



Neighborhood Planning Assembly Draft Minutes

NPA:
(choose one)

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Date of Assembly : 1/25/26 Start Time: (Commence): 7:01

Location: 645 Pine Street Finish Time: (Adjourn): _____

Note taker: Lena Greenberg Please forward these official minutes to: BT

Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Jason Van Dreische, Jak Tiano, FaRied Munarsyah, Lena Greenberg, Primrose Van Wolvelear

Discussion Topics

- *These can be copied from agenda items*
- *Content of discussion not required*

Actions Taken / Decisions Made

- *Immediately following Agenda Item*
- *Generally includes: electing a new steering committee member, voting as a body to send a formal communication to the City, decisions to spend money.*

Agenda Items and Actions:

Please Remember to Enter Adjournment Time!

- Public forum
 - Big John has been wrongfully charged with a crime, needs community support
 - Interest in later discussion about AFC item
 - Questions about tree removal in Calahan Park
 - Emphasis on the need to stand together amid ongoing federal terror
 - Update from Councilor Melo Grant, chair of public safety committee, on success of community court
- Presentation and discussion of Town Meeting Day ballot items
 - Kelli Perkins, REIB director, Christian Berry, Katie Greene, REIB staff
 - REIB charter change
 - Proposal is to add REIB to the city charter, which will make the charter a permanent part of city government
 - DEI are practical tools to understand about how our systems work, how services, policies and workplaces are designed and who they reach, and how effective they are for the people who rely on them
 - DEI includes design and service choices to make sure that services are equitably accessible and supportive for people with different needs
 - REIB's work helps the city appropriately meet community needs, build resilience, and bring diverse perspective into City decision-making
 - Trusted Community Voices team - represents 7 key communities in Burlington

- Parks has not heard concerns in the meetings and settings where they are equipped to absorb feedback
- This is an accessible path to the amenities
- Looking to resolve existing stormwater challenges
- Honey Locust trees will not be removed as a part of this plan - made a choice to invest in the Honey Locusts rather than the single Black Locust which will live less long
- “Every tree in the city is in conflict with infrastructure”
- Robust discussion about tree concerns, bike path speed concerns
- Phil Lewis - brand new parks director, reach out to him - plewis@burlingtonvt.gov
- Vote on Apartheid-Free Community NPA resolution
 - Yes: This NPA asks the City Council to put this resolution on the ballot
 - No: This NPA does not ask the City Council to put this resolution on the ballot
 - Discussion followed by a vote; all present who live in Ward 5 are invited to vote https://docs.google.com/document/d/1a_h3OECeeRvd4T3tkTEZBcxN2iRvrwvPI54ThmULpC8/edit?tab=t.0
 - Record of vote
 - Yes
 - 23
 - No
 - 4
 - Abstain
 - 5
 - The resolution passes