Meeting NOTES

Ward 2 Neighborhood Planning Assembly (NPA)

November 14, 2024 | 6:30 -8:30pm | All are welcome

Join in person:
ONE Community Center, 20 Allen Street

Join remotely:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85860854764

O.N.E. Community Dinner
5:30-6:30pm | Free | Donations encouraged

Facilitator: Erika Faulkner **Notetaker**: Kason Hudman **Attendees:** See last page

Community events and resources mentioned in this meeting		**Who shared info**
Repair Cafe	Nov. 16th 11am-3pm	Trav Fryer - Contact Laboratory B to get involved
Newsies, Lyric Theatre Production	Nov. 14-17th	Lauren Ebersol
Annual Community BPD Academy	January 9th - February 17th	Sarah Hernandez Tim
Peace & Justice Center Talk about Bikes and Protest Old Spokes Home	November 16th 6pm	Kason Hudman

6:40 pm **Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak**

- Emma is holding public meetings every week, rotating around the city, with one at 4:30 on Thursdays before the ONE Community Meal
- Emma is holding meetings on Community Safety every two months, with a successful meeting in November, and another meeting in September. In the September meeting, they went deeper into community safety policy, including bail law and other things. There will be another meeting on January 9th on Community Safety.
- We will keep holding Community Safety meetings until there is nothing left to talk about
- At the city council meeting on Monday, they will be talking about leveraging fees for vacant buildings. Emma is considering steeper fees for large commercial buildings as opposed to small housing units.
- At the city council meeting they will also talk about a just bridge for the houseless folks who were exited from the Motel program.
- They will also be discussing the Winooski bridge and the Main Street Great Streets project.

- The F-35 project and impact statement update will also happen on Monday at the city council meeting
- Early forum in December to talk about the upcoming city budget and talk about sustaining the budget and planning for years at a time
- Question from Ward 2 resident - really glad she is going to keep working on the F-35 piece, calling on all people at this meeting to call Bernie and Peter Welch to get the planes out of Vermont. Asked Emma about the closing of North Beach Campground
- Emma answers by mentioning that she has always been opposed to the F-35s. She talks about the struggle to house people after the ending of the motel program, saying that a lot of the folks from the North Beach Campground were moved into indoor shelters in Williston and Harbor Place
- Question from Will from Ward 2 about Burlington's Fair and Impartial Policing policy, why it was rolled back to the State minimum in October. Emma answers that it was not on her radar and she will be pushing to improve it back to a higher standard, and the city is preparing for the human rights threats that will happen in January.
- Question from Emma from Ward 2, Emma works for AFT Vermont, she mentions that the UVM Medical Center announced sweeping cuts, she is asking for people to sign a petition opposing the cuts, asked Emma about her support for unions in fights like this
- Emma says that she had been an organizer for years before becoming Mayor, she says that we need to look at the Green Mountain Care Board recommendations and look at other ways that they can save money and that it doesn't impact staff if possible

7:00 pm Megan Moyer, Burlington Water Resources Capital Planning

- Megan wants to thank the voters for voting for the water bonds in 2016 and 2018, and they helped them fix a lot of problems including pipes and water mains.
- Why does the Water department need more money? To provide for more housing, the water department needs more money to ensure that all the new housing we need to build will provide the service they deserve. Also the City of Burlington needs to do its part to prevent phosphorus from entering the lake and while we are doing a lot, we can always do more, and be an example for the rest of Vermont. Running water systems is an ongoing process, projects constantly need to be improved, and things are prioritized according to necessity.
- The water department is looking for $29M for drinking water, $190M for wastewater treatment plants and $14M for stormwater. It needs this money now because there are stressors on the system due to new housing but also due to the age of the water infrastructure.
- The wastewater treatment plan includes potentially pumping the wastewater from the Riverside wastewater treatment center to the main wastewater treatment center, which will save money in the long run.
- This bond money will also improve long term sewer siphon resiliency, given the recent flooding issues. A lot of this money will also come from FEMA
- Pump stations need infrastructure upgrades as well
- Acceptance of the bond will double the average city water bill over the course of five

years

- All cities across the country are under pressure to improve water systems because the federal government is not paying for these improvements anymore
- The city council will be in charge of how much money is going to the Water department, even after the acceptance of the bond, so the department will be held accountable to sticking to all of their cost-savings plans
- Question from Julia from Ward 2, there are no federal grants that can help pay for this?
- Answer from Megan, there are no federal grants, there is a state revolving fund that may help and come with grants or loan forgiveness, but it is very hard to know in advance how much that will be. We are on the list for some congressional delegation grants
- Question from Daniel from Ward 2, asks about the tertiary phosphorus treatment and how much we are paying for that, considering the agriculture elsewhere in Vermont?
- Answer from Megan, we are paying about $30M, the farms are actually already doing a lot, the wastewater additional phosphorus removal is needed, although it is mostly falling on the larger wastewater plants, not the smaller or medium sized plants
- Question from Trav Fryer from Ward 2, is there a more sustainable model or should we be seeking bonds every few years?
- Answer from Megan, this is going to turn the tide in the sense that it will build a more sustainable system, including having some reserves
- Follow-up from Trav - when would the bill be doubled?
- Answer from Megan, by 2030, incrementally
- Question from Ward 2 resident, hopes that we can start conserving water due to the threat of drought
- Answer from Megan, agrees, hopes that the department can help people reduce their usage
- Question from Reggie, 1. Are there opportunities to gain more revenue from extreme water users 2. What are the mechanics of the bond once issued?
- Answer from Megan, she has no idea on the second question, on the first question, there are different rate classes so there is potential for the city council to charge one rate class higher than the others, but we do want to make sure that the businesses don't leave because that decreases water revenue
- Megan is looking at ways to ensure that the water bill increase doesn't impact renters, there is a model in Seattle where the electric department and the water department collaborate to decrease total utility cost of renters

7:36 pm Gene Bergman, Redistricting Charter Change

- City charter changes have to ultimately get approval from the state legislature and the Governor, for things like gun laws and just cause eviction. Gene is arguing that there is no reason for the state legislature or the Governor to be involved whatsoever in redistricting of the city districts/wards. The charter change being proposed will allow for the city to control its own redistricting without any need to get approval from the state legislature or the governor. The city council will be voting on this charter change proposal at the City Council meeting on Monday. There are a lot of new housing units being built, which will result in redistricting needing to be done, but this should be left to the people of Burlington as these changes occur. This will make Burlington more

democratic, as it will take the power out of Montpelier and into the hands of Burlington residents.

- Question from Ward 2 Resident, what is the vote happening on Monday?
- Answer from Gene, on Monday they will merely be voting to put it on the ballot, and if approved, it will appear on the Town Meeting Day ballot.
- Question from Julia from Ward 2, wants to know when redistricting would actually happen
- Answer from Gene, it depends on who you ask. It is driven by the deviation between the most populous and the least populous Wards/Districts, so it depends on what new housing goes up and when.
- Question from Erika Faulkner from Ward 2, what sort of measures are put in place to prevent gerrymandering from happening in Burlington
- Answer from Gene, what this does is that it brings that question closer to us, but none of these congressional districts are in the charter. This charter change does make it easier on one level by preventing the state from making those decisions for the city on the city level.

7:52 pm Public Forum

- Trav Fryer, announces that at 12 North Street on Saturday from 11am - 3pm there will be a Repair Cafe. They appreciate the funding from the Ward 2 NPA when those grants were available
- Sarah Hernandez Tim, annual community academy from the BPD will be taking place each Wednesday from January 9th to February 12th. The application deadline to join is December 13th. The BPD is open to hearing from each ward to hearing about how the police officers can connect with each ward.
- Lauren Ebersol, this weekend, at the Flynn Theatre, there will be a production of Newsies by the Lyric Theatre
- Kason Hudman, this weekend on Saturday at 6pm there will be a talk by the Peace & Justice Center at Old Spokes Home about bikes and social justice movements

7:57 pm Owen Milne, Community Sailing Center

- We are seeking feedback from our community about an upcoming project. In the early years of the Community Sailing Center, you were able to store your kayak or paddle board or canoe at the Sailing Center, when it was located in the Moran Plant. When the FRAME was completed, we were no longer able to offer this service because we no longer had the property to provide this service. What we are looking to do is bring this back to our community. There is a small piece of property directly to our north where a large oil drum used to be. We are looking to bring back the service we provided before the FRAME was completed.
- Question from Lucy, Ward 2, she used to have her kayak stored at the sailing center. She would love to see it happen again. Go for it!
- Question from Ward 2 Resident, what would happen to it during the winter?

- Answer from Owen, in the winter, in the old space, we still had a lot of kayaks and canoes stored there, covered in the winter. No space in their apartment. So it would still be used as storage in the winter months.

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8:08 pm **Raffle drawing + Adjourn!**
Our next meeting is Thursday, December 12th!

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COMMUNITY DINNER & NPA

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