



Ward 3 Neighborhood Planning Assembly

Wednesday, October 1, 2025, 6:30 PM

Join in person: City Hall, Sharon Bushor Conference Room, 149 Church St.

Join virtually: <https://zoom.us/j/98644635243>

Facilitator: Christopher Haessly

6:30 pm **Call to Order | 5 min**

Adopt the agenda and review meeting ground rules.

6:35 pm **City Council Updates | 20 min**

An update on the work of the City Council and its subcommittees.

- *Becca Brown-McKnight, City Councilor, Ward 6 (10 min)*
- *Questions & Answer Session (10 min)*

6:55 pm **Ward 3 Polling Place Resolution | 20 min**

A discussion and vote on a resolution related to the designation of the Ward 3 polling place.

- *Christopher Haessly, Ward 3 NPA Steering Committee*

7:15 pm **City of Burlington Comprehensive Plan | 15 min**

An introduction and overview on the City's Comprehensive Plan.

- *TBD, Office of City Planning*

7:30 pm **UVM Student and Community Relations | 20 min**

A presentation on the relationship between students and community.

- *Gail Champnois, UVM Office of Student and Community Relations*

7:50 pm **Marketplace Garage Update | 30 min**

An update on the Marketplace Garage following the relocation of the free lunch program.

- *Sherriff Dan Gamelin, Chittenden County Sherriff's Office*

8:20 pm **Public Forum | 10 min**

An opportunity to share opinions, news, and events.

8:30 pm **Adjourn**

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Appendix to the Agenda

Ward 3 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.
- Wait to be recognized: Members may not speak until recognized by the moderator.
- 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.

Public Forum Protocol

- Community members will be required to sign up for the Public Forum before the start of the meeting consistent with the process used by the City Council.
- Participants will have up to two (2) minutes to share their thoughts and will speak based upon the order in which the requests were received.
- Participants may speak only for themselves and individual speakers will not be permitted to yield their time to other speakers.
- Personal attacks will not be tolerated and the moderator reserves the right to limit comments that are disruptive and/or obscene.
- Ward 3 residents will be given priority and, if there is still time, persons who live outside the ward will be provided an opportunity to speak.

Question-and-Answer Protocol

- Please state your full name prior to asking your question.
- Each participant will have thirty (30) seconds to ask one and only one question.
- There will be no follow up questions so everyone has a chance to participate.
- Ward 3 residents will be given priority.

Discussion and Debate Rules

- Members may not speak until recognized by the moderator.
- Each member will have a maximum of two (2) minutes to speak on questions before the NPA.
- No member will be permitted to speak a second time until every member has had an opportunity to speak once.
- No member will be permitted to speak a third time until every member has had an opportunity to speak twice.

Resolution Relating to

RESOLUTION _____

DESIGNATION OF WARD 3 POLLING PLACE

Sponsor(s): _____

Date: _____

WARD 3 NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING ASSEMBLY

In the year Two-Thousand Twenty-Five.....

Resolved by the Ward 3 Neighborhood Planning Assembly, as follows:

1 That WHEREAS, the current Ward 3 polling place is the Sustainability Academy at Lawrence Barnes
2 located at 123 North Street; and

3 WHEREAS, the Sustainability Academy at Lawrence Barnes is located at the northernmost part
4 of the ward as a result of the redistricting process; and

5 WHEREAS, the Sustainability Academy at Lawrence Barnes is located approximately one mile
6 from the southernmost part of the ward; and

7 WHEREAS, the Sustainability Academy at Lawrence Barnes is a twenty-minute walk from the
8 southernmost part of the ward; and

9 WHEREAS, city residents living in the southernmost part of the ward and the King-Maple
10 neighborhood specifically would benefit from a more centralized polling place; and

11 WHEREAS, the King-Maple neighborhood is one of Vermont's largest communities of color and
12 is home to a number of New Americans; and

13 WHEREAS, transportation is a challenge for a number of city residents living in the King-Maple
14 neighborhood; and

15 WHEREAS, transportation barriers often have the effect of limiting participation in the
16 democratic process; and

17 WHEREAS, a more centralized polling place would help to reduce accessibility barriers and
18 increase voter turnout; and

19 WHEREAS, the city aims to provide an inclusive and accessible voting experience for all city
20 residents; and

21 WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Burlington, Acts of 1949, No. 298, Title II, Article 19
22 authorizes the City Council to designate polling places;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ward 3 Neighborhood Planning Assembly
24 hereby calls upon the City Council to designate Contois Auditorium in Burlington City Hall, located at
25 149 Church Street, as the Ward 3 polling place.