

Meeting Agenda

Ward 2 Neighborhood Planning Assembly (NPA)

June 12th, 2025 | 6:30-8:30pm | All are welcome



Join in person:

ONE Community Center, 20 Allen Street

Join remotely:

<https://zoom.us/j/93179389982>

O.N.E. Community Dinner

5:30-6:30pm | Free | Donations welcome

Moroccan Feast with Guest Chef Mouad Rhahli:

Couscous with Veggies & Caramelized Onions and Chickpeas, Bissara (fava bean soup), Salad with Lemon & Sumac dressing, and Orange Olive Oil Cake

Music: Brian Perkins

Facilitator: Marc Stannard **Notetaker:** Kason Hudman

6:30pm Introduction

6:35 pm Public Forum (2 minutes max per person)

- Kason Hudman, Ward 2 Resident, mentions that the Peace & Justice Center has started doing needle cleanups on Thursday mornings with the BTV Clean Up Crew at 7:30am. Email Kason at kason@pjcv.org or talk to him if you want to get involved!
- Ward 2 Resident, mentions that the Ward 3 steering committee unilaterally broke away from the Ward 2 meeting, and announces a special meeting next Thursday of the Ward 3 NPA to discuss changing the bylaws to ultimately reintegrate the Ward 2 and Ward 3 NPAs

6:45 pm Vote: New NPA Steering Committee member

- Nora Aronds - Introduces herself, mentions that she has lived in Burlington since 2018 and has been attending NPA meetings since 2023
- Votes in favor: 31 Votes opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
- Welcome to the Ward 2 NPA Steering Committee Nora Aronds

6:50 pm Updates from Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak

20 min

- Emma asks if people want to hear an update on community safety and housing, and gets an affirmative from the audience. Emma then mentions that the Mayor Meetups happen weekly across the city, and encourages people to come. She mentions that Shawn Burke is now the interim chief of police, and she hopes that people have already noticed a difference in how present the police are downtown. Emma then mentions that budget meetings are ongoing, and specifically highlights that the city has earmarked money for the Howard Center street outreach team, at a time when they are losing state funding. She then mentions that Burlington has received a grant for Situation Table funding, now the 5th city in Vermont with that grant funding. The Situation Table involves intervention work for folks experiencing high-risk behavior, and getting them in contact directly with service providers. Emma also mentions a new City Circle program, where municipal ordinance violations are moved to the Community Justice Center at first, rather than through the administrative court system, and if the offender does not attend the City Circle program with the CJC, the ticket moves to the criminal court system. This will hopefully give

offenders the chance for a restorative justice program, but will also provide meaningful accountability for repeat offenders. Emma then moves on to housing, mentioning that CityPlace, the old YMCA building, and the VFW building are all coming online within the next 2 years, which will add hundreds of housing units to the city.

- Question from Lucy Gluck, Ward 2 resident, asks a question about the F-35s and wants to know if there has been any movement from Sen. Sanders and Sen. Welch about changing the mission of the Air Guard. Emma responds that the Mayor's office did their work and sent a report to the city council, but it is up to the city council to form that working group to pressure the federal delegation.
- Question from Charlotte, Ward 2 Resident, wants to know about the training of police officers on Church St, given that she is a person of color who works on Church St. Emma mentions that Shawn Burke is dedicated to ensuring the BPD incorporates cultural competency and de-escalation training into their work, and Emma agrees that this is very important.
- Question from Patrick on Greene Street, wants further elaboration on moving civil offenses to criminal offenses within the City Circle system. Emma answers that Sarah George and alternative justice systems will be deeply involved, and she encourages folks to come to the next public safety meeting as the details of the City Circle system are ironed out.

7:10 pm Updates to the City's Open Space Plan

20 min *Sophie Sauvé - Parks Comprehensive Planner, Burlington Parks & Recreation*

- Sophie mentions the community engagement happening with the new open space plan, including tabling at Wintervale, the Library Book Sale, the Sea Caves, and other open spaces. She also mentions that UVM did a tree canopy assessment, and we currently have a 40% citywide canopy coverage, which is above average. Since 2014, there has been a 4% loss, centered particularly on the Cambrian Rise development and the Champlain Parkway.
- The emerging themes from the first wave of community engagement included conservation, sustainable local food systems, connectivity, and accessibility. Sophie mentions that the current City Open Space plan is dedicated to ensuring that all of these themes are highlighted, mentioning ways that the city is working to conserve the open spaces and urban forests that currently exist, working to ensure more people know about the open spaces that are available to them, etc. The upcoming steps include community engagement wave 2, creating a roadmap, creating a full draft of the Open Space plan and getting it adopted by the City Council and the Burlington Planning Commission.
- Lucy Gluck, Ward 2 Resident, wants to know about the Barge Canal - she feels strongly that it should remain open and not be made available for housing development due to the toxicity of the land. Sophie and her co-presenter answer that at the current stage, there are no solid plans to develop that area, although developers have been taking a look at the possibility.
- Ward 2 resident, wants to know about the continuing availability of the views in Burlington, including in places like the Pinnacle at Ethan Allen Park or Battery Park. Sophie answers that she recommends the questioner mention that on the Open Space Plan survey so that the planners know to consider these particular views as they move forward.

7:30 pm Overdose Prevention Center Overview & Updates

40 min *Theresa Vezina - Special Assistant on OPC Implementation, City of Burlington*

- Theresa talks about the selection of Vermonters for Criminal Justice Reform as the Overdose Prevention Center provider, including the large committee that selected the service provider and their overview of the proposal. Theresa then turns the time over to Jess Kirby from VCJR to talk about VCJR as a whole.
- Jess talks about VCJR as a low-barrier resource for folks looking for help, and mentions their longstanding experience in harm reduction. VCJR works with a lot of high risk people, and are familiar with losing folks to overdoses. Jess says that VCJR is really committed to providing a safe OPC, and feel that they have a trustworthy relationship with the population the city is aiming to service with an OPC.
- Theresa talks about the funding structure for the OPC, mentioning that it is being paid for by the Opioid Epidemic settlement funds, and the grant is being given both to the city of Burlington and to VCJR as the OPC service provider.
- Kate, Ward 2 resident, asks a question about the long-term sustainability of the OPC, asks about staffing and what would happen if VCJR stops existing or drops out of the project. Jess answers that there is a lot of interest from folks working for the OPC. Jess mentions that she isn't sure if there are any backup plans should anything happen to VCJR, but the Opioid Settlement fund lasts for 15 years, and it has a lot of support from the settlement committee. Theresa mentions that there is a lot of community support from other community partners, including places like the Howard Center, who would want to collaborate with VCJR on the OPC. Jess also mentions that the OPC will never operate on an unsafe
- Ward 3 resident who lives on Clarke St, right across from the Howard Center safe recovery program, wants to know what oversight will be done to prevent loitering or open drug dealing near the OPC, since that is often seen on Clarke St near the Howard Center Safe Recovery program. Jess mentions that VCJR has a long relationship with the population that the OPC is meaning to serve, and this relationship allows them to safely prevent some of these unsafe behaviors. Jess also mentions that the OPC will allow a safe, indoor location for a lot of these behaviors, which will prevent it from happening elsewhere. Theresa adds that this service should be beneficial to all service providers in the city, as it will take pressure off other providers.
- Constance, Ward 2 resident, wants to know if there is any idea of where the site will be located. Jess mentions that it will not be at the current VCJR Bank St location, since it is too small. Theresa mentions that they are currently in the process of doing neighborhood evaluations and site assessments, but no particular location has been put forward yet. She mentions that as soon as they have a site that seems like it might be good, they will be coming before the public with it quickly.

8:10 pm Public Safety Resource Overview & Updates

20 min *Melo Grant - Central District City Councilor*

- Melo mentions that it is likely that the OPC will be placed in the Central District, since that is where there is the most activity. She also wants to emphasize the fact that providing an indoor location for drug users will of course lead to less open drug use in other locations.

Melo then mentions the Juneteenth celebration happening in Burlington on Saturday, June 21st, and encourages everybody to attend. Melo mentions the budget meetings and the current city consolidations happening, which should make the financial meetings within the city government more streamlined and collaborative. Melo then talks about the Food Not Cops resolution and the fallout in the community, and encourages folks to talk more kindly with each other given all the fallout. She says that she doesn't think moving Food Not Cops out of the downtown garage will solve any of the problems downtown, particularly since Food Not Cops will certainly not move very far away from their current location. Melo mentions that she appreciates the openness of Shawn Burke, as well as his expertise in more contemporary methods of recruitment. She is encouraged by his use of social media, by the return of more community policing approaches to public safety. Melo details Chief Burke's recruitment strategy, including his outreach to young professionals in the area and recent graduates, his use of social media, and his other digital work. Melo is encouraged by many of the ways that it differs from previous Chief Murad's strategy.

- Question from Kevin, Ward 3 resident, wants to know if there will be more Community support liaisons and Vermont CARES folks, in addition to hiring more actual police officers. Melo mentions that they are looking for more of them as part of the broader strategy, but they are focusing on officers as they need more officers.

8:30 pm Door prize drawing + Adjourn!

Our next meeting is Thursday, September 11!

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Appendix to the Agenda

Ward 2 NPA Steering Committee

To contact the entire Ward 2 NPA Steering Committee, email ward2npa@googlegroups.com

Name	Email	Joined	Term expiration
Lauren Ebersol	lebersol27@gmail.com	2023	2027
Kason Hudson	kasonhudman@gmail.com	2024	2028
Charlie Giannoni	charliecpg@gmail.com	2024	2028
Marc Stannard	Marc.Stannard@outlook.com	2024	2028
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NPA Guiding Principles

- Operate through democratic principles and democratic procedures.
- Provide a safe and welcoming forum where residents can actively share their voices about issues that matter to them, and where they can learn from the voices of others.
- Cultivate involvement by a diverse spectrum of community members through active outreach and through eliminating barriers to participation.
- Operate in a manner that models respectful, inclusive, culturally, and economically aware practices.
- Be a fun, creative, and vital organization that provides value and benefit through the multitude of perspectives shared by those who participate.

Ward 2 NPA Ground Rules

- Meetings should have **clearly defined agenda and roles**.
- **Honor time limits:** A best effort must be made to start on time, follow the agenda, and finish on time.
- **Listen to others:** Make efforts to be an open-minded member of the group.
- **Respect the agenda and the process:** Try to remain focused on the issue at hand.
- **Share your opinion respectfully:** Speak out, but not over, others' comments.
- **Treat people how you would like to be treated:** Be respectful of everyone, including guests.

Elected officials representing Ward 2

Mayor

Mayor Emma Mulvaney-Stanak	Progressive	mayor@BurlingtonVT.gov
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City Councilors

Central District (Wards 2 & 3)	Melo Grant	Progressive	megrant@burlingtonvt.gov	802-310-0962
Ward 2	Gene Bergman	Progressive	gbergman@burlingtonvt.gov	802-598-3602

School Board Members

Central District (Wards 2 & 3)	Jean Waltz	jwaltz@bsdvt.org	802-355-7856
Ward 2	Polly Vanderputten	pvanderputten@bsdvt.org	802-578-8653

Vermont State House Representatives

Chittenden-15	Troy Headrick	Independent	theadrick@leg.state.vt.us	(802) 828-2228
Chittenden-15	Brian Cina	Progressive/Democrat	bcina@leg.state.vt.us	(802) 828-2228
Chittenden-16	Kate Logan	Progressive/Democrat	klogan@leg.state.vt.us	(802) 828-2228
Chittenden-16	Jill Krowinski	Democrat	jkrowinski@leg.state.vt.us	(802) 828-2228
Chittenden-17	Abigail Duke	Democrat	aduke@leg.state.vt.us	(802) 828-2228

Vermont State Senators

Chittenden-Central	Tanya Vyhovsky	Progressive/Democrat	tvyhovsky@leg.state.vt.us	(802) 828-2228
Chittenden-Central	Martine Gulick	Democrat	mgulick@leg.state.vt.us	(802) 828-2228
Chittenden-Central	Philip Baruth	Democrat/Progressive	pbaruth@leg.state.vt.us	(802) 503-5266

COMMUNITY DINNER & NPA

Date: 6/12

First Name	Last Name	Email (if not already on list)	WARD	Community Dinner	NPA	Add to email list?
Kaileigh	Doyle			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Heleen	Golden			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maddy	Waston			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hellie	Flanigan			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jacob	Flanigan			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
THEO	Conroy			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kate	Clark			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Joe	Urena		2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dee	Ure	(out of town)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nate	Dell/Getty		2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Milan	Limby			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bernie Jacoby	Hooper			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Casha	Gloun			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
AARON	KEECH			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rebecca	Padua		2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Kyan	Dupuis	cdupuis@gmail.com	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Waldie	North	Wolke@northworld.org	Winooski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Carole	Wernegavin	wernegavin@gmail.com	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nora	Aronis		2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nolan	Rogers	nolerogers@gmail.com	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dawn	Ellis		4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Theresa	Verme	trezineburningmvt.gov		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Melo	Grants	melegrants@gmail.com	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nikhil	Goyal			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Lily	Besaw	lilykimbesaw@gmail.com	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Janet	Upton		2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hajiya	Nuriya		2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dakiba	Abubakar		2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stacy	Bryant		2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duncan	Bryant - Cory	dwbryantcarty12@gmail.com	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Stephan	W	stephan.us@gmail.com	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lucy	Gluck		2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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John	Shelton		1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Daniel	Jordan		2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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