

Ward 1 Neighborhood Planning Assembly (NPA)

AGENDA

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 7:00 - 9:00 PM

In-person at the Friends Meeting House, 173 North Prospect Street

And Zoom online

<https://zoom.us/j/96245939050>

Webinar ID: 962 4593 9050

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Facilitator: Tom Derenthal

Minutes: Carol Livingston

6:30 - Welcome and Food

7:00 – Formal start - Introductions: name, street

Announcements: share events, meetings, activities of interest to Ward 1 community

Combined with Speakout - an opportunity to raise concerns & appreciations about Ward 1

Jonathan - welcome back, Fosca - really appreciate your tech connections; FFFL book sale this weekend - all \$4; Ruby Kliman found he was unable to serve on the NPA Steering Committee due to change in life plans - Jonathan nominated Selene Colburn (city councilor, state rep,) to serve on the SC, seconded by Gary Golden. Selene wants to return to NPA meetings and community discussions after taking a break, new job - excited to continue; attendance list - please sign

Sharon Bushor - Dave Cawley representing us on the committee consulting with designers of the Winooski Bridge - walking tour rescheduled for next Wednesday.

Sharon: concern about intersection of Colch Ave, Riverside, Barrett - Sharon asking the DPW to meet with Ward 1 NPA SC to discuss design; DPW coming back to Board of Finance for continued funding for design planning; because of Local Motion, looking at 2-way bike lane - designers are listening and trying to respond and more receptive to opinions

Sophie Quest - Dave working hard to ensure there is separation between bikers & cars in bridge plans

Richard Hillyard - attended meeting about bridge a few months ago, had suggested a roundabout at Burl end of bridge - design consultants not that interested; if you're interested, keep involved.

Katherine Bock - let us know that Christopher McCandless (our Friends Meeting House host) died - it was important to him that the community be supported by the Friends Mtg Hse

Breck Bowon - attended 3/25 City Council meeting - was pleased by the democratic process

Erhard - urged people to stay engaged in the Neighborhood Code discussion and to improve the Ordinance

Serrill Flash - supports single-lane roundabout and encourages people to attend meetings and advocate

Karen Vastine - UVM med ctr and planning office hosting another Q/A discussion - renewing MOU, Tomorrow night from 5:30-7:00 at 1 So. Prospect.

Jason Stuffle - on advisory comm for Winooski Bridge with Dave Cawley - encourages people to

raise concerns with city councilors. Intersection is Burl - bridge is Winooski & Burlington. Important to consider the future use. Advocate for your ideas; reach out to Jason.

Charlie Giannoni - Town Mtg TV tech has been upgraded; Ward 1 NPA lending wireless mikes; on Eclipse Day, interviewed people in Market Place - heard hundreds of people praise Burl

Sam Ayotte - suggest people reach out to Jason and Dave about the bridge; take a walk across the bridge, down Barrett - to get experience of this bridge and intersection - and share your ideas & information with Dave and Jason - important to have variety of perspectives; please reach out to Sam and she will walk the neighborhood with you.

Joel Kolata - concern about the damage cars are doing to greenway, to safety of pedestrians - very concerned about car-focus in projects and city policies

Tom Derenthal - if planning to walk Sam's route and you have a dog, it would be helpful to walk with your dog to experience this location together

7:30 - Proposal and vote to purchase two more cordless microphones for \$550 from 2023-24 budget - Tom Derenthal

Proposed we double the number of mikes from 2 to 4. We have enough money to buy 2 more mikes - \$600 on mikes and rechargeable batteries. Sharon moved to approve proposal for 23-24 budget; seconded by Kathy Olwell. Unanimous approval of the proposal

7:35 - School Commissioner update - Gary Golden

Thank you for supporting the budget. Concern about the 16% increase in the budget.

Construction projects - 2 years & 3 months until high school is complete. Enrollment is leveling after years of decreases. Global majority has helped with enrollment. Superintendent has confidence in enrollment leveling. All high school buildings are razed. Change of 200 students - many families put their students in alternative schools but returning. Administrative leadership is stabilizing. In dispute with state about reimbursement of expenses for PFAS removal. Waste water management being funded with new federal funds. At airport, students are working on Bell helicopter - including construction of airplanes. Also the high school programs housed at the airport: advanced manufacturing and auto mechanics programs.. Another project: Integrated Arts Academy (1890 bldg, upgraded once) - geothermal rods being installed; next yr - students housed at St Mark's or Sarah Holbrook as construction continues. Long-term lease at Rock Pt for On-top and Horizons alternative programs - \$400,000/yr - importance of creating a much better learning space for students.

Concern for education funding and the work at the state level. Vermont news about legislators considering rethinking local control of education funding. Gary: look at farming out the services schools have no control over as well as the CLA.

7:45 - City Councilor update - Community safety, DPW movement on Riverside potholes,...- Tim Doherty, Carter Neubieser

Neighborhood Code (NC) summary - 3/25 mtg - City Council final vote; not enough support for returning to committee; meetings focused on amendments: wildlife corridor on riverside; adjusting definition of Residential medium.

Other amendments - section of Ward 1 at new Residential low rather than up to Res. medium. Ben Traverse's amendment: delay the implementation of section of NC. Stay engaged and give feedback. Tim & Carter - important to continue discussion and shape the NC. Not clear about where the ordinance landed - which committees. Carter & Tim will publish on FPF info about next steps and committees and meetings we can attend. See Front Porch Forum for Carter's reports.

Erhard: suggests our NPA ask the city attorney for status of the NC and the legal context for zoning changes. Concern about affordability - no provisions in NC.

Selene - according to CC minutes, planning commission is primary body to next steps of NC

Carter - UPdates: GMT fares increasing; DPW street cleaning - us: May 1 - need to be off street; mayor convening meetings with state delegation, CC, and admin - hoping for better results in Montpelier for Burl.

Carter's committees: CDNR; parks dept; public safety comm; City/UVM MOU - be sure to look at state auditors' report; public info session on MOU; fire dept data: overdoses trending down.

Tim - public safety committee & CC - asked why the trend. Autumn through Jan/Feb - going down and plateauing. No professionals can say definitively why. As a previous drug prosecutor, Tim is unsure we can attribute this downward trend to drug enforcement action. Other suggestions - Fire dept efforts.

Professionals looking at the trends to determine why. Enforcement can cut off supply, can't sustain. Carter & Tim concerned that fire dept team efforts are not sustainable. Board of Finance committee - watch video about bridge project or email Carter. CDBG grants being released by CEDO - on city website.

Tim - downtown crime problem - recently end of March, CC received letter from law firm downtown and experiences of crime, impact on employees, and their life downtown. Details are very helpful.

<https://burlingtonvt.portal.civicclerk.com/event/7061/files/agenda/10399>

Tim requested that we spend some time next mtg to discuss: 1) general impact of criminal activity, severity, experience of victims, cost financially & emotionally; 2) need for more discussion at CC & NPAs about external effect of policy making in city - policy affects whether people come or stay in Burl. Tax policy, schools - cohorts of businesses can leave. Would like more robust discussion. Shouldn't govern from fear, but surrounding communities may offer alternative placement.

Jonathan - watch recent library commission meetings - a trespass: behavior is sufficiently egregious that staff decides person can't be in library.. A lot of staff time is being used to address and manage behavior issues. Library comm meeting with mayor next week. Link to Library Commission meeting:

<https://burlingtonvt.portal.civicclerk.com/event/7022/files/agenda/10280>

Tom D (facilitator) - asking for ideas to better use the time we have to ensure we have time for people to speak and address issues. Please email the SC with ideas. Sharyl - Spkout at end?

8:10 - UVM Catamount Woods Development (by the Doubletree, S. Burlington) - Lisa Kingsbury, Associate Director for Planning, UVM and Tony LeBreau (operates Doubletrees) and Lonnie Raven and Alex ? from Freeman French Freeman

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Catamount Run is the UVM project in So Burl city ctr, Market street, near SoBurl city hall - 550 beds for grad and faculty, staff

Catamount Woods - 500 beds for upperclass students. Located behind current Doubletree hotel. In SoBurl - going through process with their officials - with tight timeline. Video of mtg on 3/25 - can share. Requires

master plan - for next 6-10 years. So map shows possibilities for future, as required by SB. In addition to Catamount Woods, 2 additional projects - going through a different code process. One is new hotel; one is replacing parking being taken by CW with structured parking - no new parking outside the project. All transp programs included in project. - GMT, bikes, plug-ins, UVM bus, etc. New projects will be 100% renewable energy - geothermal and solar. Apts are "transitional" - kitchens, bathrooms - closer to apts than dorms. Cost for students - still to be determined. Tim: last discussions with UVM MOU - Catamount Run and Woods are part of the student count. Asking SB to cut in ½ the parking required so fewer cars.

8:40 - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) readout- Jake Schumann, Ward 1 representative
<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/CDBG-Current-Applications>

8:50 - Participation in local governance (commissions, boards) - an introduction - Sam Ayotte
(postponed due to time constraint)

9:00 - Adjourn

OUR NEXT NPA MEETING IS MAY 8, 2024 AT THE FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE.

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