

Wards 3 Neighborhood Planning Assembly

Thursday, March 7, 2024, 6:30 - 8:30pm



Join in person: McKenzie House, 43 Elmwood Ave.

Join virtually: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85860854764>

Facilitator: Christopher Haessly **Notetaker:** Michelle Borbas

6:30 pm Introductions & Announcements | 10 min

1. Adopt the agenda
2. NPA member introductions

6:40 pm Public Forum | 10 min (Limited to two minutes per person)

Please state your full name, street, and ward, and follow the NPA ground rules.

6:50 pm The NPA: History and Purpose | 10 min

A brief overview of the Neighborhood Planning Assembly, its history, and its purpose.

7:00 pm Open Discussion | 30 min

An opportunity for participants to converse about the neighborhood.

7:30 pm Community Outreach and Mailing | 20 min

A discussion about outreach and mailing strategies for Ward 3.

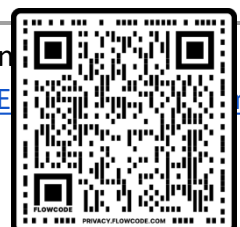
7:50 pm Bylaws Discussion | 10 min

A brief overview of our bylaws.

8:00 pm Adjourn

Our next meeting TBD.

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About Neighborhood Planning Assemblies (NPAs)

A section of Burlington City Council resolution first adopted in 1982 establishing provisions for a Neighborhood Planning Assembly in each City ward.

...Neighborhood Planning Assemblies shall... help provide citizens with information concerning city programs and activities; help obtain citizen views of city needs; help provide citizens with the opportunity to participate in making recommendations with respect to governmental decisions including the allocation of revenues.

...Assemblies shall also be encouraged to provide advice to the appropriate commission or this council with respect to community development, housing programs, this City's Comprehensive Plan and its waterfront planning activities, and the city's budget among other issues....

NPA GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- Operate through democratic principles and democratic procedures;
- Provide a safe and welcoming forum where residents can actively share their voices about issues that matter to them, and where they can learn from the voices of others;
- Cultivate involvement by a diverse spectrum of community members through active outreach and through eliminating barriers to participation;
- Operate in a manner that models respectful, inclusive, culturally, and economically aware practices; and
- Be a fun, creative, and vital organization that provides value and benefit through the multitude of perspectives shared by those who participate.

NPA GROUND RULES:

- Meetings should have clearly defined Agenda & Roles.
- Honor Time limits: A best effort must be made to start on time, follow the agenda, and finish on time.
- Listen to others: Make efforts to be an open-minded member of the group.
- Respect the agenda and the process: Try to remain focused on the issue at hand.
- Share your opinion respectfully: Speak out, but not over, others' comments.
- Treat people how you would like to be treated: Be respectful of everyone, including guests.