

Rutland City Parking Committee

June 1, 2022 Meeting

Members Present: Chair Neary, Alderman Doenges,

Others Present: Mayor Allaire, Alderwoman Davis, Gordon Dritschilo, Kamdon Thompson, Alderman Gillam, Officer Rosario, Erica Balestra, Attorney Bloomer, Alderwoman Tadio, Ken Putnam, Andy Paluch, Alderman DePoy

Minutes

Chair Neary called the meeting to order at 5:33PM.

The first item on the agenda was Parking Garage, including the passageway to Center Street. This was a follow up meeting to the April 27th meeting with an expanded scope of the entire first floor of the parking garage.

Erika Balestra, owner of the passageway to Center Street, provided some information regarding the issues around the passageway. Balestra stated that conditions had worsened in the passageway, including substantial damage to property, which led to the shutdown. Those conditions had improved since the shutdown, which was echoed by adjoining property and business owner Andy Paluch.

Kamdon Thompson, from Vermont Buildings and General Services, provided some information from the State perspective, including what the current contract with the City allows and disallows. Attorney Bloomer suggested that Office Rosario and ASA Bloomer Building security could partner to make routine rounds of the first-floor transit center area and add security cameras of the area with monitors at the Bloomer Building security desk. Thompson informed the committee that it may be possible and would follow up with his superiors on the idea. Contract negotiations between the State and City will continue with some changes expected.

Chair Neary asked Thompson about facilities plans and if there were any scheduled. Thompson was not aware of any scheduled but would look into it and follow up. It was suggested that an in-person safety audit be conducted of the area to develop a plan of action. Mayor Allaire agreed to meet with BGS personnel during the inspection. The passageway will remain closed indefinitely until enhanced security measures are installed.

There were no motions made by the Committee and the meeting minutes are presented for informational purposes only.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM.

Alderman Devon Neary