

Wards 4 & 7 Neighborhood Planning Assembly (NPA)

Meeting Notes

Wednesday, April 23rd, 2025 6:00PM-8:00PM

Robert Miller Community & Recreation Center



Facilitator: Sarah Diaz Note Taker: Mark Leopold Time keeper: Annie Lawson

6:00 – 6:45 **Free Community Dinner**

48 people attended in person and 1 via zoom Not everyone Signed in

Hank Prenskey	4	Kathleen Miles	7	Alex Kubala	7	Brian Williams	7
Sarah Carpenter	4	Peggy Horton	7	Martha Molpus	7	Sally Cook	7
Donna Hayes	4	Sylvia Knight	7	Sarah Diaz	7	Jonathan Chapple-Sokol	7
Dan Castrigano	4	Bob Wright	7	John Champoux	7	Barbara Campble	7
Keren Turner	4	Shireen Hart	7	Jim Witmar	7	Erin Kranichfeld	7
Carol Ode	4	Ray Ingram	7	Robert Bristow-Johnson	7	Bram Kranichfeld	7
Annie Lawson	4	Kristen Melville	7	Mary Price	7	Sol Millichamp	7
Katherine Demskie	7	Alex Melville	7	Abbey Duke	7		

6:45 – 6:50 **Steering Committee Nominations & Re-elections 5 mins**

Annie Lawson	4
JoAnn Hunt	4
Mark Leopold	4
Sarah Diaz	7
Stephen Brown	7
Jane McDonald	7

6:50 – 7:00 **Open Forum**

- Sylvia Knight spoke on the right to farm law and on PFAS contamination there were (handouts provided)
- Alex Melville Ward 7 spoke about the Route 127 bike path scoping study is going on now (handouts provided)
- Annie Lawson spoke about her role as timekeeper
- Annie Lawson spoke about a free speech resolution coming before the city council soon
- Jim ? spoke about the North Avenue Food Pantry Sunday 4/27 Food and Clothing drive spring summer not winter at the Odd Fellows Hall 10 -12 also canned and dry goods

Sarah Diaz asked for a Vote for extending the meeting by 10 minutes and the motion passed unanimously

7:00 – 7:20 **Evan Litwin - Ward 7 City Councilor** spoke and used a PowerPoint

Evan spoke about the citizen opportunities for city commissions (handouts provided)

Evan spoke the committees that councilors sit on. He encouraged people to get involved by attending meetings in person or by zoom and/or watch the meeting recordings on the YouTube channel. Evan challenged people to get involved by filling the many vacancies. **Applications may be submitted to the City Clerk – no later than May 14th.**

Evan spoke about his committee assignments, his concerns, and his personal priorities.

7:20 - 7:50 Jonathan Chappel-Sokol & Councilor Neubieser (via zoom)

Presentation of the draft product of the City Councilors Community Development and Revitalization Committee (CDNR)/NPA using a PowerPoint Slide Show

After the presentation and Q & A each ward voted on a Motion to recommend the Proposal to the City Council

- Ward 7 Motion by Steven Brown Seconded by Sara Diaz Count: 15 Yes 0 No 5 Abstain Motion Passed
- Ward 4 Motion by Susan Ogden seconded by Annie Lawson Count: 8 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain Motion Passed

7:50 – 8:10 Representatives Abbey Duke (Chittenden 17) and Carol Ode (Chittenden 18)

- Updates from the Statehouse
- Q & A

8:10 Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, May 28th. Hope to see you there