



Neighborhood Planning Assembly Draft Minutes

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Date of Assembly 6/20/2024 Start Time: (Commence) 7:05pm

Location: 645 Pine Street and Zoom

Finish Time: (Adjourn): 8:45pm

Note taker: Maria Mercurio

Please forward these official minutes to: Fosca

Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Cathy Foley, Lena Greenberg, Joe Dery, FaRied Munarsyah, Jason VanDriesche, Jak Tiano, Maria Mercurio

Agenda Items and Actions:

Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission presentation

Burlington History and Culture Center presentation

South End Community Center planning update

Announcement: no regular NPA meetings in July in August

July 20th social event focused on street safety.

August 18th social event focused on community center. Details to come!

Public forum

Dale Azaria, Ward 6 resident. Is running for State Rep and here to meet neighbors.

Also is a member of Ward 6 Steering Committee.

JB Barna and Celia Cuddy of Lyman Ave announcing "Free Stuff on Lyman Ave Day". Quality stuff, just easier when you don't have to pay! Starting 9am 6/22.

John Caulo on Central Ave. Announcing the first public gathering to talk about plans for the vacant lots owned by Ride Your Bike LLC: area between Lakeside and Sears. Event will be the evening of July 11th. Place TBD, see FPF.

Sara Katz, Assistant Director of BCA. Re: south end community center ideas. Burlington City Arts has been working to expand space on BCA building on Pine Street. Adding studio space and also a community gathering space. Happy to share the plan and give tours. Construction drawings are done. They will finish fundraising and then begin renovations, hopefully this fall.

FaRied of Five Sisters, a volunteer with mutual aid group People's Kitchen. The Kitchen provides free food at events, does food distribution 7pm Fridays in South Meadows. Call for

participation for any folks experiencing food insecurity. Always looking for support with volunteers, donations, facilities. 802-491-3491

Bram Kleppner of Ward 6. Also running for State Rep. Bram and Dale agree that they are in friendly competition.

(end of public forum)

Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission presentation

Anne Nelson lives in Ward 5, works for Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission in an equity and public engagement position.

VT has no county government, CCRPC kind of works in that capacity. Sets a vision for the county for next 10 years (Regional Plan). Works on: housing, energy, wastewater, climate, transportation, etc.

Governed by a board. Main role is to serve the city and towns. Also advocating at the state level. CCRPC reviews town plans to make sure it aligns with the Regional Plan.

CCTV records all the CCRPC meetings and can be found online for the last 5 years.

Regional Plan updated every 5-8 years. In process now. Will be enacted 2025 or 2026. Has been delayed by the Act 250 reform bill. Doing public engagement around the Plan, which has 17 chapters. Anne has some info to hand out about those 17 chapters. Looking for feedback through the summer. Then will come up with a draft plan for public comment.

ccrpcvt.org/ecos-regional-plan

Burlington History and Culture Center presentation

Gail Rosenberg lives in The Addition. From the Burlington History and Culture Center. 10 years ago Gail started the Burlington Edible History Tour. Focused on food traditions of different ethnic groups in Burlington. Also focused on migrations. (by the way, today is World Refugee Day).

Through this they heard stories about regular people in Burlington who made the community what it is. Question: why is there no historical society in Burlington when we are the biggest city in VT? Where is the history of the people who actually built the city?

Looking for public input on what we want in this center. Passing around a survey.

burlingtonhistoryandculturecenter.org surveymonkey.com/r/BHCMSurvey

Sees a lot of space for collaboration with South End Community Center. Vision is not for one large building or "museum" more spread out. Block history tours to talk about the history of different neighborhoods.

Lisa Evans on Zoom is also part of this project. Encouraging folks to take the survey.

South End Community Center planning update

Presented by Lena Greenberg and Jak Tiano from the Neighborhood Doing Assembly.

Vision for a community center came out of an NPA social event last summer. Lots of feedback about what we want in the South End.

At the core of this need: we need "third spaces"

Working group is open to all. Is acting as "connective tissue" between residents and development.

Plan for today: bring the community proposal to full NPA for a vote of support.

Over the summer: bring this proposal to the SEID

Vote of confidence is UNANIMOUS. Yes, we are pointed in the right general direction.

What's next: continue to seek community input, ideas, and connections. Begin reaching out to organizations that might fit into the collective vision. Start engaging with development partners, looking for opportunities to integrate our proposals. NPA sponsored "pop-up" event will be in August.