



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

Wednesday, August 19, 2026, 6:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

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1. Agenda

1.1. Motion to amend/adopt agenda

2. Adopt Minutes

Subject	2.1. Approval of 5/20/26 Minutes
Meeting	August 19, 2026 - CDNR Committee Meeting - Wednesday, August 19, 2026, 6:00 PM, Sharon Bushor Conference Room, 1st Floor, City Hall
Category	2. Adopt Minutes
Department	
Type	
Recommended Action	

3. Public Forum

Subject	3.1. PUBLIC FORUM - Verbal Comments
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Category	3. Public Forum

Department

Type

4. Continuation of Graffiti Abatement Committee Discussions

Subject	4.1. Discuss how the committee and volunteers can assist, relieve, and streamline requests for defacement cleanup. CDNR will propose a scope and function of their authority/role, committee makeup, as well as CDNR's oversight of the committee.
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Category	4. Continuation of Graffiti Abatement Committee Discussions
Department	Community & Economic Development Office (CEDO)
Type	
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5. Adjournment

Subject	5.1. Motion to adjourn
Meeting	August 19, 2026 - CDNR Committee Meeting - Wednesday, August 19, 2026, 6:00 PM, Sharon Bushor Conference Room, 1st Floor, City Hall
Category	5. 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
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 Dragoon, 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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contact Christine Curtis at ccurtis@burlingtonvt.gov

- 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

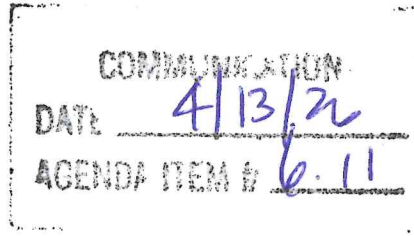
From: Evan Litwin, Community Development and Neighborhood Revitalization Committee, Chair

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

Cc: Doreen Craft, BCA; Kelli Perkins, REIB; ~~Chad Spencer, DPW; Phil Lewis, DDW~~; 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 4/13/26
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 work

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 Councillor

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.

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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.

