

South Burlington Planning & Zoning

CityPlan 2024 Community Conversations

Kennedy/Central Neighborhoods

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4 Attendees

- Is a traffic signal planned for the VT 116-Market Street intersection? If so, what is the status? Concerned that the traffic signal would cause traffic to queue on VT 116 blocking access to Barrett St. (The intersection has been prepared for a traffic signal, but a traffic signal will not be installed until warrants are satisfied. The CCRPC is conducting an analysis for the City to help inform the decision.)
- Will the access to City Center Park from Barrett Street be paved? Prefer that it remains un-paved as long as that meet ADA requirements.
- How would the traffic signal be funded.
- Concern that Increased access created by City Center streets is or may affect the Obrien-Barret Street neighborhood. Will increase access make the neighborhood more vulnerable to crime?
- Concern over conversion of single-family to duplexes and multi-family housing. Lots of talk of increasing density in the Other Paper. Feel threatened by increased density.
- What is the status of Ben Gardner's property and a proposed connection between San Remo Drive and Barrett Street? (The Planning Commission has removed the connection from the official map)
- One participant noted that he and his family chose to move to South Burlington because of its vision. The proposed Comprehensive Plan goals are interdependent/
- What percentage of vehicles traveling on VT 116 from to/from the south come continue on VT 116 and on Kennedy Drive? The concerns is that the City Center streets, particularly Market Street, has change traffic patterns and added more traffic to VT 116.
- Support for roundabouts was expressed. The City is considering a roundabout at the Swift Street-Spear Street intersection. A preliminary evaluation is complete. Next step is design which is dependent on funding funds.
- What is the status of University Mall redevelopment. There are new owners interested in redeveloping the Mall into multi-use including community-oriented activities. Conversations may be underway between the Mall owners and tenants. It will be some time before plans are developed.
- Noted that there will be 83 dwelling units soon in City Center. It's important that the residents have good pedestrian facilities.
- The City is working on plans to connect the proposed I-89 bicycle-pedestrian overpass with the neighborhoods. Some short-term strategies are likely.
- Williston Road is a barrier to kids crossing and playing with friends living north and south of the road.

- Are there limitations to building out the land east of VT 116 and south of I-89? Is noise and vibration from the Ireland Quarry on South Brownell and issue. (Some development has occurred. Not aware of any issues with the quarry).
- What is the status of development west of VT 116 and south of I-89? Rezoning has occurred to protect habitat and to allow for multi-uses. One law suit has been dismissed. Another is pending.
- Where is waste-water for City Center treated? (At City's Airport Parkway treatment plant which was upgrade about 10 years ago. That plant treats most of the City's wastewater. Southern portions of Spear and Shelburne Road are served by a treatment plan on Bartlett Bay Road.
- What is the status of consolidating the schools? Lots of challenges. Nothing is off the table.
- The City and School district are separate governmental entities that serve the exact same population. They coordinate their efforts
- Will there be more townhomes in City Center? Townhomes are allowed under the form-based code.
- The woods around Potash Brook between Swift and I-189 is protected. The 2023 bond vote if passed will fund some improvements.
- Have there been any complaints about people parking on Barrett Street to access City Center Park? Is that a concern?
- Is there a residential component included in Airport Redevelopment? The 40 plus or minus acres where homes were removed, cannot currently be redeveloped with new housing since federal funds would use. The area is still zoned for housing if the federal requirements are changed in the future. It may be used for a greenway.
- Desire for more cross-walks on Williston Road.
- If a traffic is installed at the new access for Beta on Williston Road, it should include provisions for a pedestrian crossing. A traffic signal will not be installed initially, but may be in the future if warrants are satisfied.
- Why push to electrify home heating when the City is served by an extensive natural gas network? The City has had conversations with VT Gas. Natural Gas could be used in combination with heat pumps.
- Will the addition to the Holiday Inn restrict future design options for the Dorset Street-Williston Road intersection and the reconfiguration of the Exit 14 ramps? No, the ramps will be realigned to the west. The westbound approach of Williston Road to Dorset Street will be reconfigured but will not be widened.