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Honorable Miro Weinberger
Mayor
City of Burlington
City Hall
149 Church Street
Burlington, VT 05401

Honorable Joan Shannon
Chair
Burlington City Council
City Hall
149 Church Street
Burlington, VT 05401

Dear Mayor Weinberger and Councilor Shannon:

I write to update you on the status of a Municipal Planning Grant application that the City of South Burlington has filed with the Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development.

With the endorsement of the South Burlington City Council and support of Gene Richards at the Burlington International Airport we have met the deadline for filing an application for a Municipal Planning Grant (MPG). This application along with many others will soon be considered in a competitive review process by the Agency.

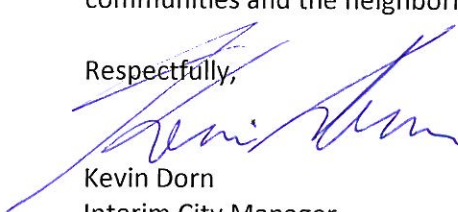
As you know, the grant will support a collaborative process with an emphasis on significant engagement of the greater BTV/Chamberlin School neighborhood to plan for future uses of property purchased or soon to be purchased under the federal noise abatement program. Clearly all parties; the City of Burlington/BTV, the City of South Burlington and most notably the South Burlington residents living in the neighborhood have great interest in the future uses of that area.

We hope to hear back from the Agency sometime in November. We will then look to develop a plan for engaging various stakeholders in the planning process. I will let you know of the decision on the MPG as soon as we receive notification.

Beyond the MPG opportunity we may seek additional support for this important planning project through the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission. It is our view that issues associated with access to the Airport and the future use of the properties in question are of a regional interest as well. I will certainly keep you apprised of those opportunities as they are identified.

Thank you very much for your support and leadership on these issues that are so important to both communities and the neighborhood.

Respectfully,



Kevin Dorn
Interim City Manager

CC: South Burlington City Council
Gene Richards, Director of Aviation, BTV