

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Public Hearing Minutes
Wednesday March 11, 2020

6:00 PM Public Hearing: Proposed Master Plan Adoption

Members present: Rutland City Planning Commissioners Susan Schreibman, Alvin Figiel, Dave Coppock and Patrick Griffin. Also present, Aldermen Etori, Talbott and Mattis; RRA Board members Dave Cooper and Matt Merritt; RRA Executive Director Brennan Duffy; Tara Kelly, Planning Director and Zoning Administrator; Treasurer Mary Markowski; Steve Steigerwald; Marlene Allen and Philip Allen of SameSun of Vermont.

Commissioner Schreibman, Chair, called the hearing to order. She discussed the Master Plan adoption process and described the updates that were made in the 1/29/2020 draft document. The major changes were made in response to the closing of the College of St. Joseph, old and historically irrelevant text, and updated information on housing, energy and transportation. A more comprehensive update is expected to be done when the 2020 Census information is available. This hearing is for the Planning Commission to take comments and suggestions on the 1/29/2020 draft.

Brennan Duffy distributed copies of a summary of RRA's suggested changes to the draft (see attached). He discussed the RRA Board's rationale for each of the changes.

Alderman Etori discussed the City's lack of a Capital Plan and how it should be addressed in the draft. He also stated that the wording in the Housing Section 2.4a Housing Stock is contrary to the recent Housing Study Update. Etori also commented on language regarding the Blighted Vacant Properties strategies which detail the Northwest Neighborhood project that has been completed.

Treasurer Markowski asked when the 2020 census data could be incorporated. Tara Kelly responded in 2022.

Commissioner Schreibman, Chair, asked if anyone from the public had any additional comments. Seeing none, the Chair noted a motion to close the hearing would be in order. Commissioner Figiel so moved and Commissioner Griffin seconded. Motion passed. The hearing ended at 6:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Spaulding
Planning Commission Recording Secretary