

Community Development Committee
June 18, 2025
Regular Meeting Minutes
2:00 PM City Hall Auditorium

Present: Gretchen Yaeger; Andrew Francis; Melissa Farrington Fochesato, Jennifer DeChant
Absent: Chris Marks, Karl Albrecht; Claire Berkowitz,
Staff Present: Misty Parker

1. Welcome
2. Approval of May Minutes – Jaeger motioned to accept; Francis seconded. All in favor.
3. 150 Congress Ave TIF Request- Council Recommendation
 1. Goal is applaudable. Acknowledge conservation and infrastructure as well as goals of the comprehensive plan.
 2. Francis noted YMCA partnership with BIW
 3. Accountability to the agreement is important.
 4. Confirmation that connections to the hiking trails will be built was included in site plan approval is needed.
 5. Confirmation that connections to the middle Bath Housing parcel and 80 Congress Ave parcel as well as Centre St/bus stop was included in the site plan approval is needed as well.
 6. Environmental impacts of the project should be considered including, energy standards, air quality, building materials and the facilitation of better use of transportation.
 7. Third spaces should be well designed for quality of life.
 8. Traffic calming may be needed at the intersection on Centre St.
 9. Ability to serve lower income workers and renters and that rent remains affordable.
 10. Community wide offering after BIW/Navy should be included in resident placement.

Jaegar made a motion to recommend consideration of the proposed TIF district with the noted considerations shared; seconded by DeChant. All in favor.

4. Equity Assessment – planning for additional community input is needed. Francis shared opportunities at the YMCA to consider over the summer.