

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

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Community Dinner: 6:00 – 6:30 pm

NPA Meeting: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Robert E. Miller Community Center, 130 Gosse Court and on Zoom

Facilitator: Sarah Note Taker: KC Time Keeper: None

6:00 pm Sign in & Food | 30 min

- Dinner is partially sponsored by Ali Dieng and food will be provided by **Three Five 45 Community Store & Kitchen**. *Veggie and chicken dumplings; veggie and beef chow mein; chicken fried rice and saag paneer w/small tray of rice*

6:30 pm Welcome | 10 min

Intros: Name, pronouns, ward

6:40 pm Open Forum | 10 min

Announcements:

- May 1: UVMMC Nurses Rally at ACC. Joanne will post ways to support in NNE Facebook group
- Migrant Justice all day picket at Williston Hannaford
- May Day rally at Battery Park to support all workers 6pm
- Kids Fest this Saturday at YMCA
 - Ali Dieng will be tabling on behalf of his organization

6:50 pm Declaration of Inclusion (DOI) <https://vtdeclarationofinclusion.org/>

- 15-minute panel presentation. Panelists: Al Wakefield and Bob Harnish (history of Declaration of Inclusion) and Ali Dieng (sponsor of the Burlington City Council resolution to endorse Declaration of Inclusion)
 - Has passed in 146 towns, 100 to go.
 - Vermont Community Foundation is offering \$10,000 grants to cities and towns to help implement the DOI.
 - Ali suggests going to his website to find an article he wrote about this
- 15 minutes – Resident Reflections

● 5 min - Joint 4/7 motion to endorse DOI and bring the resolution to the All Wards meeting, second, vote to endorse the Declaration of Inclusion for Wards 4 and 7 NPAs:

- Voted in unanimously

7:25 pm Vote in Revised Bylaws | 15 min

● Discussion

- Concern that new bylaws may keep some community members away (specifically cited Article III:5E)
- Response from other members reiterating support for proposed bylaws
- “We may want to have documents which define some of the principles, such as Guiding Principle 5”

● 5 min - Joint motion, second, vote to accept revised Bylaws of the Wards 4 & 7 Neighborhood Planning Assemblies (dated 4/3/2024) into order for Wards 4 & 7 NPAs

- Yeas: 15, Nays: 2, motion passes

7:40 pm Sylvia Knight | Pesticides | 15 min

- Contact: sknight73@gmail.com or vt.papan@gmail.com

7:55 pm Vote in Steering Committee Members | 5 min

● No nominations

8:00 pm Adjourn

Next meeting on Wednesday, May 22, 2024

GROUND RULES -	
	● Listen to others speaking ● Wait for the facilitator to recognize you before speaking ● Respect the agenda and time limits ● Share your opinion politely ● Treat people respectfully