



Wards 4 & 7 Neighborhood Planning Assembly (NPA): Minutes

Wednesday, March 27th, 2024

Community Dinner: 6-6:30 pm
NPA Meeting: 6:30-8pm

Facilitator: Sarah Diaz **Note Taker:** KC Carpenter

6:00 pm Sign in & Food

- Dinner was provided by [People's Kitchen](#).

6:30 pm Welcome & Introductions

- Went around and shared names, pronouns (optional), and wards

6:50 pm Bylaws Overview

- Current bylaws are from 2008. In January we voted as an NPA to revise them.
- Bylaws committee presented about history of need for revision, changes that were made. Of note: City of Burlington passed a resolution in 10/2023 requesting that NPAs update their bylaws to include non-discrimination clauses.
- Vote will take place on 4/24/24 and comments will be welcome.

7:05 pm Eclipse Glasses

- 4/8/24 Burlington will be in the solar eclipse path of totality.
- The city gave each NPA 500 pairs of eclipse glasses, limited to 5/person. All were handed out.
- More information at loveburlington.org/obscura-burlington

7:07 pm Vote in Steering Committee Members

- Hunter McMahon (Ward 7)
 - Nomination/introduction by Vicki Garrison
 - Unanimously voted in
- Annie Lawson (Ward 4)

- Unanimously voted in
- Andrew Kronichfeld (Ward 7)
 - Unanimously voted in
- The current slate of the Steering Committee: Joanne Hunt, Hank Prensky, Caitlin Ettenborough, KC Carpenter, Sarah Diaz, Monika Ivancic, Vicki Garrison, Olivia Taylor
 - Unanimously voted back in
- Nomination from Ali Dieng for Carmen George
 - Carmen was not present

7:17 pm Outgoing message from Councilor Ali Dieng

- “Thank you for trusting me since June 2017. I think all of my campaign promises were met.”
 - Library and ambulance in NNE
 - Feel that we are at a good place as an NPA
 - NPA member shared gratitude for Ali

7:20 pm Announcements from Elected Representatives

- House Representatives and Senators were all unavailable due to work in Montpelier
- Announcements from city councilors Sarah Carpenter and Mark Barlow
- Questions/comments from NPA members:
 - Please include councilors with institutional knowledge on committees
 - One member wants to be sure NPA continues on a regular basis, 4th Wednesday of the month
 - Overview of Neighborhood Code that was passed Monday
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7:50 pm Open Forum

- NPA Member (first name?) Dragoon shared 1) updates on CDBG funding decisions, and 2) DPW updates on road and sidewalk improvements coming up
- NPA Member requested open forum be in the beginning of meeting
- NPA Member: how can we communicate with steering committee between meetings? Email address to reach all steering committee is wards4-7sc@googlegroups.com.
- NPA Member thanks steering committee and others who have worked to make NPA more inclusive of marginalized community members

8:00 pm Adjourn

- Next meeting on Wednesday, April 24th, 2024

Wards 4 & 7 Steering Committee

To email the full steering committee: wards4-7sc@googlegroups.com

Joanne Hunt, Ward 4

Hank Prensky, Ward 4

Caitlin Ettenborough, Ward 4

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Sarah Diaz, Ward 7

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