



Neighborhood Planning Assembly Draft Minutes

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Date of Assembly 4/18/2024 Start Time: (Commence) 7:05pm

Location: 645 Pine Street and Zoom

Finish Time: (Adjourn): ____8:30pm____

Note taker: Lena Greenberg Please forward these official minutes to: Fosca

Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Terry Rivers, Lena Greenberg, Joe Dery, FaRied Munarsyah, Jason VanDriesche

Agenda Items and Actions:

Please Remember to Enter Adjournment Time!

Public forum

- Andy Simon announced a Green Up Day cleanup event at the Barge Canal on May 4. Encouraged participants to have gloves, hat, full coverage clothing.
- Jack Tiano observed that the City streets seemed quiet on the day of the eclipse (April 8) and did not see many cars downtown, even though the highways were congested. Most people were on foot and would love to see more days like that in our community!
- Charlie Gianonni spoke to hundreds of people along Church St and City Hall Park during the eclipse, many of whom talked about how wonderful they found Vermont and Burlington. Encouraged us to not lose sight that we are fortunate to be in this place.
- Lena Greenberg described two available media items:
 - Free Food in Burlington printable <https://tinyurl.com/freefoodprintable>
 - Free Food in Burlington map <https://tinyurl.com/freefoodbtv>
- Lena Greenberg described the Burlington Eye which has been launched for the community to analyze happenings in Burlington
- Joe Dery showed a few pictures of the eclipse and was thankful for work of Obscura BTV
- Cathy Foley gave an update on unauthorized access and trading in stolen goods at Decker Towers

Water Supply Piping Survey by Burlington Department of Public Works Water Services from Eleanore Walker, Policy and Programs Advisor, and Emily Piersak, GIS and Field Specialist

- Piping survey is required by the US EPA rule revision in 2021, a followup to a 1982 initiative to reduce iron, zinc, cadmium, and lead in water supply
- In 1982, BTV DPW sampled 30-40 sites and found 6 with elevated levels on immediate sampling (without flushing)
- Source in Lake Champlain is naturally 'soft' (low mineral content) and neutral pH, which is corrosive to pipes and fixtures

- In response to 1982 work DPW added Sodium Hydroxide to modify the pH to make the water less corrosive
- In 1990 DPW began adding Zinc Orthophosphate, which attaches to pipes and prevents corrosion or metal leaching
- EPA requires confirmation of materials used in main lines as well as individual supply lines to each meter
- At present DPW has reviewed records around 7000 of 11000 service lines, and required to eventually have information on 100%
- Asking customers to identify their service line and take a picture, and fill out a brief form: <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/water/slip/survey>
- In person inspections are available now, and later this year will hang door tags and send inspectors out to enter buildings/basements to look at supply pipes that are of unknown type
- Burlington's report is due to EPA in October 2024
- Questions
 - Q- Andy Simon noted that 70% of residents are renters and asked who has responsibility to check the service and fill out the survey
 - If you have access as a renter, please fill out the survey
 - Q- Is there any incentive to complete the survey
 - DPW will issue \$50 gift cards to local businesses to 2 survey respondents each month
 - Q- Lena Greenberg asked what is the problem with galvanized supply pipes
 - This type of pipe tends to 'tuberculate' or build up mineral deposits and restrict flow. Sometimes this type of pipe has a 'gooseneck' that is made with lead.
 - Q - Who is responsible for pipes past the meter
 - Customers/property owners are responsible for maintaining pipe and fixtures past the meter
 - Copper pipes may have lead-containing solder used in joints
 - Noted that Zinc Orthophosphate would still prevent leaching of metals throughout the entire system
 - Q - What are main threats to the water system
 - Turbidity - solids suspended in water - make it more difficult to process to clean water
 - Phosphorus entering lake which can lead to algae blooms
 - Street sweeping program is one way to reduce phosphorus-containing materials from entering the lake

Steering committee election

- Nominations: Maria Mercurio, Lena Greenberg, Jason VanDriesche, Joe Dery, Faried Munarsyah, Cathy Foley, and Jack Tiano
- Fellow steering committee members thanked Terry Rivers and Rodger Brassard for serving in the past year
- Lena Greenberg proposed that the candidates be voted on as a slate. Approved unanimously by a show of hands.

- Voted on the slate of nominated committee members. Approved unanimously by a show of hands.
- Term will begin for newly elected steering committee members on May 1

Neighborhood Doing Assembly

- Jason described the process that led to the four different subcommittees
 - Calahan Park Improvements team
 - Southern South End team
 - Including Baird Park
 - The BIG ideas team
 - Community center
 - Community Gatherings team
- Jason provided a sign up sheet for each group and noted that participants will be invited to the Slack workspace to help the members communicate and stay organized
- Joe Dery noted that some funds may be available from yearly NPA budget (which totals \$2500)
- The participants broke into groups based on what they wanted to do
- Jason asked for groups to identify their next step:
 - Calahan Park - site visit
 - Community Gatherings - write invitation to a South End Garden Walk for participants / garden owners
 - Big ideas - email City Planning, Champlain College, HULA about building a community center as part of Innovation District development
 - Maria Mercurio suggested proposing that we open a branch to Fletcher Free Library in the South End

THANK YOU for coming!

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Jeff Severson

Andrew LoBurgum

CATHY FOLEY

Joe Dery, LG, ~~Ingrid~~

John Van Dierche

Terry Rivers

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