

Meeting Agenda

Ward 2 Neighborhood Planning Assembly (NPA)

June 11, 2026 | 6:30-8:00pm | 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

Dosa Masala Meal with Guest Chef Latha Mangipudi & special thank to Aromas of India: Mysore Masala Dosa,

Vegetable Rice Pilau, Dhal, Kosambri Salad, Coconut

Green Chili Chutney, Raita, Honey Cake

Music: Harold Kaplan

Facilitator: Grace Sherwood

Notetaker: Kason Hudman

6:30 pm Introduction

5 min Motion to adopt the agenda by Grace. Motion adopted. Top things happening in Burlington from Grace:

1. Frozen drinks are back at Taco Gordo
2. Rental vacancy rate is approaching a healthy rate
3. Depot Street is fully paved

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

- 10 min
- Andrea Todd, Ward 2 resident, puts out a plea to ask people to help to ensure that the NPA agenda is posted earlier than it currently is. She asks if people want to help the Steering Committee. Andrea also mentions that some work on City Market is still happening, and reminds everybody about the City Market board elections coming up in the summer and fall.
 - Nikhail Goyal, Democratic primary in the Chittenden Central for VT State Senate candidate, gives a campaign speech letting people know that he is running to stop Trump's authoritarianism and fix the cost-of-living crisis. He says that he will fight for universal publicly funded primary care, a state land bank with permanently affordable housing, fight to ban corporate spending in state and local elections, abolish and prosecute ICE, and he will fight big tech and will be enemy number one to big tech.
 - Jeffrey Peterson, candidate for VT State House in Chittenden-16, lets everybody know that he is currently the only candidate running for Chittenden-16, and there should be two people running. He asks someone in the room to run if they have the capacity and meet with him afterwards to talk about the prospect.
 - Melo Grant, Central District City Councilor, wanted to thank everybody for participating in the clean up & clean out event in the ONE, and she encourages everybody go watch the video on Instagram from Laura Sancehz-Parkinson about the greenbelt and why people leave stuff on the greenbelt. Melo also encourages everybody in Ward 2 to go vote, and it is important that our central district votes.
 - Question from Ward 2 resident, wants to know what the percentage of people who vote in Ward 2 and Ward 3. Wendy Coe, Ward 2 resident, mentions that there are about 5,000 people per Ward, and Ward 2 usually only gets about 1000 votes. Charlie, Ward 2 Steering Committee Member, plugs people joining the Ward 3 or Ward 8 election commission

6:45 pm Mayor Mulvaney Stanak

20 min Q/A with the Mayor!

7:05 pm ONE/BTV Black History!

30 min *Megan Humphrey*

- In the 1790s, a Black community was established in Hinesburg. In 1810, there were 45 Black people listed on the Burlington census. In the 1860s, there was a Black man named Tony Anthony who was a cook in restaurants and steam boats. He lived in 78 Elmwood Avenue, and his sister Eliza lived at 86 Elmwood Avenue. Abial Anthony, Tony's son, lived at 195 Elmwood Avenue and had three children. Abial lived until he was 99 years old. Abial was a barber with his business partner Williams. P.T. Barnum and Grover Cleveland both got their hair cut by Abial. George Williams, lived at 205 Elmwood Avenue for about 45 years. He was the head of the Black Good Templars, which was a group opposed to the consumption of alcohol. George William's son, George Williams Jr, was the first Black graduate of UVM Medical School. They had other family members on Elmwood Avenue as well.
- Archibald Street. The store at 68 Archibald Street, had only two owners for over 100 years, the Rome Family and then John & Mildred McLaurin. John bought the store in the 1970s, and John ran the store J&Ms until he passed away in 2010. After John passed away, his daughter Judy took over the business and she still runs it to this day. The house at 86-90 Archibald Street was inhabited by a Burlington resident named Frank Pates who was a Buffalo Soldier in the United States Military. Frank's wife Clela bought the house in the 1920s, and eventually Frank was also listed on the mortgage. They were listed on the Green Book every year until its final publication. A Black baseball team called the Burlington Colored All-Stars played at Roosevelt Park, and stayed at Frank & Clela's home. There is a Pates Hotel Historic Marker in front of 86-90 Archibald Street. 142 Archibald Street was a Black missionary church in the 1960s. Helen & Arthur Hines ran the church until the 1960s, when the church went bankrupt, but Helen & Arthur Hines stayed at the property until Helen's death in 2013.
- Janet, Ward 2 resident, mentions that Elise Guyette, involved with these history projects, really made history come alive for her.
- Question from Ward 2 resident, wants to know if Megan is doing any collaboration with Preservation Burlington. Megan talks about her own house, and mentions that Preservation Burlington helped her learn a lot about the history of her house, and that she is only the third owner of the house since the last owner lived in the house for 100 years.
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7:35 pm State Representatives and Senators- Session Wrap Up

20 min *Representative Abbey Duke*

Representative Brian Cina

- Abbey Duke & Brian Cina detail exactly where their district boundaries are, demonstrating that they both represent a small sliver of Ward 2. Abbey mentions that most of the time is spent in committee.
- Question from Ward 2 resident, since Brian Cina was on the ethics committee, wants to know more about the ethics panels and committees and how they interact with each other. Brian details how the House internal ethics investigations work, and mentions that, according to the Vermont constitution, legislators are responsible for holding themselves accountable. Abbey Duke mentions the State Ethics Commission, which is given the responsibility to uphold financial ethics.

- Ward 2 resident, notes the recent wave of legislator retirements and wants to know more about the financial accommodation given to legislators. Abbey Duke answers, there is significant turnover, and legislators are expected to work full-time for 4 to 5 months on a part-time salary, so it does limit who is able to serve. Brian mentions that in states where it is a full-time job with a full-time salary, that doesn't necessarily limit corruption, since people cling to their position and increase their own pay at a higher rate.
- Brian mentions two different Health Care bills, S.190 and S.197, two bills that he believes Governor Phil Scott has signalled he will veto. One of them accelerates the process of the Green Mountain Care Board regulating health care pricing, and the other is about universal primary care. Brian also mentions that the Governor did sign a bill barring neurological interference without a patient's consent, which Brian celebrates. Brian then goes on to say that the Governor did veto a bill regulating AI Data Centers.
- Trav Fryer, Ward 2 resident, asks if that bill was nuanced or if it was a brought ban on AI Data Centers. Brian answers that Phill Scott did think that the current regulations in Vermont, particularly Act 250, already protect Vermont from extremely onerous Data Centers. Brian thinks that the Data Center bill would have been a more comprehensive regulation on Data Centers and their problems specifically, so he is disappointed that Governor Phil Scott vetoed the bill.
- Tanya Vyhovsky joins the meeting digitally and mentions some of the bills she has worked on, including a universal sanctuary schools policy statewide, updating mandatory reporting rules, and the education reform bill. Tanya also mentions that AI regulation touched on the elections integrity committee, since they passed a bill requiring AI use disclosure for campaign materials.
- Melissa Humphrey, Ward 2 resident, thanks the legislators for their time.
- Abbey Duke mentions three bills that she worked on in her committee, one regulates ticket resellers to ensure people know they are buying tickets from the official site, one gets rid of non-compete agreements for healthcare workers, and one makes it easier for large scale renewable energy projects to get loans.
- Grace Sherwood, asks if biofuels and wood-burning is considered renewable, since they are still spewing carbon into the atmosphere. Tanya and Brian answer and mention that the McNeil Plant is controversial but one solution could be ratcheting down the amount of renewable credits wood-burning receives over time to encourage the state to adopt more renewable forms of energy.

8:00pm Door prize drawing + Adjourn!

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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

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Nora Aronds	noraaronds@yahoo.com	2025	2029
Grace Sherwood	Gsherwood703@gmail.com	2025	2029

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

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Chittenden-17	Abigail Duke	Democrat	aduke@leg.state.vt.us	(802) 828-2228

Vermont State Senators

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