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Monday, October 27, 2014

Conference Room #10, 1st Floor, City Hall

149 Church St., Burlington, Vt.

2:30 p.m.

***** MINUTES*****

Attendance: Councilor Rachel Siegel, Chair (RS), Councilor Norm Blais (NB), Councilor Kurt Wright (KW)

Public: None

Convene: 2:45 p.m.

1. Approve Agenda: NB moved approval as set, RS 2d, and the agenda was unanimously approved
1. Approve Minutes of 10/10/14: NB moved approval as set, RS 2d, and the minutes were unanimously approved
1. Public Forum: No one was present.
1. Discussion re noncitizen participation on boards and commissions and as city department heads: RS reported that she spoke with City Attorney Blackwood about having a proposed resolution to implement the resolution passed October 20 to look at and discuss at next meeting but nothing was able to be prepared in time for this meeting so the committee needs to review it at another meeting. GB said CA office will draft. RS said she'd like a preamble that explains what they are doing and the CA can use the Oct. 20 resolution to guide drafting.
1. Any Other Business Next meeting & Commission Application Review
 - i. Commission Application: RS reminded the committee that it had discussed removing political affiliation question. Consensus is to have it removed and wait to make formal action until have all changes. Consensus is to have it done by council resolution. Waiting for the Core Team for Diversity & Equity and then will



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request changes be reflected in a council resolution acknowledging changes; for the next round of appointments. Also up for consideration is composition of commissions: terms and number of commissioners (i.e. Housing Board term may be too long and Police Commission may be too small).

1. The committee set the next meeting for Tuesday, November 18 @ 10 a.m., hopefully in CR 10. The resolution on the commissioner residency charter change will be considered as will, if possible, the commission application resolution (if the diversity core team finishes its work). It will hold regular monthly (1x) meetings, on Tuesday Dec. 6 at 10 and on the second Monday of the month at 10 (Jan. 12, Feb. 9 & Mar. 9).

6. Adjournment: 3:10 pm