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Burlington Planning Commission Long Range Planning Committee Meeting Notes Tuesday, April 15, 2014

Present: H. Roen, M. Waite, J. Wallace-Brodeur

Absent: E. Lee

Staff: S. Thibault, N. Wildfire

I. Parking Discussion

Nate Wildfire visited to talk about the four parking initiative the City is embarking on. This effort is in most part a result of planBTV-Downtown & Waterfront and continued with CEDO have an economic development discussion with business community. The two main issues that were raised by the participants were the development review process and parking downtown. They held over 60 meetings with businesses, churches and the art community. Kelly Devine from the Burlington Business Association (BBA) was involved from the start and then Department of Public Works also came to the table. They organized the Parking Summit in October 2013, which brought 9 different cities parking experts to Burlington, as well as Jeffery Tumlin, parking expert.

What the City heard from others during that event was that our City is not as walkable as we would like to think, that we have enough parking, but are managing it badly. There is a white paper from parking convening that is available to read.

The Four Initiatives going on now:

DOWNTOWN PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVE - \$100,000 study through RPC

Lead – BBA, CEDO, DPW – P&Z and Police Dept.

Completion by Dec 2014

Goals

- Gather data daily and on-time
- Pilot projects to gather data, hear feedback
- Future development planning – do we need more, where should it go
- Parking Policy – 2 hrs free, pricing, parking minimums requirements, fees, impact fees
- Operational Structure – what are mechanisms to running a parking system?
- Sustainable capital investments

The ultimate goal of this initiative is to improve customer experience.

CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Lead - DPW, their own money

Study the infrastructure need of the 3 city owned garages – cost-benefit analysis

Completion by July 1, 2014.

Transportation Demand Management Downtown

Understanding commuting needs of all downtown employees – RSG consultants

Completion - 1 year

Lead - CCRPC and Jen Green at the City of Burlington

RESIDENTIAL PARKING PROGRAM \$40,000

Lead - CCRPC and DPW

To understand how other communities run their residential on-street parking programs, develop a new program for Burlington that reflect the needs of the communities.

Nate will visit the Commission on a regular basis for updates on the studies – bring every 2 months to give updates.

The committee also talked about making sure the DPW Commission and Planning Commission meet together and hear results of the studies at the same time to ensure that policy and operations work well together.

II. planBTV South End

Discussion postponed until May meeting.

III. Next meeting May ?, 2014