

1 CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
2 LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE - MINUTES  
3

4 DATE: Tuesday, January 11, 2022  
5 TIME: 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
6 PLACE: Virtual Meeting via Zoom with link as published on the agenda; and a Physical location at 110 West  
7 Canal Street, Suite 202, Winooski VT  
8

**Members Present:**

Annie Costandi, CWAC Rep from Essex  
Dana Hanley, Alt Board Rep from Charlotte  
Bob Henneberger, TAC Rep  
Eric Vorwald, PAC Rep from Winooski  
Andy Watts, Board Rep from Williston

**Staff:**

Jason Charest, Senior Transportation Engineer  
Eleni Churchill, Transportation Program Manager  
Marshall Distel, Senior Transportation Manager  
Christine Forde, Senior Transportation Planner  
Regina Mahony, Planning Program Manager  
Melanie Needle, Senior Planner  
Charlie Baker, Executive Director

9  
10 **1. Welcome and Introductions**

11 Regina Mahony welcomed everyone at 7:02pm. All attendees introduced themselves.  
12

13 **2. Approve November 30, 2021 Minutes**

14 Eric Vorwald made a motion, seconded by Andy Watts, to approve the November 30, 2021 minutes with one edit –  
15 Dana is not the Alternate Representative from Charlotte. No further discussion. MOTION PASSED.

16 **3. Review the DRAFT Housing Section**

17 Regina walked through the draft housing section that was included in the meeting packet.

18 **Goal & Key Issues** comments from the LRPC:

- 19 • This section would benefit from a reference to VT as a place for refugees, and we should be prepared to  
20 house them and train them for the workforce.
- 21 • If it isn't too in the weeds make mention of Accessory Dwelling Units as a helpful means for additional  
22 homes.
- 23 • Change served-enriched housing to supportive housing.
- 24 • Check the citation on bullet 2.
- 25 • Bullet 6 – should this be two separate issues/bullets? Starting at “location” maybe start a new bullet;
- 26 • Bullet 7 – Short term rental data. Explain what this data includes and where it is from. Regina stated that this  
27 is from AirBnB DNA, not municipally regulated units.
- 28 • Clean up language such as remove “a lot of”.  
29

30 **Indicators** – Regina did not review these in detail, but described how to access these if the LRPC members would  
31 like to.  
32

33 **Strategy & Actions:**

- 34 • There was a discussion about the strategy and whether there will be two strategies - land use & housing or  
35 just one? Regina explained that in the current plan there is one smart growth strategy (80% of growth in areas  
36 planned for growth) and the land use, housing, energy and transportation actions are all underneath it. Staff is  
37 thinking about breaking these out into different strategies, but trying to figure out how to maintain  
38 connection to the overall smart growth concept for all of them. This is still being worked out.
- 39 • There was a recommendation to add the Regional Development Corporations to 2c as well as the other  
40 organizations listed.
- 41 • There was a question on how we might educate the public more broadly about the need for more housing.  
42 Regina stated that there was an effort a few years ago to start a YIMBY campaign (yes in my backyard v.  
43 Not in my backyard). Perhaps a specific marketing campaign would help.
- 44 • Edit fair housing 4.c – there are two “accommodations”. Remove one.

- 1 • 1.b: separate out fee waivers or other development review. Redundancy is one piece; while fees associated  
2 with review is another.
- 3 • 1.f: regarding the state rental registry program it is important to acknowledge that some municipalities  
4 already do this locally and these programs should continue to stand on their own.
- 5 • 2.a: this refers to new funding programs that may need to be spent in the coming years. Does it make sense to  
6 include these in this long-term plan?
- 7 • 2.d: there was a suggestion to include other groups beyond BIPOC. Regina added that staff will take a look at  
8 this. She added that we want to be clear that we want to address all protected classes; but we should bring  
9 specific attention to BIPOC because the actions may be different.
- 10 • Regarding housing affordability under #5: Eric Vorwald mention that “something we've been talking about  
11 in Winooski is using City specific economic indicators to determine affordability. Using the metro area can  
12 skew this number to where the incomes in Winooski are still not able to afford the housing within the 30%  
13 parameter.” Perhaps this plan should acknowledge those local income differences.
- 14 • Last sentence in #5: acknowledge that some folks don't want to live in the City, and they'll choose to travel.  
15

16 Regina then showed the LRPC how to navigate the Building Homes Together dashboard.  
17

#### 18 **4. Adjourn**

19 Regina stated that the agenda had the incorrect next meeting date. The next meeting is set for February 8, 2022. The  
20 meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.

21  
22 Respectfully submitted, Regina Mahony  
23