



CITY OF BURLINGTON, VERMONT
CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT &
NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE
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Councilor Evan Litwin (EL), Chair, Ward 7
Councilor Carter Neubieser (CN), Ward 1
Councilor Allie Schachter (AS), East District
Councilor Laura Sanchez-Parkinson (LSP), Ward 3

CDNR Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 3, 2026
6:00 – 8:00 PM

Sharon Bushor Conference Room, 1st Floor – City Hall

Committee members: Evan Litwin (EL), Allie Schachter (AS), Laura Sanchez-Parkinson (LSP),
Carter Neubieser (CN)

City Staff: Christine Curtis, CEDO

Other Attendees: Josh Florucci, Melissa Farr - Vermont Cares

Draft Minutes

Meeting Started at 6:02 PM

1. Approve agenda

MOTION by Councilor Litwin, SECOND by Councilor Sanchez-Parkinson, to
approve the agenda

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

2. Adopt Minutes

MOTION by Councilor Litwin, SECOND by Councilor Sanchez-Parkinson, to
approve the 8/19/26 minutes

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

3. Public Forum

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contact Christine Curtis at ccurtis@burlingtonvt.gov

- Amy Kimmel, Robert Perry, Ed Baker, Selena Colburn, Chris McGrath, Bella Fearn, Melo Grant, John Fletcher spoke during public forum
- Community members expressed concerns about the impact of syringe service programs (SSPs) on neighborhoods, citing issues such as increased drug activity and syringe litter. Others, including representatives from Vermont Cares and harm reduction advocates, spoke in support of SSPs, emphasizing their public health benefits and the need for a community-wide approach to harm reduction

4. Revisiting Syringe Litter Report

- CDNR Committee members discussed the first recommendation, which proposed adopting a citywide definition of harm reduction principles, with counselors debating its practical implications and the need for a diverse stakeholder group to define it. The second recommendation, regarding notices for safe syringe disposal, was also discussed, with Vermont Cares confirming that they already provide education on proper disposal. The meeting adjourned with plans to continue the discussion on the remaining recommendations at a future date.

5. Adjournment

- ADJOURN at 8:11 p.m. by Councilor Schachter with no objection