



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
Councilor Laura Sanchez-Parkinson (LSP), Ward 3

CDNR Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 19, 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: Johanna Schneider, CEDO

Other Attendees: Chapin Spencer, DPW; Bill Ward, Permitting & Inspections

Draft Minutes

Meeting Started at 6:00 PM

1. Approve agenda

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

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

2. Adopt Minutes

MOTION by Councilor Litwin, SECOND by Councilor Sanchez-Parkinson, to approve the 5/20/26 minutes

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

3. Public Forum

- Several members from the public spoke to the graffiti abatement item

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4. Continuation of Graffiti Abatement Committee Discussions

- The CDNR committee meeting focused on discussing the creation of a graffiti abatement committee for Burlington. Public commenters shared diverse perspectives, with some advocating for mural projects to deter tagging and others emphasizing the need for simple, quick removal of graffiti, especially on public assets like signs and poles. Directors Chapin Spencer and Bill Ward explained the current city process for addressing graffiti, noting the challenges of resources, liability, and the distinction between public and private property. The discussion explored the potential for community-led volunteer efforts, the complexities of training and insurance, and the importance of not overburdening city staff. Councilors and community members debated the scope of the committee, the role of public art, and the need to empower neighborhood-level solutions. The meeting highlighted the desire to leverage community engagement while addressing practical concerns about cost, safety, and existing city protocols.

5. Adjournment

- ADJOURN at 8:00 p.m. by Councilor Schachter with no objection