

# South Burlington Planning & Zoning CityPlan 2024 Community Conversations Public Safety, Public Works, Basic Needs

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12 Attendees

## **Human Focused**

### Strengths

- Library
- the whole building; seeing the downtown form
- everywhere I go I feel I can be a part of the community. Many suburban communities don't have this; dog parks, parks, stores. Easy ways to get out and meet people
- bike paths have been an incredible asset. Still a ways to go. Sidewalks and human connectivity in city center and beyond, as opposed to cars and pavement everywhere.
- Wheeler Nature park. Lots of work by people; unfortunately being encroached upon.
- connections to Lime Kiln and Kimball Ave
- creating more of a downtown; creating car-free area.
- better transit options; even to get to this building, need to walk from Barnes and Noble.

### Weaknesses:

- cars drive through our city really fast; too fast. Hinesburg Road south of I-89 are very high speed. Becoming more occupied; but really dangerous. Along Shelburne Road, there are some back ways to get around, but the most obvious (Shelburne Road) is cut off to bicycles
- I live off Kennedy Drive; feel that part of SB that borders Route 7 is a whole different city. Feels very unconnected. Wish we could take better care of Red Rocks

## **How are our service needs changing?**

Chief Locke: we're seeing higher call volumes; challenge to keep up with growing needs

Chief Burke: seeing higher needs with partners in Howard mental health; seeing growth in unhoused population

- Airport is a bad neighbor; have to have as an objective to remove the F35 and rebuild the neighborhood
- when I go into Burlington, I feel there are a lot of places that feel less safe than they used to. I want to make sure that we're investing in services in our community

Chief Burke: what goes hand in glove is to have a thriving economy and programming of public spaces

## **Inclusive Fair and Just:**

- a human-based issue. Do people have access to the library? Housing and affordability. Appeals of housing values - those appealing were those who were relatively affluent. Perhaps we weren't being as fair in access to others.
- There are a lot of people who aren't interested in getting involved. Not on radar screen of a big part of the population.
- One step further. Not just what people want to say, but the resources to reach out.
- Have a great concern about this process; those of us who are here have the time are weighing in. Looking at some of the topics that are coming up, I don't think we're going to hear from the voices we need to. What are we doing to hear from them. Ideas to reach out with paper forms.

**Climate Resilient:**

- proud that our council was willing to require new buildings to be fossil fuel free. Need to be able to enforce.
- F35 comes in at every point on our agenda
- making a lot more electric charging stations available, especially in condo association.
- funding striping of roads & widening fog lines to have greater safety
- Could be more proactive to our community on how they can participate, especially those in condos

**Opportunity Oriented**

- have 3-4 trash haulers that come around; could streamline this