



COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

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MEMORANDUM

Date: July 15, 2013

To: Burlington City Council

From: Nathan Wildfire, CEDO

Subject: **Public Investment Action Plan (PIAP) Concept Round Recap**

Between May 16 and June 4, the Public Investment Team (PIT) met three times in open deliberative meetings to review project concepts and advance a total of 29 proposals in 3 categories forward to the next round:

Special Projects – 10	(Smaller projects, less cost, mostly about place-making)
Other Projects – 8	(Larger projects, more cost, spread over whole Waterfront)
Moran Projects – 11	(Larger projects, more cost, all on the Moran property)

All concept proposals, with online and Open House comments, can be found here: <http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/cedo/piap.aspx?t=s>. Projects that have advanced are marked “ADVANCED.”

Moving forward, an RFP is in its final stages of editing. All advancing proposals will be asked to submit formal, full proposals in the fall in response to the RFP. In the meantime, City staff is working with counsel and regulating bodies to assess each project for any questions or concerns with TIF eligibility, regulatory hurdles, and schedule challenges. All projects will be required to meet with staff this summer, and many have already been encouraged by the PIT to collaborate.

After proposal submission, all proposals will once again be posted online and featured in Open Houses for the public to view them and comment. The Public Investment Team will once again play a role in advancing a final slate of projects forward, factoring in TIF capacity, how well the projects complement one another, and all the other requirements of the RFP – as well as public comment. This slate of projects will then go before the various regulatory bodies and committees that play a role on the Waterfront, in anticipation of taking the project slate to City Council in January 2014. If Council elects to advance the slate of projects, staff will prepare for a public vote to bond for the projects in March of 2014.

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The amount of enthusiasm from project proposers has been very encouraging, as has been the number of people who have submitted comments and participated in the Open Houses and deliberative sessions. The City has also received several letters of advisement for the Public Investment Team, including letters from Burlington High School students, Burlington Walk/Bike Council, and the Advisory Committee on Accessibility. City staff continues to explore new ways to involve the public in this opportunity to invest in our waterfront's infrastructure and welcomes input to refine the process.

For more information on PIAP in general, please visit: <http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/Public-Investment-Action-Plan/> or contact Nathan Wildfire at nwildfire@burlingtonvt.gov.

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