead times, simplifying the applications, creating a pre-vetted street list, lowering neighborhood approval thresholds, acceptance of digital signatures or other tools for neighborhood buy-in, and creating a batched permit pathway to enable recurring gatherings, such as monthly dinners, or regular play streets.
2. Directs the City to create and maintain a public-facing webpage with clear instructions, permit links, hosting resources, and information about Burlington Block Party Weekend dates that is accessible and available in multiple languages.
3. Designates two annual Burlington Block Party Weekends, most preferably the last weekend of May and the weekend nearest to Car Free Day (September 22nd), as citywide celebrations of neighborhood connection and community pride, supported by an expedited and even simpler permitting pathway and proactive city outreach to all neighborhoods.

Departments would be directed to report back with proposals to address these directives within 60 days of passage.

Next steps

The BWBC asks the City Council to:

1. Sponsor and advance this resolution for a vote
2. Coordinate with DPW, BPD, and BFD in advance of the 60-day reporting window to ensure departments are prepared to engage
3. Champion Burlington Block Party Weekends in their districts. Every councilor encouraging their constituents to participate will make these weekends a genuine citywide event.

Burlington's streets belong to all of us. This resolution is an investment in making sure all of our neighbors feel that way.

Resolution Relating to

SUPPORT FOR REGULAR NEIGHBORHOOD
BLOCK PARTIES

RESOLUTION _____

Sponsor(s): _____
Introduced: _____
Referred to: _____

Action: _____
Date: _____
Signed by Mayor: _____

CITY OF BURLINGTON

In the year Two Thousand Twenty-Six.....

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

That WHEREAS, Burlington has a long-standing and proud tradition of neighborhood block parties that build trust between neighbors, celebrate our city’s culture and community, and bring residents of all backgrounds together on the streets where they live; and

WHEREAS, block parties reframe streets as shared public places for connection, play, and belonging, allowing neighbors to experience their street in a people-first way; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington has an interest in making it easy for residents to organize and host block parties, and in actively encouraging more neighborhoods to participate in this tradition, especially those that historically have not hosted them or face barriers to doing so; and

WHEREAS, regular, low-barrier opportunities for neighbors to gather, whether a monthly potluck, a weekly play street, or an annual block party are among the most important ways to build the social fabric that makes neighborhoods resilient, safe, and welcoming; and

WHEREAS, many residents are unaware that anyone can host a block party, or do not know how to begin the process, or are intimidated by the administrative burden, and clear public-facing guidance would meaningfully decrease these barriers for Burlington residents; and

WHEREAS, the current permitting process presents unnecessary barriers including long lead times, complex applications, and high neighbor-signature thresholds, that discourage residents from organizing block parties; and

WHEREAS, other communities have successfully reduced these barriers through shorter application windows, simplified forms, streamlined neighborhood outreach processes, and expanded use of digital tools without compromising public safety; and

WHEREAS, designating shared city-wide block party weekends supported by coordinated outreach and expedited applications exemplifies the benefits of block parties and invites every neighborhood to take

Resolution Relating to **DESIGNATION OF BLOCK PARTY WEEKENDS**

part in a shared celebration of neighborhood life, civic pride, and the sense of belonging and connection that makes Burlington an exceptional place to live.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Burlington City Council hereby directs the Department of Public Works, Burlington Police Department, and Burlington Fire Department to work collaboratively with the Burlington Walk Bike Council to develop a streamlined block party permitting process for all block party permit applications that may include, but is not limited to:

- Reduced application lead times
- Simplified application forms with fewer and clearer questions
- Lower or modified neighbor approval requirements, including acceptance of digital signatures or city-assisted notifications;
- The ability to create recurring or batched permits to enable regular gatherings under a single application, reducing administrative burden for residents and City departments alike; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforementioned City departments shall create and maintain a public-facing webpage dedicated to neighborhood block parties, to include:

- Clear instructions for and links to both the online and paper permit application processes
- An overview of the permit process, timeline, and application requirements
- Guidance and resources for how to plan and host a block party and considerations for accessibility
- Information on available equipment, activities, and community resources to support block party hosts
- The confirmed dates of the upcoming Burlington Block Party Weekends, updated annually
- All of which should be accessible and available in multiple languages; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Burlington City Council designates two annual Burlington Block Party Weekends as citywide celebrations of our shared public streets, neighborhood connection, and community pride during which residents are encouraged to open their streets, meet their neighbors, and celebrate their city and neighborhood, to preferably be held each year on:

- The last Saturday of May and the following Sunday, and
- The Saturday nearest to Car Free Day, September 22nd and following Sunday

with specific dates confirmed annually by the appropriate administrative officer no later than the March meeting of the Burlington Walk Bike Council, following coordination with relevant City departments and

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community stakeholders to identify scheduling conflicts with other events in the City that may significantly impact traffic; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Burlington Block Party Weekends shall be supported by an expedited permitting process to make participation as accessible as possible, which may include:

- Pre-approved or pre-vetted street segments
- A simplified permit process with permit approval the default outcome absent a specific safety or logistic concern
- Proactive city outreach encouraging all neighborhoods and all communities to participate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforementioned departments report back to the City Council with a proposed streamlined process no later than 60 days following passage of this resolution; and

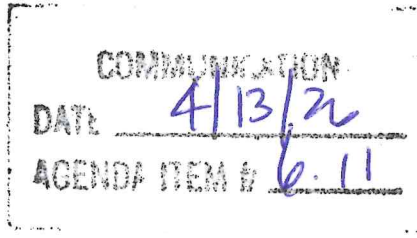
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect upon passage.

Drafter Initials/Resolutions 2026/*Support for regular Neighborhood Block Parties*
Date

From: Evan Litwin, Community Development and Neighborhood Revitalization Committee, Chair

To: City Council Members and the Office of Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak

Cc: Doreen Craft, BCA; Kelli Perkins, REIB; ~~Cheryl Spencer, DPH; Phil Lewis, BDDW~~; Mark Bouchett, Church Street Marketplace Commission



April 7th, 2026

What is PaintCare

PaintCare is a non-profit entity and a subsidiary under the American Coatings Association. The group manages recycling and drop-off initiatives in states governed by paint stewardship legislation, with reporting duties to state authorities such as the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR). Since the Vermont program launched in 2014, PaintCare has reached a national scale, by early 2026, it had successfully processed more than 80 million gallons of paint through a network exceeding 2,800 drop-off locations. Paint recycling is paid for by an existing modest fee tacked onto each paint can purchase.

Learn more about PaintCare at paintcare.org.

Framing the Issue

PaintCare reached out to me following Seven Days coverage of the graffiti incident on the mural at the Consolidated Communications building on Main Street about ways in which PaintCare may be able to support Burlington's desire to tackle our graffiti issues, a problem cited by many across our community as detracting from our livability and downtown appeal.

Over the past several months, I've been in contact with PaintCare reps in hopes of developing a collaborative program whereby paint can be diverted by our CSWD partners, who are also excited to support us, On March 18th at our regular CDNR meeting, our committee received a presentation from PaintCare representatives from Vermont, Agnes Barsalow, and Washington, D.C., Brett Rodgers, who graciously flew in for our meeting.

- View the slide deck presentation by PaintCare from the March meeting on CivicClerk at: <https://burlingtonvt.portal.civicclerk.com/event/9850/files/attachment/15250>.

Ultimately, PaintCare has agreed to provide paint for future graffiti abatement and public art projects using a paint donation request form that was developed just last week, which we have attached here to increase awareness of this new resource and we encourage city departments who are planning graffiti abatement activities or public art projects (with or without community partners) to utilize this form and provide any feedback on this pilot process.

In addition, with strong relational stewardship, PaintCare identified that there may be opportunities where their organizational mission and vision aligns with a particular public art project that they would like to be involved with to promote the good work of PaintCare and may be able to provide additional financial support for artist fees on occasion.

At their meeting of 4/13/20
the Burlington City Council voted to

*refer back to the CDNR Committee
to draft a resolution establishing a graffiti abatement committee
recommending sustainable funding sources for the committee*

CDNR Action

The voted 3-0 for the City to engage in a formal partnership with PaintCare and ask the Council to officially form a Graffiti Abatement Committee that the CDNR would take on the work of working out its scope, body, mission, and other operational details in the coming months. In addition, we'd continue to steward the relationship with PaintCare reps as we enter this pilot partnership and evaluate opportunities for success or improvement in said process, as well as potential projects that may align with our shared vision.

Recommended Council action

Formally create a graffiti abatement committee to be laid out and managed by CDNR.

Formally recognize a Council partnership with PaintCare and encourage the Office of the Mayor to do the same. *both to honor the great gift we will receive but also because the Mayor's Office is in the best position to know when different departments are planning public art or graffiti abatement work so they can offset planning cost requests by using recycled, donated paint.*

- *CDNR intends to invite Chief of Staff Alnasrawi to a future meeting to further discuss and operationalize this as we build out what the graffiti abatement committee's role and scope will be, as we see an operational opportunity for that new body to have a connection to departments when they are planning related projects. We look forward to working closely with the Mayor's Office on these shared goals for Burlington's beautification and community engagement.*

Note of Thanks and Recognition

I and the CDNR Committee members would like to thank Agnes Barsalow and Brett Rodgers for their proactive outreach following a disappointing and harmful attack on one of our recent large community murals, and their excitement to engage and collaborate with us over the past several months. We are appreciative of their commitment to environmental impact by significantly diverting tens of thousands of gallons of paint from our limited landfill space in Vermont, and their shared love for Burlington and public art. We look forward to continuing to work with them on this important issue cited by many across our city as a problem deserving of our attention and care.

I'd also like to thank Councilor Schachter for her assistance and for bringing, what we hope to be our first, paint diversion project forward with Eagle Bay Academy students who will be working with their Math teacher on an innovative effort to explore geometry concepts in art, adding a new mural to our community.

Evan Litwin, Chair

On behalf of the CDNR Committee

Cc: Christine Curtis, CEDO, CDNR Board Clerk

[PaintCare presentation](#)

Lori Olberg

From: Evan Litwin
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2026 10:32 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Lori Olberg
Subject: motion language for item 6.11

Hi All, in an effort to reduce time I'm sending the motion language to refer the work around establishing a graffiti abatement committee back to CDNR so we can bring forth a resolution for you all to consider. I did not want our committee to move forward first with this work without first the full Council's approval:

Refer back to the CDNR Committee to draft a resolution establishing a Graffiti Abatement Committee and recommending sustainable funding sources for the Committee's work.

Evan Litwin (he/him)
Ward 7 City Councilor

Be Alert: Visit [SeeClickFix](#) or download the app to submit a wide variety of service needs around our city including street or sidewalk pavement issues, graffiti on public property, greenbelt violations, and dozens of other community concerns. Select "Parks Department Issue" to report encampments, down trees, or other issues in city parks.

Stay Informed: A huge amount of city business is discussed and worked out in committee first. Visit [CivicClerk](#) to view all public meetings and associated documents for City Council, boards, and committees. Once logged in, click the "Manage Subscriptions" button in the upper-righthand corner to get email alerts for any committee or board you are interested in when they post their agenda! Learn more about our various [Boards, Commissions, and Committees](#) and how to apply to join one.

Impacted by Conflict or Crime?: [Burlington Police Department:](#) [Online reporting](#) is active again for non-emergency offenses, victims of serious crime should report incidents directly to a dispatcher. Other helpful resources include: understanding and accessing the array of services offered by the [Crisis, Advocacy, Intervention Programs \(CAIP\)](#), understanding the [BPD Priority Response Plan](#) created due to the severe officer staffing shortage, reporting suspected drug activity using the [Drug Tip Form](#), and if you had a positive or negative interaction with BPD you can use either the [compliment or complaint forms](#). **[Community Justice Center:](#)** Get assistance from the [Burlington Community Justice Center](#). They offer a wide array of programming and services, including if you've been a [victim of harm or crime](#), or are [struggling with neighborhood conflict](#).

Questions About Minimum Housing Codes: Property owners/managers are expected to meet our minimum housing code standards and to be aware of them. Anyone with questions about those requirements can refer to [Chapter 18 of our City Ordinances](#). Tenants who believe they may have a violation are encouraged to contact the [Department of Permitting and Inspections](#) so they can inspect the issue. These standards help keep everyone safe in a building, including your neighbors. Ward 7 residents should feel comfortable reaching out to me if they need additional support.

Renters Who Have Had Security Deposits Withheld: Burlington exercises its authority granted by the Vermont Legislature to hear cases and issue rulings where a tenant believes some or all of their security deposit was unfairly withheld. Tenants who wish to exercise this right following a move-out must [file a claim](#) within 30 days of receiving their itemized withholding statement (mailed within 14 days), or 44 days if no statement was ever provided. I encourage all property owners/managers and tenants to [review the requirements for withholding a security deposit](#) in Burlington, which varies from state standards in some ways.

