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Councilor Selene Colburn, Chair, East District

Councilor Tom Ayres, Ward 7

Councilor Adam Roof, Ward 8

Tuesday, July 26, 2016

6:00 – 7:45 PM

Fletcher Free Library

Community Room

Proposed Draft Agenda

1. Review Agenda
2. Public Forum (20 minutes)
3. Approval of Minutes – 6/16 (5 minutes)
4. Discussion on Homeless Encampments – (30 minutes)
L. Smith – Burlington Police Department
M.Esbjerg - CEDO
5. Review of Public Lands Inventory, J. Bridges (Parks, Recreation & Waterfront)–
(15 minutes)
6. Tiny Homes – next steps MicroHousing Forum? – (10 minutes)
7. August meeting to reschedule due to holiday – (5 minutes)



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Councilor Tom Ayres, Ward 7 (absent)
Councilor Adam Roof, Ward 8

Tuesday, June 21, 2016
6:00 – 7:45 PM
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Proposed Draft Minutes

In addition to the Councilors noted above, the following people were in attendance: Alicia Freese (Seven Days), Rita Markley (Committee on Temporary Shelter (COTS)), Chris Brzovic (Burlington Housing Authority/Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity), Cory Dawson (Burlington Free Press), Stephen Marshall, Michael Monte (Champlain Housing Trust (CHT)), Councilor David Hartnett (North District), Emily Velush (Pathways Vermont), Erin Sheehan, and Todd Rawlings (Community & Economic development Office (CEDO))

1. Review Agenda – At 6:08 PM Chair Colburn started the meeting and began with a review of the agenda. Councilor Roof made a motion to amend and approve the agenda to add Item 5.1, a discussion of the work plan for the Committee, seconded by Chair Colburn. Motion approved.
2. Public Forum
Stephen Marshall commented that the tiny home discussion should not be limited to homeless individuals and that it is a solution that should be considered for others in need of housing. Chair Colburn agreed and expressed that the Committee intends to look broadly at the idea of microhousing in the context of accessory units as mentioned in the Housing Action Plan. She restated her wish to hold a public event around microhousing.
3. Approval of Minutes – Councilor Roof made a motion to approve the May minutes as drafted. Chair Colburn seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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4. Discussion of Tiny Homes and Homelessness

Chair Colburn summarized the history of the tiny homes discussion. She described that a local, philanthropically-minded businessperson approached various Councilors about the idea of tiny homes as a possible solution to homelessness in Burlington. In the first CDNR meeting that addressed this issue, the committee looked at various examples across the country. The second meeting looked at how this solution might work in the context of planning and zoning ordinance requirements.

Councilor Roof commented that he thought that, based on conversations with City staff, this was a viable option. He expressed the desire to review an inventory of City land and have the Committee explore a pilot of the idea. He mentioned that one idea that has been expressed was the possibility of using the campground at North Beach during the winter.

Chair Colburn understands from Parks Director Jesse Bridges that there is very little suitable land that is not park. She said another idea that has been suggested is a winter warming shelter with tents at North Beach. She suggested that the idea of tiny houses as a solution to homelessness needs to be looked at from the Fair Housing perspective and that the Committee should work with the Continuum of Care on this idea. Chair Colburn would also like to see a public lands inventory.

Stephen Marshall noted that the Continuum of Care's correct name is the Chittenden County Homeless Alliance (CCHA), not the Continuum of Care.

Rita Markley suggested that the CCHA and form a work group to explore the tiny home idea.

Chair Colburn read an email from CEDO Acting Director Marcy Esbjerg. The email described the idea that the CCHA would like to do a focus group for homeless individuals. CCHA is requesting a joint session in August and the suggestion is a breakfast meeting on Saturday since there is no breakfast provided in our City on Saturday. They have the funding and would help get the folks there. The idea might be going to one of the churches but maybe the library would be fine as well.

Stephen Marshall commented that CCHA would like to do story gathering around safety and well-being. He suggested that the discussion around solutions to homelessness be broadened and not go immediately to tiny homes.

Councilor Roof agreed that tiny homes are one tool in the tool box for safety, security, and stability for homeless individuals.

Councilor Hartnett said that he has had discussions with members of the business community who are concerned about the homeless individuals in Burlington. He suggested that whether or not the City sanctions the encampments, they will and are happening anyway. He has spoken with homeless individuals and they want tiny homes. He believes that tiny homes have been successful elsewhere and thinks the City should try it.

Chris Brzovic asked: what vision we are committed to in Burlington? He asked: why not get homeless individuals in housing, and then once housed, get services to them and help them with sobriety? He said that tiny houses are just an extension of the shelter model.

Rita Markley suggested that the focus should be on creating more options for people who are homeless. She cautioned against just making tiny homes available to homeless individuals only and she urged making tiny homes available to young professionals and others who need housing. She suggested that tiny homes should be part of a broader strategy on homelessness.

Michael Monte described CHT's research on the attitudes of prospective homebuyers about small, energy efficient homes and many were not interested. He wondered if using tiny homes as a solution for homeless individuals had been successful in a cold weather climate. He also wondered whether it was proposed that tiny homes would replace tents. He described CHT's approach of buying motels and providing the spatial equivalent of a tiny home (200-400 square feet).

Councilor Roof commented that physical structure is part of the issue, but services are critical. He agreed that this solution cannot be separated from overall housing strategy as described in the Housing Action Plan (HAP).

Chair Colburn mentioned that the HAP has a section on homelessness and she affirmed the City's commitment to the Housing First model. She expressed that some anecdotal evidence suggests that some homeless individuals do not want to live inside.

Chris Brzovic suggested that that was not his experience and he would like objective data on how common that belief is.

Chair Colburn expressed that tiny homes are one option and that safety of encampments is key. She discussed different approaches that different cities (specifically Los Angeles and Seattle) have concerning homeless encampments. She described a variety of safety and security strategies for tiny home villages: some are self-governing, some are managed by one individual, and some are managed by a non-profit. She expressed that it was exciting how quickly these tiny house villages have been funded and built elsewhere.

Councilor Hartnett said that it was important to house those most in need of housing first.

Chris Brzovic added that having rental subsidies available is critical.

Stephen Marshall suggested that the two main issues here are safety and dignity. Sustainability is not the first priority: homeless individuals need potable water, latrines, and safety immediately. He suggested that people be given the power to create their own homes through free materials or kits. He said that if given the opportunity, those who want to move inside, will. He suggested that when we move homeless individuals into housing, we also move them out of their community. He believes that these folks should have our respect and love.

Rita Markley commented that the City's response to the encampments should be

somewhere between that of Los Angeles and Seattle.

Michael Monte expressed that CHT has a spectrum of housing opportunities from motels to homeownership. He offered to contact the person in Seattle who has been involved in the distribution of tents.

Councilor Roof suggested that quick fixes are acceptable as long as we are not complacent and they become long term solutions.

Stephen Marshall disagreed with the idea of centralized camps. He said does not want to overburden neighborhoods and he wants increased opportunities for homeless individuals to engage the community.

Rita Markley commented that many communities allow organic placement of encampments.

Stephen Marshall noted that the next meeting of the CCHA is July 7. He suggested that the Committee draft a letter to the BPD around encampment safety.

Chair Colburn summarized the next steps for the Committee:

- Need an update from BPD and the administration about their approach(es) to encampments
- Continue the conversation with Parks regarding public land
- Investigate a working group between CCHA and CDNR.
- Michael Monte will share CHT's tiny home research findings.

5. Fireworks Discussion

Chair Colburn expressed that the Ordinance Committee has had discussions about fireworks and that she felt that it was appropriate to discuss the issue at CDNR. She explained that fireworks are regulated in City parks but otherwise not specifically mentioned elsewhere in the City ordinances. She would like the Committee to discuss whether fireworks should be called out specifically in the noise control or "social noise" ordinance. She felt that police are more empowered to enforce the noise ordinance for social violations as opposed to fireworks violations.

Councilor Roof agreed that this idea should be brought to the Ordinance Committee. He felt that education as a strategy has been successful with social noise. He would like BPD to be more empowered to enforce noise violations for fireworks, but he recognized that enforcement can be challenging given that these violations typically occur in public spaces as opposed to private homes.

Chair Colburn will draft a memo to the Ordinance Committee regarding this issue. The memo will address the issue of fireworks only being mentioned in the context of the City's parks.

5.1 Work Plan Discussion

Chair Colburn summarized the draft Work Plan for the Committee:

- Housing Action Plan Work:
 - Get targets for various housing types
 - Make progress on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program
 - Continue to work on the evaluation of the Inclusionary Zoning ordinance
 - Review of accessory dwellings
- Continue discussion of microhousing and homelessness
- Revisit Four Unrelated Persons ordinance (late summer/early fall)
- Maintain CDNR as a clearinghouse for quality of life issues
- Focus on encampments and safety

6. Next meeting – July 26, 2016 – Fletcher Free Library. Councilor Roof made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chair Colburn seconded that motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Todd Rawlings
Housing Program Manager
CEDO

PropertyRSN	Ownership	Common Name	Property Type
1930	City Dept of Public Works		Land and Building
3014	City Dept of Public Works		Land
7265	City Dept of Public Works		Land
3604	City Fire Department		Land
4462	City Parks and Recreation		Building
9015	City Dept of Public Works		Land
9071	City Dept of Public Works		Land
4219	City Electric Department		Land
3751	City Electric Department		Land
294	City Parks and Recreation		Land
305	City Parks and Recreation		Land and Building
7195	City Dept of Public Works		Land
14600	City Dept of Public Works		Land
6408	City Electric Department		Land
4188	City Dept of Public Works		Land
7460	City Dept of Public Works		Land and Building
1540	City Parks and Recreation	Appletree Park	Land
3439	City Parks and Recreation	Arms Grant	Land
3558	City Parks and Recreation	Arthur Park	Land
10487	City Parks and Recreation	Baird Park	Land
4886	City Parks and Recreation	Battery Park	Land and Building
6878	City Electric Department	BED Substation	Land and Building
14543	City Electric Department	BED Turbine Generator Building	Building
3549	City School Department	BHS Athletic Fields	Land and Building
32	City Parks and Recreation	Bikepath Bridge Abutment	Land
7251	City Dept of Public Works	Browns Court Parking Lot	Land
8323	City Electric Department	Burlington Electric Department	Land and Building
3540	City School Department	Burlington High School	Land and Building
12350	City School Department	Burlington School District Administrative	Land and Building
12351	City School Department	Burlington Schools Service Garage	Land
8699	City Parks and Recreation	Calahan Park	Land and Building
9697	City School Department	Champlain Elementary School	Land and Building
6943	City Parks and Recreation	Champlain Park	Land
7158	City Dept of Public Works	College Street Parking Garage	Land and Building
12766	City Parks and Recreation	Community Boathouse	Building
12853	City Parks and Recreation	Community Garden	Land
12948	City School Department	CP Smith Elementary School	Building
2746	City School Department	CP Smith School & Schifilliti Park	Land
3863	City Parks and Recreation	Dewey Park	Land and Building
14542	City Dept of Public Works	DPW Old Water Intake Pump Station	Building
3018	City Dept of Public Works	DPW Pump Station	Land
8262	City Dept of Public Works	DPW Water Tower	Land and Building
4426	City Dept of Public Works	DPW Water, BED, and Fish Pier Land	Land
5907	City School Department	EB Taft School	Land and Building
14620	City School Department	Edmunds Elementary School	Building
14621	City School Department	Edmunds Middle School	Building
7518	City School Department	Edmunds Schools Land	Land
5347	City Dept of Public Works	Elmwood Avenue Parking Lot	Land and Building
1392	City Parks and Recreation	Ethan Allen Park	Land and Building
7497	City Fire Department	Fire Station 1	Building
4318	City Fire Department	Fire Station 2	Land and Building

6379	City Fire Department	Fire Station 3	Land and Building
2417	City Fire Department	Fire Station 4	Land and Building
9597	City Fire Department	Fire Station 5	Land and Building
14541	City Parks and Recreation	Fishing Pier	Building
511	City School Department	Flynn Elementary School	Land and Building
12167	City Dept of Public Works	Gateway Park	Land
7197	City Dept of Public Works	Harbor Wastewater Treatment Plant	Land and Building
3898	City School Department	HO Wheeler Elementary School	Land and Building
5563	City Dept of Public Works	Hyde St Triangle Park	Land
9533	City Parks and Recreation	Lakeside Park	Land
4871	City Dept of Public Works	Lakeview Parking Garage	Land and Building
4696	City School Department	Lawrence Barnes Elementary School	Land and Building
12899	City Parks and Recreation	Leddy Park Gordon Paquette Arena	Building
3297	City Parks and Recreation	Leddy Park Land and Parking	Land
12900	City Parks and Recreation	Leddy Park Maintenance Building	Building
12901	City Parks and Recreation	Leddy Park Misc Buildings	Building
4138	City Parks and Recreation	Little Park aka Gateway Park	Land
2499	City School Department	Lyman Hunt Middle School	Land and Building
2	City Parks and Recreation	Mackenzie Park	Land
8135	City Dept of Public Works	Main Street Water Reservoir	Land and Building
14544	City Dept of Public Works	Main WaterTreatment Plant	Land and Building
5323	City Dept of Public Works	Marketplace Garage	Land and Building
4050	City Electric Department	McNeil Generating Station	Land and Building
1187	City Parks and Recreation	MCRMS Natural Area	Land
3617	City Parks and Recreation	North Beach Park and Campground	Land and Building
64	City Dept of Public Works	North Wastewater Treatment Plant	Land and Building
9196	City Parks and Recreation	Oakledge Park	Land and Building
3807	City Dept of Public Works	Old City Landfill	Land and Building
7176	City Dept of Public Works	Old Street Department	Land and Building
4880	City Dept of Public Works	Parking lot AKA Anthony's Restaurant	Land
7198	City Parks and Recreation	Perkins Pier	Land and Building
3933	City Parks and Recreation	Playground Park	Land and Building
5728	City Parks and Recreation	Pomeroy Park	Land
8378	City Parks and Recreation	Potvin Park	Land
8322	City Dept of Public Works	Public Works Facility	Land and Building
10455	City Electric Department	Queen City Park Substation	Land and Building
6401	City Dept of Public Works	Riverside Wastewater Treatment Plant	Land and Building
3960	City Parks and Recreation	Roosevelt Park	Land and Building
12949	City Parks and Recreation	Schifilliti Park Buildings	Building
6782	City Parks and Recreation	Schmanska Park	Land and Building
6793	City Parks and Recreation	Schmanska Park Parking Lot	Land
7578	City Parks and Recreation	Smalley Park	Land
510	City Parks and Recreation	Starr Farm Park Dog Park and Gardens	Land
12821	City Parks and Recreation	Starr Farm Park Sports Fields	Land
2361	City Parks and Recreation	Waterfront Bikepath	Composite
4424	City Parks and Recreation	Waterfront Park Land	Land

Address	Area Sq Ft
129 Appletree Point RD	20,473
135 Brook DR	16,915
14 Browns CT	1,525
0 Intervale RD	123,398
0 Lake ST	
60 Ledge RD	2,580
63 Ledge RD	8,373
0 Mill ST	36,350
0 North AVE	892,109
0 Northshore DR	672,131
0 Northshore DR	540,144
351 Pine ST	253,083
361 Pine ST	24,829
175 Riverside AVE	12,628
385 Riverside AVE	74,400
89 South Union ST	9,147
10 Edinborough DR	159,865
823 North AVE	1,316,639
540 North AVE	1,059,850
1042 Pine ST	79,623
21 Battery ST	443,714
74 University RD	4,000
435 Lake ST	
75 Institute RD	858,840
0 North Avenue EXT	700
1 Browns CT	15,562
585 Pine ST	220,062
52 Institute RD	1,412,709
150 Colchester AVE	79,542
287 Shelburne ST	
97 Locust ST	879,676
800 Pine ST	1,045,440
187 South Champlain ST	5,835
60 College ST	48,712
2 Lake ST	
17 Myrtle ST	2,600
332 Ethan Allen PKWY	
332 Ethan Allen PKWY	1,044,555
50 Spring ST	2,795
447 Lake ST	
0 Rockland ST	12,308
354 South Prospect ST	13,983
427-447 Lake ST	81,954
14 South Williams ST	58,261
299 Main ST	
275 Main ST	
170 South Union ST	283,250
51 Elmwood AVE	24,125
11 Ethan Allen PKWY	3,728,736
136 South Winooski AVE	
132 North AVE	20,000

20 Mansfield AVE	7,799
1393-1399 North AVE	16,205
23 Ferguson AVE	15,500
427 Lake ST	
1645 North AVE	431,900
343 North Winooski AVE	
53 Lavalley LN	321,176
6 Archibald ST	96,252
330 North ST	2,375
0 Central AVE	69,375
45 Cherry ST	69,313
129 North ST	98,369
216 Leddy Park RD	
1093 North AVE	2,885,316
0 Leddy Park RD	
0 Leddy Park RD	
287-289 North Winooski AVE	2,040
1364 North AVE	893,454
0 Intervale RD	2,756,310
525 Main ST	195,929
415 Lake ST	43,166
47 South Winooski AVE	48,937
111 Intervale RD	1,964,556
0 Fairmont PL	87,780
60 Institute RD	799,177
3080 North Avenue EXT	313,076
11 Flynn AVE	2,148,597
180 Manhattan DR	1,642,069
339 Pine ST	140,700
70 Pearl ST	16,635
1 Maple ST	178,936
0 Saint Louis ST	14,355
355 North ST	59,125
417 South Winooski AVE	2,000
523-645 Pine ST	299,819
350 Queen City Park RD	4,845
261-267 Riverside AVE	156,960
57 Oak ST	121,312
132 Gosse CT	
85 Grove ST	292,300
110 Grove ST	43,035
292 Saint Paul ST	93,564
250 Starr Farm RD	304,920
224 Starr Farm RD	612,453
8 College ST	906,048
2-4 College ST	486,183

Comment

Pump station at the corner of Appletree Point Road and Cumberland Road.
Vacant lot with Northern Connector abutting at rear.

Access strip to Winooski River. Former site of training tower.

Old Waterfront Park - location and status unknown, but it may be the Picnic Shelter next to the Water Tre

Part of former road right-of-way. Driveway for 56 Ledge Road crosses it.

Part of former road right-of-way

Property contains parking lot at front of Chace Mill. Fronts the Winooski River and Colchester Avenue. S

Wetland parcel to the west of the Northern Connector, aka Beltline Parcel.

Northshore beach land.

Beach land accessed from Waterfront bikepath or Northshore condo connector path, with stairs down to t

Property behind former Vermont Transit terminal on Pine Street used for truck trailer parking. Abuts north

Abuts north end of the Pine Street Barge Canal.

Vacant lot.

Wooded lot that drops steeply down to the river. Combined with 040-4-030-000 (335 Riverside) for tax pu

Surface parking lot next to the YMCA. 23 spaces.

Access drive to 909 North Avenue crosses property

Property is composed of 2 GIS polygons, each with the same PIN and MapLotNo. Known as Battery Park
Strip of land next to Velco substation with associated building.

Building houses a BED turbine generator (PropertyRSN 14543). Attached is DPW Old Water Plant housin

City surface parking lot.

Garage is on the Champlain School parcel.

Property contains the Champlain School, School District maintenance garage (287 Shelburne Street).

Fenced playground with three benches.

Connects to the Lakeview Parking Garage on Cherry Street

Floating structures only. Community Boathouse, and Ethan Allen cruise ship concession.

Community garden

This is for the CP Smith Elementary School buildings only.

Both CP Smith School Building (029-1-129-000) and Schifilliti Park Buildings (024-4-112-000; 132 Gosse
Triangular parcel created by the intersection of Spring, Walnut, and Archibald.

Old Water Plant housing pumps and intake pipes for the Water Treatment Plant. Building has an attache

Vacant lot that backs up to the Northern Connector. Has a short access drive.

Parcel located within UVM south campus, and contains old brick water tower and a steel water tower. Pre

Land contains the northern half of the Water Treatment Plant; the building containing the BED turbine gen

Used for school district special programs.

Also Known as "A" Building

170 South Union is the parcel address. The Middle School (A-BLDG) addressed as 275 Main Street, and
City surface parking lot.

Building.

First Ward Hose House

Fishing Pier, Picnic Shelter and bathrooms. Future address will be 11 Penny Lane.

Pocket Park owned by City of Burlington. Street address approved by DPW. This address is used by Lan Property contains the treatment plant (5.3 MGD capacity), DPW office building, and Roundhouse Park.

Triangular lot created by the intersection of Hyde, School, and North Streets.

679 spaces, next to and west of Macys.

Ice rink and related skating services; also called Leddy Arena.

Park consists of two polygons in GIS, both with same PIN and MapLotNo. Park contains sports fields, for Next to parking lot.

Other small buildings in Leddy Park near the ball fields.

City reservoir (covered) and pump station

Primary property record for Water Treatment Plant (northern part of building is on 427-447 Lake Street (P 401 spaces

Owned by Parks and Rec - part of Mount Calvary Red Maple Swamp Natural Area.

Park includes entry office and apartment, warehouse, campsites, two bathhouses, beach pavilion, and pa 2.0 MGD capacity

Main Address off Flynn Ave. Park also fronts Austin Drive to the south and Proctor Pl to the north.

Occupied by Re-Source

30-space parking lot AKA Anthony's Restaurant and Tanning Salon prior to 2001.

Playground south of Roosevelt Park on corner of Saint Louis St and Willow Street.

Burlington Electric Dept substation on southern City boundary next to railroad track.

1.2 MGD capacity

Ball field, tennis courts, and a building on north side of Willow Street. A second property to the south of W Schifilliti Park pavillon and other small buildings, accessed from Gosse Court. Land address is 332 Ethan

Gravel parking lot on east side of Grove Street.

Sports field and basketball court.

Starr Farm Park west of the bikepath. Fenced dog park, gravel parking area and Starr Farm Community

Starr Farm Park east of the bikepath. Contains soccer fields, small playground, fountain and a small grav

Entire Bikepath from the Winooski River to Oakledge Park, the northern half of which is on an abandoned

Property extends north from the foot of College Street to the portion of Lake Street that accesses the Wat

atment Plant. The Assessor has 043-4-011-000 as an active account, but they have no idea what where

urface parking lot used by the Chace Mill tenants.

he beach.

end of the Pine Street Barge Canal. Has Historic Sites Marker: Steamer "Vermont"

irposes only by Assessors office.

and Battery Park Extension. 2-Dec-2014: These should be split into 2 records. Battery Park Extensior
ig pumps and intake pipes for the Water Treatment Plant (PropertyRSN 14542). Future address will be

Court) are located on this on this land record.

d addition that houses a BED turbine generator (PropertyRSN 14543). Future address will be 20 Penny

viously numbered 0 South Prospect St.

erator and DPW water pump station (Old Water Plant); and the Fishing Pier with associated parking lot.

the Elementary School (B-BLDG) addressed as 299 Main Street (child properties). There are two other

d Trust/Champlain Housing for their building at 662 Riverside--look at 662 Riverside when you are trying

est, Paquette Ice Arena, parking, beach, and maintenance building. Buildings are addressed under Led

ropertyRSN 4426). Includes Picnic Shelter and bathrooms, and parking lot. Future address will be 41 F

rking. Park is in both wards 4 and 7.

/illow Street is also Roosevelt Park.

Allen Pkwy (Property RSN: 2746), part of CPSmith School.

Gardens.

el parking area.

railroad bed north of Lake Street. College St address chosen as this is the primay access point for mo:
er Plant. Contains Waterfront Park; the Boathouse; access paths, harbor promenade, and the Boat Lau

or what it is; they only have a note that it is the Old Waterfront Park. If it is the Picnic Shelter, then Pro

will be 41 Battery Street.

30 Penny Lane.

Lane. Now contains Lake Champlain Sailing Center offices.

. Future address for land will be 11-30 Penny Lane.

r buildings on the property with white roofs, (C - Cafeteria Bldg & D - Gym Bldg). One may be associated

g to access this park. Park received zoning approval July 15, 2003. Address not in CAMA.

ldy Park Road.

'enny Lane.

st users, almost the center of the path and largest street that crosses the bikepath.
inch Ramp and parking lot adjacent to the US Coast Guard station. Use this property for Waterfront Pa

property RSN 14544 accounts for this. Status changed to Historic (JA 29-Feb-12).

d with the Middle School (it is attached to it), and the other associated with the elementary school (this o

rk permits and activity.

ne is attached to both, but the roof attaching them much more substantial on the elementary side.)



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Draft Minutes

In addition to the Councilors noted above, the following people were in attendance – Jesse Bridges, Director (Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, Councilor Sara Giannoni, Lacey Smith (Burlington Police Department), Ilnar Avilex, Dylan, Marcy Esbjerg (CEDO), Rachel Smith, Chris Brzovic (Burlington Housing Authority), Rita Markley(COTS)

1. **Review Agenda** – Chair Colburn started the meeting and began with a review of the agenda. A proposed change to the agenda included the review of the Public Lands Inventory at the beginning of the meeting. Councilor Ayers made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Councilor Colburn. Motion approved.
2. **Review of Public Lands Inventory**, J. Bridges (Parks, Recreation & Waterfront)– Director Bridges reviewed the list and said that the list was being updated as it didn't include cemeteries and newer community gardens. The list shows which department is in charge of the area, GIS – property address, footage and comments. In looking at what public lands are available, Bridges noted that the space available is still subject to permitting and zoning based on what are the plans for the land. Examples he shared were setbacks based on lot line (right of way); lot coverage and impervious surface just to name a few. He noted that all park land goes through the regular process of the Development Review Board, etc., like the other developments.

During the discussion someone asked about Mackenzie Park – and it was mentioned there is a lot of wildlife and great cross country skiing there.

Another question was asked about a tiny home on wheels as a temporary structure. It was noted that temporary structures have a limited location time within the City's ordinances.

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Also noted that the grass gets compacted like in City Hall Park and that becomes bad for stormwater runoff.

Where might there be opportunities for tiny homes? Jesse explained that part of the Urban Reserve has been reclaimed for land. Manahattan Drive was one of the biggest encampment which changed when work was being done there. The question of North Beach was explored but Jesse noted it is not built for winter use; they start operations there April for opening on May 1. AS a whole, the department does look to more permissive policies that may have limited impact; ie – dogs at beach during off hours. There was some interest in a vacant lot on Riverside and noted lots of room at MacNeil – lots of room. It was mentioned again that the ‘old’ City Ordinance only allows camping at North Beach in the City. Jesse offered to return for further discussion.

3. **Public Forum** – there were no comments.

4. **Approval of Minutes** – Chair Colburn looked for a motion to approve the minutes for the June 2016. Councilor Roof made the motion and Chair Colburn seconded the motion. Councilor Ayres abstained as he was not in attendance. The motion was approved.

5. Discussion on Homeless Encampments

Lacey Smith from the Burlington Police Department talked about how the City of Burlington responds to encampments. She said they only go out to encampments as a response to a citizen complaint or concern. Lacey goes with a member from the street outreach team to the location, identify individuals and post a notice there is no camping allowed and they list all the resources available. She noted that it can be weeks or months before an encampment is removed; they do make a concerted effort to identify folks and have conversations, explain why they have to move. Most of the campers are already connected to a service provider and not unknown. She explained where there are larger encampments of more than one tent – waterfront, Blodgett, Urban Reserve; former Burlington College land. Removing encampments isn’t a great solution because we are just shuffling people around; there is no housing or shelter to offer them. There is zero timeline involved except in case of construction and then we have to ensure safety. ; Sometimes when we go out to sites frequently, we become a nuisance and they might just leave. If a site is being cleaned up, Lacey and Casey stay to ensure that no possessions are lost.

During the discussion about encampments a few questions were raised.

Rita Markley asked about Centennial Woods and So. Burlington because she heard anecdotally people are moving out and going there and that includes families. Lacey hasn’t gone to either place.

Chris Brzovic asked Lacey how many families has she worked with and she replied she hasn’t seen one family.

Councilors asked if Lacey could explain more about the complaints – is it behavior or presence. Lacey explained that it could be either/or dependent on the complaint.

Sometimes people are biking and they see a tent or tents and know it is illegal to camp. Other times it might be noise or a problem.

More on encampments

Marcy Esbjerg from CEDO talked about encampment practices from around the county. She

mentioned some communities in MA which just bulldoze encampments to Seattle WA that has sanctioned encampments.

Some best practices around the country include services or service providers connected to encampments or provide portable toilets, showers, lockers to store stuff during the day or after encampment is moved. Marcy also explained that some communities like Miami Beach will not move an encampment unless they have a bed to offer the folks at a low barrier shelter.

The City does have a draft policy on how we respond to encampments and it is a working draft and a policy we have worked on within the past year or so.

Chair Colburn asked about encampment securing and if that has changed since the most recent death in a camp. Lacey explained that officers on foot might walk through 2 x a day and such at a place like Pine Street but may never see anyone.

Chair Colburn was concerned that there might be a push to break up encampments and both Marcy and Lacey said they were not aware of any such move. The question was also asked about private land. The City of Burlington doesn't do anything on private land unless the owner asks us to do something.

Chair Colburn mentioned an idea that came from the last meeting about a community policing model and how that might apply to encampments. Marcy Esbjerg mentioned a model in Sonoma County CA where they have an encampment that is self-governed. Councilor Ayres explained that CA has experienced generations of encampments ranging from immigrants and refugees, agriculture works and migrant camps as well as those experiencing homelessness.

Rita Markley gave an update on the warming shelter. The lead agency will be Community Health Centers of Burlington and they are looking at some of the properties owned by the Diocese.

In general, Chair Colburn asked what the role should be of this committee regarding all the information we have amassed on homelessness and tiny homes. She suggested a communication to City Council. She also wondered if we should marshal our resources to do a summit on Micro Housing. Chair Colburn will produce a working paper on the issues and committed to work on it after August 9th. Councilor Ayers offered to begin working on a possible Micro Housing Forum with potential speakers and issues to discuss.

Other comments from the public included:

Councilor Ayres would like more exploration of North Beach off season for the homeless noting that a service component must be included.

Lacey Smith commented that we should move away from a seasonal approach; we know of plenty of folks that might go to a low barrier shelter all year.

Chris Brzovic stated that shelter is not a destination but a place to connect them to housing and services.

Councilor Giannoni asked if the Committee has gone to the Daystation and Wellness Co-op to get feedback. Chair Colburn responded that we had planned to connect with the Chittenden Homeless Alliance to communicate with those who experience homelessness.

Ibnar Avilex asked if there a link to the properties on the inventory list and it was suggested that he use Google Maps and the City of Burlington's Assessor's site.

6. August meeting to reschedule due to holiday

The Committee decided to cancel the August meeting and agreed to meet on Sept 6 – location to be determined. AT that meeting, the Committee will schedule the final 3 months of the year. Suggested topics included an update on the Inclusionary Zoning Report in September and finalizing plans for a MicroHousing Discussion. In October, the topic of 4 unrelated with Bill Ward will be planned.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Ayres and seconded by Councilor Roof. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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