



Neighborhood Planning Assembly Minutes

NPA:

Ward 5

Date of Assembly : 6/18/26 Start Time: *(Commence)*: 7:00

Location: 645 Pine Street Finish Time: *(Adjourn)*: 8:07

Note taker: Laura O'Malley Forward official minutes to: Barbara Turnbull

Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

FaRied Munarsyah, Laura O'Malley, Gary Myers
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Discussion Topics	Actions Taken / Decisions Made
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- Intro, Public Forum
- DPW Presentation on BTV2050

- Anya Sansom is voted part of the SC

Agenda Items and Actions:

- Commence: 7:00pm
 - Steering committee introduces themselves
 - We open the room up to self nominations, Nate describes the SC commitments
 - Gary nominates Anya Sansom (she/her)
- Public forum
 - Pardu Namburu
 - He developed a system that generates thorough lists on candidates, bills, etc., providing further info to citizens regarding policies
 - He is speaking with the Mayor and Chief of Staff on possibly implementing this system
 - Email: pardhunamburu@gmail.com
 - FaRied
 - He needs 2000 more signatures by primary August 11th to campaign for direct democracy
 - proposition0.org
 - Katie (traffic lights)
 - She says that the new light @ corner of Maple and Pine is causing upsetting traffic patterns for locals
 - Nate responds by speaking to Rob Goulding's presentation from the last meeting and offers contact info for her
 - Richard speaks to Katie's same complaint
 - Steve also adds that the lights were added after rigorous studies by DPW and to revisit, also adds Champlain parkway could cause issues
 - Barbara notes that the Public works commission is at 6:30 the third wednesday of every month
 - Bram adds that the pedestrians requested lights for safety, but acknowledges how it's reviewed as not as safe

- Barbara
 - Voting announcement: ballots will be sent starting June 29 if you would like to request a ballot
 - All NPAs are hosting joint candidate community forum July 29th in the City Hall auditorium
- Bram Kleppner
 - He represents Ward 5 and 6, asking for feedback from community
 - 2 Brams running for office–this Bram is running for re-election for Ward 5 and 6
- 7:27 - DPW Presentation on BTV2050
 - Sophie Sauve and Katie presents
 - Open House from April 30th review
 - The BTV2050 plan was showcased and they surveyed citizens
 - Charlie says a video of this can be found online
 - 70% or more sign-ins were Burlington residents–30% were from the South End
 - Findings showed a significant portion of residents are being priced out
 - She adds disclaimer that minorities likely weren't accurately represented
 - Current plans:
 - planBTV (2011), transportation plan (2011), economic development plan (), parks, rec and waterfront (2019)
 - The city is slated to develop 7,000 new units by 2050. The municipal plan needs changed in order to do this and is also revised every 7 years, there is an extension currently from March 2027 to ... (doesn't say new target)
 - Collected feedback on city values and improvements, for example: access to green space, accessibility of all ages, water quality, year-round programming, gardening and food security within the city, preservation of parkland in light of plans for new development
 - Surveys
 - <https://burlingtonsurvey.org> open until June 30th
 - Encourages the Ward to engage in the survey online or via tabling events this summer
 - On June 27th there is a collaborative engagement even at the old north end community center (ONE CC) with Trusted Community Voices (TCVs)
 - Scenario Planning
 - Housing strategies:
 - Concentrate the units downtown
 - Main corridors (for ex, North Ave)
 - Or dispersal
 - Scenario planning is a tool to explore uncertainties and evaluate options, still figuring out what the city needs based on ripple effects
 - September there will be a city wide engagement effort to ask for feedback from citizens
 - Q's
 - Richard asks what mobility refers to and Sophie responds that it covers transportation (biking, driving, bussing), working with GMT

- Dominique asks about the new units geared towards only studios/one bedrooms, Sophie responds that the housing plans related to BPRW are likely more diverse
 - Nate adds that a public hearing will happen for feedback
 - Bram adds that the new single bedrooms will address a need the city hasn't met
 - Another Q from D: New walking path in Callahan status? Sophie says that the revised drawings will be submitted again in the fall with further preserved trees than in the original plan
 - Nate says the parks plans are on their website
- Matt
 - Matt asks about initiative to create more housing
 - Katie emphasizes the housing targets are mandated by the state
 - Bram points out that Chittenden is the only county that's experienced population growth
- Adjourn: 8:07pm