



Ward 8 Neighborhood Planning Assembly (NPA): Minutes

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Location: Sharon Bushor Conference Room, City Hall

Link to Watch Meeting Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/live/5V5lhwYa3dw>

Facilitator: Ryan Nick

Others in Attendance: Marek Broderick, Tom Carroll, Maddie Posig, Melo Grant, Anne Brenya, Christa, Amy Molinowski, Steven, Allie Schacter

Adopting the Agenda: The motion to adopt the agenda passed.

Public Forum:

- Christa shared concerns about safety and mobility
- Allie Schacter introduced herself as new East District city councilor
- Amy is excited about reviving the Ward 8 NPA with others
- Maddie likes how other NPAs post their agendas on FPF and have community dinner – they are more robust than ward 8 – we need to do a better job of letting people know about the NPA
- Ryan shared that the steering committee is always looking for more help, and thanked outgoing member Stella for her work
- Tom discussed the process for NPA agenda setting and how to get more input in the future
- Melo shared more about how Ward 2 NPA & community dinner operates, and shared how people can stay updated with the Mayor's office and community safety forums

City Councilor Introductions, Updates, & Feedback:

- Allie Schacter is newly elected city councilor – reach out any time. Top priorities are tackling affordability and housing. Feeling optimistic that better days are ahead.
- Marek Broderick – 2nd year of term as ward 8 councilor. Wants to improve communication with constituents.
- Council updates:
 - Plan to contract out city recycling service which is terribly understaffed; working with DPW to develop alternate public/private hauling plans and costs.
 - Update on overdose prevention center – vote on Monday council meeting to approve implementation proposal – slides are available online. Vermonters for Criminal Justice Reform will operate the site

Ward 8 NPA Budget Discussion:

- Request from Ward 5 for extra budget - \$460. Ward 8 has \$2500 left over.

- Idea to create a flyer for new residents of ward 8 following redistricting; neighbors can do doorknocking and outreach in those areas
- Money does not carry over to the new fiscal year
- In the past money has been used for an outreach mailer, materials for the meetings
- Motion to send \$460 to Ward 5 passes
- Marek recommends circulating proposals for spending the budget ahead of the May meeting due to time concerns
- Idea to print more NPA zines/posters

Community Engagement and May Meeting Preparation:

- Agreement to hold meetings over the summer and keep momentum going
- Next meeting is May 22

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.