

## Ward 6 NPA Meeting Agenda

Thursday, February 5, 2026

Location: Department of Public Works, 645 Pine Street

Or on zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/81027856568>

6:00 Community Dinner – join us for great (free!) food and a chance to connect with your neighbors

6:30 Call to Order,

- Introductions
- Announcements
- Nomination of Hannah Riley to the Steering Committee and vote
- Call for additional Steering Committee members

6:45: Shall the Ward 6 NPA express its support for the sentiments expressed in the Open Letter to City Council that was presented to us at our December 4, 2025 meeting? (Text of Letter is below the agenda.).

Brief comments, consideration of any proposed amendments, and a vote.

7:15 School Budget Presentation and Candidate introduction: Clare Wool (candidate for re-election) and Jeff Wick

7:30 City Ballot items

- Public Safety Tax Increase: Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak and CAO Katherine Schad
- Proposed Racial Equity Inclusion and Belonging Charter Change: REIB Director Kelli Perkins and REIB Communications and Community Engagement Manager Christian Berry

8:15 Adjourn

### **Open Letter to City Council (referenced above)**

Dear Burlington City Council & Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak,

Democrats on the City Council blocked the AFC pledge advisory question from going to voters two years in a row, despite thousands of Burlington residents signing petitions to put the pledge on the ballot. In April 2025, the Council unanimously approved a resolution for protecting free speech on Palestine, and it is time to rectify the fact that our free speech rights have been repeatedly denied. There should be a democratic vote on adopting the pledge.

#### **THE APARTHEID-FREE COMMUNITY PLEDGE:**

WE AFFIRM our commitment to freedom, justice, and equality for the Palestinian people and all people;  
and

WE OPPOSE all forms of racism, bigotry, discrimination, and oppression; and

WE DECLARE ourselves an Apartheid-free community and to that end,

WE PLEDGE to join others in working to end all support to Israel's Apartheid regime, settler colonialism, and military occupation.

We, the undersigned, **SUPPORT** the Apartheid-Free Community (AFC) pledge, and **DEMAND** that the Burlington City Council place the AFC advisory referendum question on the town meeting day 2026 ballot.

[end of open letter]

### **What is the NPA?**

Neighborhood Planning Assemblies (NPAs) are grassroots, neighborhood organizations that were established in each of Burlington's wards to encourage resident participation in City government. Working as neighborhood advocacy groups, Neighborhood Planning Assemblies help improve communication between the residents of Burlington and City government through regular meetings scheduled in each Ward. For more information, click [here](#).

### **What is involved in being on the Ward 6 NPA Steering Committee?**

The Steering Committee is responsible for managing the affairs of the NPA, which includes organizing, publicizing, and overseeing regular and special NPA meetings; sharing information about the NPA with neighbors and the wider community; monitoring community developments and City policy to identify issues relevant to the neighborhood and inviting speakers to present at the NPA; and overseeing the NPA's budget from the City. We typically meet once each month to plan the following month's meeting, and then have various tasks to follow up on (such as contacting speakers, arranging for food, etc.).