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DEPT./BOARD: Land Use Committee, Burlington Town Meeting
DATE: August 27, 2019
TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
PLACE: Town Hall Annex Basement Meeting Room

Agenda

1. Discussion of Nordblom proposal for 300 apartments at NW Park
2. Other items
Minutes

Land Use Committee

Meeting of August 27, 2019

Present: Monte Pearson, Dan DiTucci Jr., Dave Webb, Erin Ellis, Gary Mercier, Patricia O'Brien, Joanne Kinchla, Guests: Todd Freemont-Smith and Paul Raymond.

The Committee remains enthusiastic about the Town having 39 units of affordable housing.

1. Members believe we will attract more seniors at NW Park than at Corp. Drive because we can create criteria that don’t count assets.

2. The Committee is comfortable with having an eligibility list that has tiers for Burlington residents of all ages, with preference for residents who grew up in Town.

3. This would include having people who grew up in Burlington/went to high school here (some definition) who currently don’t live in Town but would like to move back to Town.

4. To ensure the units remain filled and the owner does not endure losses, the members were ok with having non-Burlington residents in the bottom tiers of the eligibility list. The committee leans toward priority given to people who work in Burlington, but don’t live here.

The committee unanimously rejected the Master Lease concept and Todd agreed. Recruitment and management of the waiting list would remain in the hands of the landlord.

Todd agreed that Nordblom would pay for a senior education program done in partnership with the COA. Perhaps educational seminars every six months, plus extensive advertising/open houses for creating the waiting list.

Nordblom would also pay for a consultant to help Burlington negotiate a final MOA between the town and the developer.

As part of the presentation to Town Meeting in September, the Town would describe the composition of the committee negotiating the detailed MOA agreement with Nordblom. For example, one rep. from Land Use, one from Selectmen, one from Planning, one from COA, one from the Zoning By-laws Review Committee, etc.

As part of the presentation to Town Meeting in September Nordblom would announce a $100,000 contribution toward a neighborhood or public project. Final use of the money would be decided on by the MOA committee.
All of these ideas remain open to input from other stakeholders, especially the Planning Board. However, the ideas outlined above, if presented as part of the project, would draw Land Use’s approval.

Submitted by: Monte Pearson, chair