

Addendum to the draft minutes of the  
Community Development and Neighborhood Revitalization committee  
Friday, July 18, 2014

Noise ordinance protocols

- City Councilor Selene Colburn has been looking into noise ordinance protocols and discovered that the process is as follows:
  - Someone calls in a complaint. They can meet with an officer if they choose to. An officer responds, and if there is evidence of noise they issue a ticket. If the complainant is present they can make a statement. Police Dept. volunteers call people back to follow up.
- There is a comprehensive enforcement policy that includes proactive patrols (some in conjunction with UVM or paid for by UVM), warnings/education, and hundreds of tickets that are written.
- Having a person at the site of the complaint helps to identify the source of the complaint and adds detail to the report to make it a more effective response.
- A neighbor can make a sworn statement about noise and a ticket can be issued. A statement could be made the next day if that is preferable. The person making the sworn statement must attend court if the ticket is contested because it is their statement being considered, not a police officer's report.

Addressing problem properties

- There has been some follow up with owners of problem rental properties for over 10 years, sometimes based on anecdotal evidence. The Burlington Police Department (BPD) is hiring a person to look at data that will allow an evidence-based response to these houses. In addition, there is a paid student worker at BPD (funded by UVM) who will be involved with the process.
- Bill Ward, Director of the Code Enforcement Office, has identified the top 12 problem properties and begun to address them. He has talked with property owners and property managers about past problems that have occurred and asked how the owners plan to avoid future problems. Positive actions have been taken on most of the properties.
- The plan is to coordinate a response by the City (Code Enforcement and BPD) and the University (Office of Student and Community Relations) to promptly and directly address problem properties and change behavior there.

Fireworks

- BPD conducted a Booth St. walk-and-talk to address fireworks use there.
- There are state regulations against fireworks but the courts usually don't have the resources to address them (\$100 fine).
- In Burlington it's illegal to use fireworks in a City park, but noise tickets can be issued if the person can be identified (which is often not easy to do).
- Fireworks fall into the General Noise ordinance so specific people need to be identified to issue tickets.
- The City Council could change the ordinance around General Noise tickets and look at expanding the fireworks ordinance to apply citywide.
- Karen Vastine from the Community Justice Center (CJC) said that ticket recipients can accept responsibility and reduce the amount of their fine if they work with the CJC (through a restorative noise session: 2 hours long, learn from victims of noise and think about community impact, make a plan for having social gatherings that don't impact neighbors). Can reduce fine by \$100 for attending the session and another \$100 for doing 10 hours of community service.
- Information on the CJC at: <http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CJC/>

- A community member from Booth St. said that what works is talking to neighbors, during the day, about the impact of fireworks, an approach taken recently by a group of neighbors in Ward 2.

Housing Plan ([http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/Downtown-Housing- Plan](http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/Downtown-Housing-Plan)). Incentives for increasing housing supply across all income levels. [HANDOUT]. Some of the solutions include:

- Regulatory relief
- Parking
- Inclusionary housing requirement – look at the number of units that trigger requirement.
- Look at historic preservation and home improvement standards.
- Look at building codes, some of which exceed the national standard.
- Consider changes to the fee structure, and process, to get permits.
- Lisa Kingsbury from the UVM Campus Planning Office updated the committee on efforts to find housing for students displaced when Chittenden Buckham Wills comes down in May 2015 – there may be a gap until new housing is built. Quarry Hill housing for students starts in August (~126 beds), and discussions are underway about new beds (~150) at Quarry Hill, and with the Sheraton (to lease ~80 beds), with another 35 beds to be located in residence halls.
- The 850 juniors and seniors who live on campus will be asked about considering other options (including those listed above) to free up beds for undergraduates.

Briefing on CEDO Economic Development activities and priorities – Nate Wildfire

1. Facilitating development – want projects to include all of these aspects
  - Is it catalytic? (An investment in time, energy and money will cause additional investment in those areas)
  - Is it fiscally responsible? Want projects to generate more revenue (taxes, gross receipts, payroll, etc.) over time.
  - Is quality of life improved through the project?
2. Policy – current and new
  - Parking
  - Development process
3. Responding to business
  - Private sector, institutions, non-profit community, entrepreneurs
  - Needs and opportunities

Peter Owens – CEDO restructuring

- FY15 budget process prompted internal restructuring for CEDO. Looking at a more efficient team structure with four areas of focus: economic, housing, justice and community development.
- The finance person will be located in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.
- The graffiti position will go to Code Enforcement.
- The sustainability position will be full-time with a combination of central and grant funding.
- Assistant Director of Community Development will take on additional management.



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**Councilor Selene Colburn**, Ward 1  
**Councilor Jane Knodell**, Chair, Ward 2  
**Councilor Bianka Legrand**, Ward 7

July 18, 2014  
8:00-9:00 AM  
City Hall CR 12

### **Draft Minutes**

**Councilors: Selene Colburn, Jane Knodell, Bianka Legrand**  
**Committee Staff: Brian Pine**  
**Others City staff: Chief Schirling, Karen Vastine, Bill Ward**

#### **1. Review Agenda**

No agenda changes.

#### **2. Meeting minutes from May 1, 2014 and June 5, 2014, and July 2, 2014**

All minutes were approved.

#### **3. Public Forum**

Caryn Long shared her concern that the Housing Report and this committee is focused only on increasing the housing supply and not on preserving neighborhoods.

Jim Hollway said fireworks are an issue in all areas of the City. He expressed concern that the Committee is not focused on the New North End and they face issues like other areas of Burlington. A NNE business association is in early development stages and NNE economic development needs attention.

#### **4. Noise**

Chief Schirling explained the complaint and enforcement process. Speaking with an officer in person is not required. All complaints are anonymous. If the responding officer does not observe noise, a statement by the caller is needed for a ticket to be issued. The standard is “unreasonable” noise and this can be subjective. Call backs are done by volunteers, a practice that goes back more than a decade. There are hundreds of warnings and tickets issued each year. 6-week targeted effort when the students return in August. Fireworks are disallowed but only violations in City parks can be prosecuted.

Karen Vastine explained the CJC role in handling noise violations. When tickets are issued, the offender can contact CJC to accept responsibility and attend restorative panel. 1<sup>st</sup> offense = \$300; 2<sup>nd</sup> offense = \$400; 3<sup>rd</sup> offense = \$500.

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10 hours of community service reduces fine by \$100. Offender must complete 2-hour restorative noise session, reducing fine by another \$100. About 100 people/year come thru CJC for noise.

Peter Wadsworth spoke about the Booth Street experience with fireworks. Since the Police cannot deal with fireworks since there are rarely witnesses, Booth Street residents visited houses where fireworks were being set off to explain how it hurt the fabric of the neighborhood. In each case, the offender seemed to be unaware of the impact and pledged to stop. It has helped lessen the occurrence.

## **5. “Problem Property” initiative**

Code Enforcement is working with BPD to identify properties with multiple calls for service. The 12 properties in Wards 1 and 2 with the most calls for service over a 2-year period were placed on a list of “problem properties”. The owners were contacted and nearly seemed surprised to learn of the call volume coming from their properties. Code is working with the property owners to develop and implement a corrective action plan. Code will update the CDNR Committee on the progress addressing the behavior at these properties. More details can be found the CDNR website as of 8/11/14.

## **6. Housing Plan**

Councilor Knodell explained how increasing the supply of housing will mitigate both the high cost of housing, improve the housing conditions and will reduce disruptive behavior in areas with high concentrations of students.

Brian Pine presented the early draft of the Housing Plan. The Plan will focus first on ways to increase the supply of housing and second on improving and maintaining the quality of the existing housing stock. On the production side, we will focus on serving all income groups and not only housing for young professionals and college students.

Lisa Kingsbury presented UVM's Temporary Housing Replacement Plan for the planned demolition of the Chittenden-Buckham-Willis complex during the construction of FAHC's new Inpatient Building project. More details can be found the CDNR website as of 8/11/14.

## **7. Overview of CEDO Economic Development efforts**

Nate Wildfire, Assistant Director for Economic Development, presented the goals of the ED team:

- Facilitating development: helping to build things that generate economic growth and opportunity.
- Policy development: creating or amending ordinances and plans.
- Business assistance: responding to the needs and opportunities of business.

## **8. CEDO re-organization**

Peter Owens explained the planned re-organization of CEDO. When he arrived in July 2012, the organization was too flat, with 9 people reporting to the Director. Darlene Kehoe may move to CAO and report to the Assistant CAO. Marcy Krumbine may take on the administrative aspects of the Director's job to allow the Director to focus on development projects more. These changes will be explained to the Council at a future meeting. Some re-classification will be required.

## **9. Date and Agenda for next meeting**

Next meeting will be July 7 from 8:00-9:30 AM. The agenda will include: follow-up on noise disturbances; discussion of the Housing Plan; neighborhood stabilization concepts.



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Friday, July 18, 2014  
8:00-9:30 AM  
Conference Room 12  
City Hall

**Proposed Agenda**

1. Review Agenda
2. Meeting minutes from May 1, June 5, and July 2
3. Public Forum (5 mins)
4. Noise ordinance protocols (20 mins)
5. Housing Plan (go to <http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/Downtown-Housing-Plan> for public comments). Incentives for increasing housing supply across all income levels. (30 mins)
6. Briefing on CEDO Economic Development activities and priorities (20 mins)
7. Date and agenda items for next meeting

**The University of Vermont  
Temporary Housing Replacement Plan  
As of June 30, 2014**

The University is expediting the demolition of Chittenden-Buckham-Wills Residential Complex (CBW) to allow construction of Fletcher Allen Health Care (FAHC)'s new Inpatient Building Project.

Although UVM would remain in full compliance\* with the 2009 UVM/City Memorandum of Understanding regarding housing, the University plans to keep our housing capacity at the current level of 6,110 beds. In order to achieve this, the University has developed a Temporary Housing Replacement Plan to replace CBW bed capacity. The existing capacity of the CBW is 391 beds (i.e., Chittenden Hall = 130 beds, Buckham Hall = 133 beds, Wills Hall = 128 beds). The following outlines the University's plans to maintain the same number of beds during this interim period as follows:

1. **326 Quarry Hill Road, South Burlington** – UVM entered into a lease with Northeast Quarry, LOLC for the entire building commencing August 15, 2014. The property comprises 32 apartments and will accommodate **126** students. The lease is subject to annual renewal in UVM's sole discretion.
2. **Quarry Hill Road, South Burlington** – UVM is in serious negotiations to occupy an additional building that will provide housing for approximately **150** students. The lease will be for one year, subject to annual renewal in UVM's sole discretion.
3. **870 Williston Road (Sheraton), South Burlington** – UVM is in discussions with the Sheraton regarding rental of 40 guest rooms in the original wing of the Hotel. These rooms will accommodate **80** students.
4. **Reconfiguration of Existing Student Housing Capacity** – UVM's current capacity is over 6,110 beds. The University can reconfigure existing housing to accommodate the additional **35** student beds. The University does this on an annual basis to accommodate fluctuating student levels.

**Total Temporary Housing Replacement Plan = 391 beds**

\*UVM is in full compliance with the 2009 UVM/City MOU on Housing and would remain so even if temporary beds were not leased:

|            | Enrollment | Housing Capacity |
|------------|------------|------------------|
| Fall 2009  | 10,156     | 5,707            |
| Fall 2013  | 9,764      | 6,110            |
| DIFFERENCE | (392)      | 403              |

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TO: CDNR Committee  
From: William Ward *W Ward*  
Date: July 17, 2014  
Subject: Problem properties identified by report frequency

**Overview**

In June 2014 I learned about the number of police responses involving noise disturbances, disorderly conduct and alcohol related incidents in Ward 1 and 2 over a two year period. The information was converted to the attached excel spread sheet and sorted by the properties with the most calls for service. Each of these 12 properties was identified as a rental property and the owners/property managers were notified about their place on this list and the number of police calls for service over a two year period. The message to the property owners is that the properties should not require this level of police activity and property owners/managers are required to work with Code Enforcement on a corrective plan.

**Property addresses**

Properties are not currently identified by address number until the data can be accurately attributed to their rental units. Reported addresses are not always the most accurate for a number of reasons:

- Callers may report approximate locations rather than an exact location.
- Officers may stop a violator on foot but use the closest physical address to identify their location.
- Reports at a specific address are not always substantiated as a violation.

I did not want to include street numbers in this report to the committee until all that data can be fully evaluated. The purpose of the list is to alert the committee that the addresses are being evaluated and corrective action is being required where it is warranted.

**Corrective plan**

Each property is to be inspected by the Director of Code Enforcement within 30 days. The primary purpose of the inspection is to determine if there are major housing deficiencies or other contributing factors which make the property the subject of frequent police calls. The secondary purpose of the inspection is a face to face meeting to align the property owners and tenants with the city's expectation that a property should not have repeated calls for service during a calendar year. Individual property owner's corrective plans will be based on the conditions found and a further evaluation of the complaint details. As an example, a property with a high two year total but only complaints in one rental period may be more indicative of a poorly behaved group of tenants rather than poor property management. Each case will be judged individually based on a full evaluation with the expectation that the repeated problems should be corrected now that the property owners/managers are directly engaged. We will monitor new police reports weekly and notify property owners on this list if a new incident of any type occurs at their property.

### **Initial findings**

**Each of these addresses on the list of most frequent calls for service was a rental property.** There were two property owners that had more than one property on this top 12 list. All of the property owners and property managers who responded to me unanimously stated that they were unaware of the high number of incidents or calls for service to their property. Some of the reports did not involve noise tickets so that property owners would not have been notified by the Police Department under their policy provisions. One property owner did not respond to my request to work cooperatively on this project. All other property owners have responded immediately to schedule an inspection as required and to pledge their cooperation that the problems will be addressed.

### **Follow up reports**

The attached sheet is a very preliminary report on action steps to date. A follow up report can be made in September to document more detailed findings in the inspections and corrective plans. The true test of the value of this effort will come at the end of May 2015 when we can compare statistical calls for service after the completion of the rental period that started in June 2014.

| Specific rental units identified by street only | Incident Count | Owner/PM notified Y/N | Inspection Scheduled |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| College Street (Ward 1)                         | 25             | Yes                   | Yes - Completed      |
| Colchester Avenue (Ward 1)                      | 16             | Yes                   | No                   |
| Bradley Street (Ward 2)                         | 14             | Yes                   | Yes -                |
| College Street (Ward 1)                         | 12             | Yes                   | No longer a rental   |
| South Union Street (Ward 2)                     | 12             | Yes                   | Yes                  |
| Buell Street (Ward 2)                           | 12             | Yes                   | Yes                  |
| South Willard Street (Ward 1)                   | 11             | Yes                   | Yes                  |
| Buell Street (Ward 2)                           | 11             | Yes                   | Yes - Completed      |
| Pearl Street (Ward 2)                           | 10             | Yes                   | Yes                  |
| Hungerford Terrace (Ward 2)                     | 9              | Yes                   | Yes                  |
| University Terrace (Ward 1)                     | 9              | Yes                   | Yes - Completed      |
| Loomis Street (Ward 2)                          | 8              | Yes                   | Yes                  |

| Inspection result                                                                                                                                            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A new Minumum Housing inspection was conducted. No major violations were found and there are new tenants this year                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                              |
| Pending inspection                                                                                                                                           |
| The property was sold and this is now owner occupied.                                                                                                        |
| Monday 7-21-14                                                                                                                                               |
| Friday 7-18-14                                                                                                                                               |
|                                                                                                                                                              |
| Pending                                                                                                                                                      |
| The inspection was completed and it was determined that the basement needs to be secured as it is not habitable space. No other major violations were found. |
| Pending inspection                                                                                                                                           |
| Friday 7-18-14                                                                                                                                               |
| Under renovation - New tenants moving in for the fall                                                                                                        |
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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Community Development & Neighborhood Revitalization Committee Members

**FROM:** Lori Olberg, Licensing, Voting and Records Coordinator

**DATE:** September 22, 2014

**SUBJECT:** 07/14/14 CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Enclosed please find a copy of the communication that was referred to your Committee.

Please keep this as part of your records.

Thank you.

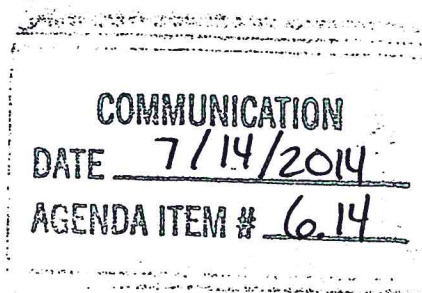




The University of Vermont

June 30, 2014

Joan Shannon, City Council President  
Burlington City Hall  
149 Church Street  
Burlington, VT 05401



At their meeting of 7/14/2014  
the Burlington City Council voted to  
waive the reading, accept this communication  
and place it on file.

and refer to the Attest: *Joe C. [Signature]*  
CDNR Committee

BURLINGTON CLERK  
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RE: City of Burlington and University of Vermont Memorandum of Agreement Re: 2009 Zoning Amendments

Dear President Shannon and Members of the City Council,

I am writing to report on the University's progress and activities regarding the 2009 Memorandum of Agreement Re: 2009 Zoning Amendments (MOA). As has been the case through the duration of the MOA, UVM is fully in compliance. But we do not rest on our laurels. We have begun implementation of Phase 1 of the Student and Faculty/Staff Housing Master Plan with the release of a public RFP process for On-Campus First-Year Housing in Central Campus to replace the obsolete Chittenden Buckham Wills (CBW) residence halls. We plan to name a development team this fall and open the project in fall 2017. ~~CBW will be demolished in spring 2015 and we have identified alternative locations for temporary~~ housing to address the gap between the demolition of CBW in 2015 and the opening of the new project in 2017. Depending on the success of these alternative options, UVM may consider longer-term use of these arrangements beyond 2017. The alternative locations currently under consideration are outside of Burlington's neighborhoods.

The Phase 1 project will address a number of recommendations from the Housing Master Plan including the demolition of obsolete housing, and placing first-year students in the center of campus where they can build community and be supported. It also addresses the goal of enhancing the student experience to improve recruitment and retention and encourage students to live on campus longer than their required two years. We are seeing progress on that goal with an increase of juniors and seniors living in the ResLife system. In 2014, 846 juniors and seniors lived in ResLife system housing (this excludes affiliated housing such as Redstone Lofts and Redstone Apartments which are outside of the ResLife system). This is an increase of 386 students since 2011. Approximately half of these students are living in programmed housing such as the Honors College (UHeights North) or the Greenhouse program (UHeights South).

Below is an item by item update on each of the sections in the MOA.

### **McAuley Hall**

*"UVM will diligently pursue permits and construction to allow utilization of McAuley Hall for 163 student beds, with a goal of having those beds available Fall 2009"*

As stated in previous reports, McAuley Hall was completed and has been occupied since the Fall 2009 semester as a residence hall with a bed capacity of 163 beds.

### **400-Bed Apartment Style Project on Redstone Campus**

*"UVM will diligently pursue permits and construction to develop, likely through a third party developer, 400 beds in an apartment style project on the Redstone campus, in some other location within the institutional districts defined in the Burlington zoning ordinance in effect March 9, 2009, or outside the boundaries of the City of Burlington with a goal of having those beds available Fall 2011."*

Redstone Lofts opened in August of 2013, completing UVM's plans to add an additional 403 beds to campus for juniors, seniors, and graduate students. The project was developed and is owned and managed by Redstone Commercial Group under a long-term ground lease with UVM. The project has been very successful, achieving full lease up in both of the prior years of operation and is currently fully leased for Fall 2014 as well.

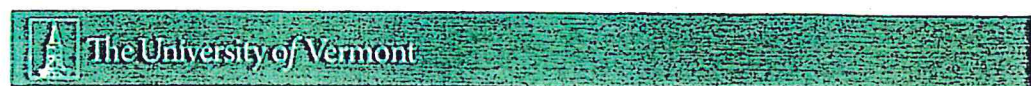
### **1:1 Match in Housing for Enrollment Increases**

*"After Fall 2009 and continuing through the duration of this agreement, UVM agrees to provide, by its own means or by working with a third party developer, student housing within the institutional districts defined in the City zoning ordinance in effect on March 9, 2009, or outside of the boundaries of the City of Burlington on a 1:1 basis relative to increased enrollment of undergraduate students beyond the number enrolled in Fall 2009."*

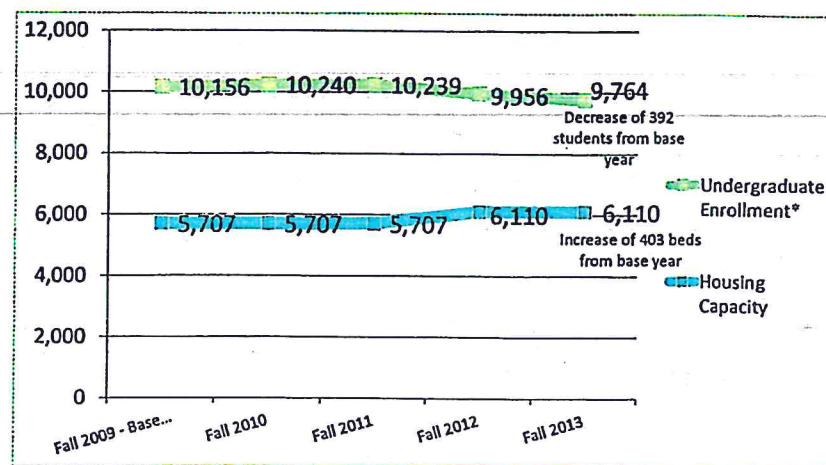
- a) *For the purposes of this agreement undergraduate students are defined as those who are enrolled in an undergraduate degree program for at least 9 credit hours per semester and have not yet earned a baccalaureate degree.*
- b) *The City agrees that the 1:1 requirement would be applicable over a two-year timeframe. For example, in the Fall of 2011 UVM would certify that the total increased enrollment of undergraduate students between Fall 2009 and Fall 2011 has been matched by the same number of new student beds as described above."*

As stated in the October 31, 2013 update, the Fall 2013 undergraduate enrollment as defined by the agreement was 9,764. This represents a decrease of 392 students from the Fall 2009 enrollment of 10,156. Therefore, the 1:1 requirement was not applicable for this year.

The following chart illustrates the changes in enrollment and housing capacity since Fall 2009. Enrollment has declined as part of President Sullivan's plan to decrease enrollment to approximately 9,800 and the natural decline in the number of available undergraduate students in the Northeast, where UVM typically draws students from. In addition to the decline in enrollment, housing capacity has increased by 403 beds (note: this does not include the added 163 beds at McAuley Hall which were opened in Fall 2009). Combined, this has a positive effect on the numbers of students living off campus.



**UVM/City of Burlington Agreement on Housing**  
**Undergraduate Enrollment and Housing Capacity Changes**  
**2009 (Base Year) to Fall 2013**



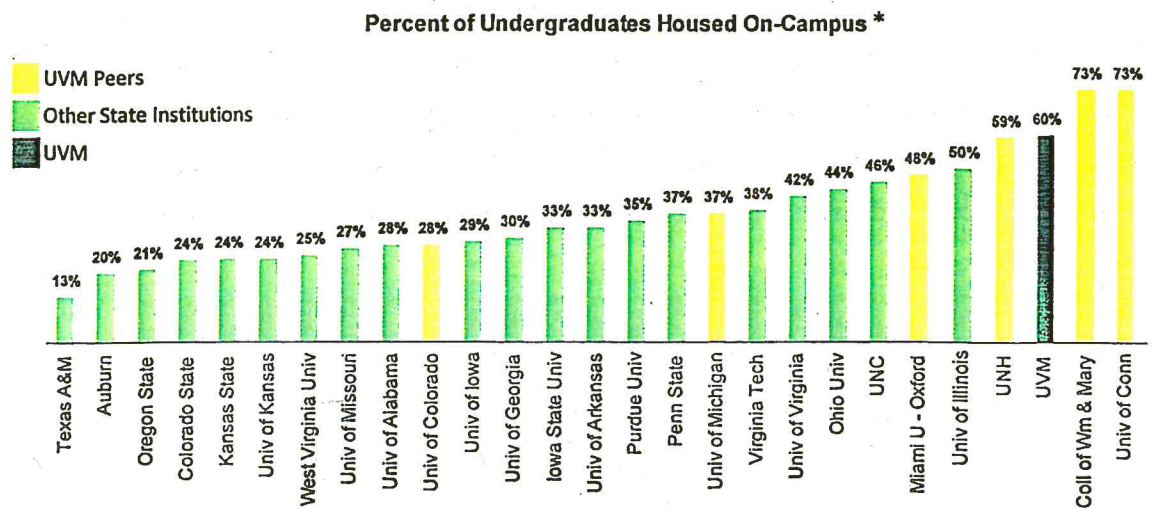
\*Undergraduate Enrollment calculated per the terms of the City Agreement on Housing as follows:  
 "For the purposes of this agreement, undergraduate students are defined as those who are enrolled in an undergraduate degree program for at least 9 credit hours per semester and have not yet earned a baccalaureate degree."

Prepared by Campus Planning Services  
 June 2014

UVM is above our stated goal of housing 60% of our undergraduate students. We are now housing 63% of the undergraduate student population (9 credits and above) and expect that to remain stable next year.

UVM has a policy of requiring first and second year students to live on campus. We have also made efforts to keep juniors and seniors on campus through the development of the Redstone Apartments and

Redstone Lofts projects, which offer 617 beds for juniors, seniors, and graduate students. In relation to our peer and other public institutions, many of whom we compete with for students, UVM ranks among the highest in housing undergraduate students, as illustrated in the chart below.



\*2012 Enrollment & Housing Figures Provided by Biddison-Hier for UVM Student & Faculty/Staff Housing Master Plan

As we have done every year for timely reporting purposes, we will send an update on this section of the report for Fall 2014 enrollment no later than October 31, 2014.

#### Identification of Number and Location of Off-Campus Students

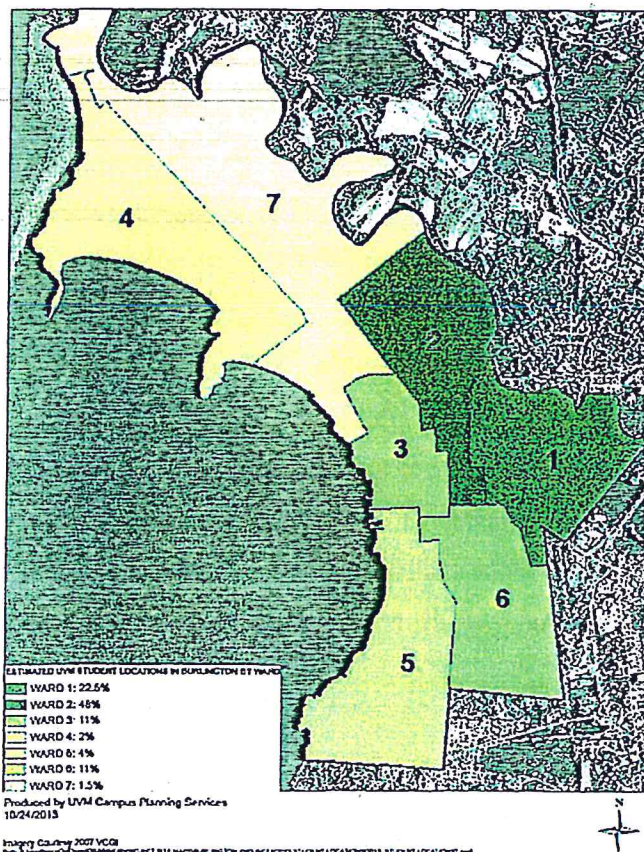
*"UVM agrees to identify the number and where UVM students live off-campus based on information reasonably available to UVM, to enable the City and UVM to work together to address impacts in the neighborhoods."*

UVM gathers local address information from students at the outset of their time here. We request that all students update this information at the start of each semester. Each year we do an analysis of this information to calculate how many students are living in Burlington. In Fall 2013, 1,187 students reported an off-campus address in Burlington.

Because we know the self-reported data is not 100% accurate, we do make assumptions based on information we know to be true, such as our on-campus housing capacity. Based on this information, we estimate about 400 more students are likely living in Burlington, bringing our total estimate of students living off-campus in Burlington to be approximately 2,200, or about 23% of the undergraduate student population. This represents a decrease of approximately 300 students living in Burlington from fall 2012.

A further analysis of the data shows us that student neighborhood patterns have remained consistent with last year's data. Wards 1 and 2 remain the wards with the highest percentage of UVM undergraduate students reporting. Ward 2 (48%) data indicates a small increase of 2%, while Ward 1 (22.5%) had a slight decrease of less than 1%.

### 2013 Students Reporting Burlington Addresses by Ward



We continue to improve on our methods for gathering student local address data, including requesting the data more often and encouraging students to provide data for safety purposes. We strive to obtain the most accurate information possible on a year-to-year basis and anticipate improved reporting percentages next fall.

### **Future Sites for Student Housing and Impediments to Future Development on Redstone and Trinity Campuses**

*"City and UVM agree to work together to identify and support potential sites for student housing, including future student housing development on campus within the enhanced capacity for development provided by the amendments to the zoning ordinance. UVM will also explore the creation of incentives for some students to live at home or outside of Burlington in order to mitigate the need to build additional student housing."*

*"City and UVM specifically agree to make good faith efforts to work together to address impediments to developing new student housing, classroom and office space, and other University facilities on the Redstone Campus and the Trinity Campus in a cost effective, economically viable manner."*

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UVM has begun Phase 1 implementation of the Student and Faculty/Staff Housing Master Plan with the release of the public RFP for On-Campus First-Year Housing and Dining on Central Campus. This project, sited within the Central Campus area that received enhanced development capacity in 2009, will replace the Chittenden Buckham and Wills (CBW) residence halls. CBW, comprised of 391 beds, will be demolished and a new project, comprised of 450-650 beds with a dining facility of 500-900 seats will be constructed. This project will be privately developed and managed through a long-term ground lease with the University, similar to the Redstone Lofts and Redstone Apartments projects. However, because this will be a facility for first-years, UVM will staff and manage the residential education program and provide administrative services and housing administration. To the students living in the project, their experience will be no different than in other residence halls run by ResLife. For more information on this project, see: [www.uvm.edu/~plan/?Page=first\\_year\\_housing\\_rfp.html](http://www.uvm.edu/~plan/?Page=first_year_housing_rfp.html)

UVM has identified alternative locations for temporary housing to address the gap between the demolition of CBW in 2015 and the opening of the new project in 2017. Depending on the success of these alternative options, UVM may consider longer-term use of these arrangements beyond 2017. The

alternative locations currently under consideration are proximate to campus, but outside of the City of Burlington.

### **Impact of UVM Students on Neighborhoods**

*"The City and UVM will continue to make good faith efforts to work together to reduce the current impact of UVM students on neighborhoods."*

UVM's Office of Student and Community Relations continues to work to both address the impact of students on neighborhoods and create programming that fosters positive relations with students and their neighbors. These initiatives include the Community Coalition, which brings together a variety of stakeholders on a monthly basis to discuss effective ways to address neighborhood concerns and develop community; Off-Campus Living Workshops, held in the fall each year, teaching about 200-400 students yearly about their rights and responsibilities as tenants and citizens off-campus; Student-Nighbor Liaison Program, which recruits 10-20 student and non-student liaisons to work on their streets to develop community and provide a link to the University; and the Spring Move Out Project (SMOP) which diverts from 11-20 tons of goods from the city green belts and landfills. These are only a portion of the programs implemented by the Office of Student and Community Relations. For more information on their community-building work, see: [www.uvm.edu/~oscr/](http://www.uvm.edu/~oscr/)

The Office of Student and Community Relations has been an active partner in ISGOOD (Isham Street Gardening and Other Optimistic Doings), a grassroots neighborhood organization formed in 2009 by the residents of Isham Street with the goal of neighborhood interaction through gardening and cleanup initiatives to improve the quality-of-life on their street. Their action plan, involving community development through gardening, has had a positive impact in decreases in noise complaints, burglaries, and vandalism. ISGOOD was recently invited to submit to the second round of MetLife Community-Police Partnership Awards for \$15,000. If awarded, the funds will support ISGOOD's continued work and will be used to share the ISGOOD story with other streets and provide them with seed money to achieve their visions. ISGOOD's members include: Isham Street Residents; University of Vermont Office of Student & Community Relations; University of Vermont Community Coalition; University of Vermont Student Government Association; University of Vermont Community Development and Applied Economics students; UVM University Relations; Burlington Police Department; Burlington Code Enforcement; Burlington Community Justice Center; Burlington Department of Public Works; Burlington Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront; Burlington Community and Economic Development Office;

Burlington Mayor's Office; Isham Street Landlords; Burlington Health and Rehabilitation Center; and Burlington Neighborhood Safety Initiative Planning Team

UVM provides financial support directly to the City through the Payment for Services Agreement, which provides over \$1.2 million of funding for fire services and to address other UVM impacts. UVM also provides up to \$80,000 per year in funding for additional BPD officers to work neighborhood patrols during busy fall and spring weekends. UVM is also funding an intern to work directly with BPD to share information and coordinate efforts around problem houses and other issues. Another UVM-funded intern will work with the City on mapping properties in the downtown area.

#### **Annual Progress Report to the City**

*"Beginning in 2010, UVM shall provide an annual progress report to the City by June 30 of each year based on its commitments contained in this Agreement."*

This letter should be considered the University's 2014 progress report to the City.

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#### **Additional Agreement Items 9-14**

These items, concerning ordinance amendments, duration of Agreement, and previous agreements are not applicable to this report.

We look forward to continuing our work in partnership with the City of Burlington to build upon our prior successes in addressing housing and quality of life issues.

Sincerely,



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