



CITY OF BURLINGTON, VERMONT
**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT &
NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE**
c/o Community & Economic Development Office
City Hall, Room 32 • 149 Church Street • Burlington, VT 05401
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Councilor Selene Colburn, Ward 1
Councilor Jane Knodell, Chair, Ward 2
Councilor Bianka LeGrand, Ward 7

Thursday, May 1, 2014
5:00-6:00 PM
Fletcher Free Library
Community Room

Proposed Agenda

1. Review Agenda
2. Meeting minutes from 1/30/14 (5 min.)
3. 2013-2014 Annual Committee Report (5 min.)
4. Public Forum (5 min.)
5. Action Plan for CDBG and HOME (15 min.)
6. Goal setting for 2014-2015 (25 min.)
7. Other Business
8. Date and agenda items for next meeting (5 min.)

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Prepared by Councilor Kevin Worden on behalf of the Neighborhood Revitalization and Community Development Committee (Councilors Worden, Knodel, Aubin). The Committee much appreciates the staff support from Brian Pine, CEDO Assistant Director for Housing.

The Committee met on January 28, 2013, February 25, 2013, March 25, 2013, June 24, 2013, July 16, 2013, August 21, 2013, October 1, 2013, November 13, 2013, and January 30, 2014.

The Committee meetings were well attended by interested residents, representatives from the major city institutions (FAHC, UVM, CC), developers (CHT, Redstone, McGowan) and staff from several City Departments (CEDO, Planning and Zoning, Code Enforcement, Police Department, etc.).

Throughout the year, several city initiatives and updates were presented by representatives from various City Departments with discussion and comments from those in attendance. The following is a sample of initiatives and updates that were discussed: Consolidated Plan for Housing & Community Development, Community Development Block Grant, US Ignite, Resident Only Parking, Parking Related Zoning Changes, "Clean Hands" zoning and code policy, and the Farrington Mobil Home Park.

Neighborhood Development Area (NDA)

John Adams, Planning Coordinator with the VT Agency of Commerce and Community Development, attended two meetings and explained the Vermont Downtown Program overall and the NDA program. NDA designation is intended to encourage municipalities and developers to plan for new and infill housing in the area within walking distance of its designated downtown. NDAs do not change the local zoning standards or the development review process. The Committee sponsored a Resolution to the full City Council to authorize the City to complete an NDA application to the State.

Center City revitalization

A significant amount of time at each meeting was devoted to discussing the issues of housing in the Center City area (between Maple and North Streets from the Institutions to Battery Street). The following goals, initiatives and stakeholders were identified by the Committee and meeting participants.

Goals:

- Better balanced neighborhoods – resident types, housing types, demographics, affordability – increase the choices
- Increased home ownership – less turnover
- Reinvestment in existing housing stock
- Safe and quality housing/elimination or reform of problem landlords
- Connecting residents to work – creating walkable neighborhoods, and workforce housing
- More downtown housing
- Better stormwater management and green belt
- Safe walks
- Noise reduction and quality of life improvements

Initiatives:

- Enforcement of 4 unrelated ordinance/transparency and clarity on allowed uses
- Condo conversion rules need to favor conversion to owner-occupancy
- Cohesive and connected parking plan for downtown and residential areas
- Seed capital – acquisition dollars for problem properties
- Taxation policy for rental units – creating a better balance between value, cash flow, and value of the asset
- Identify sites, funding sources, and great management firms to build university affiliated housing downtown, and create compelling advocacy plan/messaging campaign for why that's a part of the solution for neighborhoods.
- Neighborhood Improvement District/TIF to provide seed capital or other capital
- Mapping problem properties using BPD calls, municipal violations, etc. Data to drive strategies – use data for acquisition strategy, prioritization, safety, etc.
- Connection between code, BPD, and P&Z.
- Patrols the next day to follow up with violators – all on the lease to follow up
- Develop strategies to build comprehensive capacity to do scattered site redevelopment and acquisition – once we have \$, we have to have people to creatively deploy it on a building by building basis

Stakeholders:

- Landlords/rental property owners
- Institutions
- Current residents – NPA's
- Students
- Financial institutions
- Low-income advocates
- Refugee resettlement programs
- All City departments
- Downtown advocacy groups



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Draft Minutes

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Staff: Brian Pine, Marcy Krumbine, Bill Ward

1. Review Agenda

Agenda amended to add update on the Neighborhood Development Area designation.

2. 2013-2014 CDNR Committee Annual Report

Committee reviewed the annual report as prepared and submitted by outgoing Ward 1 Councilor and Committee Chair Kevin Worden. For more information on the report, go to supporting documents under the May 1, 2014 Committee meeting at <http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CityCouncil/CEDONeighborhoodRevitalizationCommittee>

3. Public Forum

There were no comments from the public.

4. Neighborhood Development Area

Staff provided a brief update on the Neighborhood Development Area application. On April 28th, the Vermont Downtown Board awarded Vermont's first NDA designation to Burlington. For more information on the NDA, go to

http://accd.vermont.gov/strong_communities/opportunities/revitalization/vermont_neighborhoods

5. Farrington Mobile Home Park

Bill Ward provided an update on the issues at Farrington Mobile Home Park. There are abandoned homes, delinquent taxes, and housing replacement requirements that all complicate finding a solution. City will declare 1 home unfit for human habitation. Safety is the focus of Code Enforcement efforts. Park owner is working cooperatively with CE to resolve the issues.

Bill also briefly discussed some changes to the Minimum Housing Ordinance that are proposed. He will send out a summary of the changes.

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6. Action Plan for CDBG and HOME

Marcy Krumbine, CEDO Assistant Director for Community Development, explained the Annual Action Plan for allocating CDBG dollars. The plan can be viewed on the CEDO website.

7. CDNR goals for 2014-2015

- Center City Revitalization
- Affordable housing – ensuring that any amendments to Inclusionary Zoning preserve key elements of the ordinance.
- Parking Issues – both at the neighborhood and downtown levels
- BTVIgnite and Economic Development
- Old North End Arts & Business Association
- Farrington Mobile Home Park vacant homes
- Minimum Housing Ordinance amendments
- CEDO organizational structure and priorities
- Homeless issues

8. Next meeting

Next CDNR Committee will be June 5 from 5-7. Agenda will include Housing Study and Forum and an overview of CEDO.