

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT  
DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD MINUTES  
JUNE 3, 2015

A quorum of Board members was present: Al Paul, Acting Chair, Jim Pell and Steve Wilk. Alan Shelvey, Zoning Administrator and Carol Wagner, Clerk of the Development Review Board were also present.

Dr. Cheryl McKenzie, Director of Program Development and Mitch Golub, CEO of Applicant Vermont Achievement Center, Keith Tallon, District Manager of the Rutland Parole office and Pat Mandeville representing Rutland Missionary Association were present and sworn in.

Persons outside the rail were: Leslie and Steven Brenner, Shannon Bertrand and Roger Dumas (who arrived at 6:25 p.m.).

Applicant Vermont Achievement Center, seeks a Conditional Use Permit in a Design Control District – Gateway Business –II, for a Halfway House.

Dr. Cheryl McKenzie works with VAC's Mandala House program which is currently located at VAC, 88 Park Street.

The Mandala House program, in conjunction with the State of Vermont Department of Corrections, provides a 24/7 structured program for women who have been incarcerated and are leaving a corrections facility. The women commit to a 6 months – 1 year program to gain skills to be transitioned back into the community.

Mandala House seeks to move their program from their VAC location to 77 North Main Street to gain more space for residents and staff.

Discussions took place between the Board, Applicant and Department of Corrections regarding the proposed project.

Persons outside the rail asked questions and stated some concerns with respect to safety in the neighborhood.

Documents submitted included, but not limited to, outline of the program and copies of notice to abutters along with certified mail return receipts.

At approximately 6:25 p.m. the hearing was ADJOURNED. An official written decision will be rendered within the required 45 days of this adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol F. Wagner, Clerk  
Development Review Board