

Neighborhood Planning Assembly Attendees



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Date of Assembly : 12-20-18 Location: 207 Flynn Ct

Please return to your convener, Phet Keomanyanh
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- 1 ANDY SIMON
- 2 Donna Walters
- 3 Monique Fordham
- 4 Joe Derj
- 5 Sandy Shout
- 6 Kirsten Kouwenhoven
- 7 Susi Taylor
- 8 Edward Burke
- 9 ROBERT CRAWFORD
- 10 Michael Rogers
- 11 Ronald Union
- 12 Paul S. Webb
- 13 Gordon Dragoon
- 14 Ashley Dembinski
- 15 Carolyn L. Baker
- 16 Gaudi Wight
- 17 Harris Reen
- 18 Tom Roland
- 19 Molly Roland
- 20 Mica McDonald

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- 21 LARRY WATTS
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Ward 5 NPA meeting minutes

2017 Flynn Ave. City Market

Moderator: Joanna Grossman

Meeting convened at 6:30pm

Meeting video: <https://www.cctv.org/watch-tv/programs/burlington-ward-5-npa-meeting-39>

Open Forum

Bill Keogh - asks Cindi Wights (BTV Parks/Rec) to comment on City Hall Park

Cindi Wight - If we vote to restart in March, the process goes all the way back to community mtgs. Existing plan reflects a balance of city and community interests. At present, expect plans to go out to bid in January.

Andy Simon - Please check out voting registration / address change info at side table. Plan to have these materials also at future meetings.

Donna Walters - reads letter from Maggie Stanley. When a park in front of Great Harvest bakery was redone, same designers as City Hall Park (Wagner-Hodgson). The changes negatively impacted childcare programming.

Cindi Wight - reminder to get Highlight bracelet for New Year / BCA.

(Comm member) - ice skating rink in 5 sisters/Callahan needs help with maintenance

Keep The Park Green (KTPG)

Donna Walters - reads resolution as proposed (add March ballot question re: stopping City Hall Park project)

21 more trees to be cut of the current 51, paved area increased to 1/3

KTPG hired independent arborist, says 4 trees are in poor health.

KTPG Q&A

Andy Simon - tonight's resolution is adding CHP item to ballot, and not a vote directly for/against the plan

Ron Lundwind (South Champlain) - Widening sidewalks forces removal of trees, to better accommodate disabled. Were there complaints?

Cindi Wight - not aware of specific complaints, but we need to make things accessible and not wait for complaints. Increase in some paths in either direction will remove some healthy trees.

Donna Walters - KTPG checked with New England ADA Center that existing widths are sufficient

Joan Shannon - According to the city's arborist, 7 trees will be removed because of poor health, not 4. A friend of mine who uses a wheelchair strongly favors park redesign. ADA feature is new curve of path to reduce slope. Really paths are being widened to accommodate where pedestrians have trampled the grass.

Donna Walters - 3 paths are accessible, maybe we only need 1

Monique Fordham - among the trees that are being kept, these are being treated for girdling.

Cindi Wight - there is an increase in paved area, however 3500sf permeable pavers will be used in these areas. 3 bio retn areas added. Overall 30% reduction in 1-year stormwater peak flow.

Donna Walters - existing paths could be replaced with these permeable pavers to achieve that benefit.

(Community member) - who wrote up the 'Facts about City Hall Park' handout

Joan Shannon - I distributed this handout and hoped there would be a chance to discuss it

Moderator - We have run out of time and need to vote. The proposed resolution is printed on one of the handouts. Calls for a vote by show of hands. 22 yea, 7 nay, Resolution passes.

PlanBTV update (<https://planbtv-burlingtonvt.opendata.arcgis.com/>)

Introduction by **Harris Roen** (Scarff Ave, Planning Commission) - PlanBTV is the overall comprehensive plan for Burlington

Meagan Tuttle - PlanBTV covers next 10-20 years. We are reframing for new opportunities/challenges brought forward by residents.

Distinctive city - protect Lake Champlain and tributary waters, mixed-use infill in dense areas, expand public art, strengthen economy

Dynamic city - policies consistent with role as a regional growth center, respond to evolving needs

Inclusive city - Housing and economic opportunity. Infrastructure elements, Childcare, transport, ADA. Safe and welcoming to all. Opportunity for participation from all backgrounds, including language learners.

Connected city - built structure relationship to natural environment, moving around, utility and internet access.

Land use - Conserve natural areas, sustain residential neighborhoods, grow regional center (Downtown) and Enterprise regions (Pine St). This planBTV update, the Ward5 South End master plan (from Planning Commission) is more explicitly included.

In January and February there are workshop events. Expect to finish update by end of March.

PlanBTV Q&A

Carolyn Bates - does plan have housing in enterprise zone?

Meagan Tuttle - removed in 2nd draft

Joan Shannon - CC passed resolution, no housing in the Enterprise zone.

Harris Roen - second draft does not include housing in the enterprise zone.

Meagan Tuttle - plan recognizes need for housing in the South End

(Comm member) - plan is large/overwhelming

Meagan Tuttle - yes, it is meant to be very comprehensive, but this is the reason for having workshops, to break down into smaller pieces to better understand it

(Comm member) - how is the plan used, is this translated to policy?

Meagan Tuttle - PlanBTV is most directly used to inform zoning ordinance. Helps prioritize public investment, new programs in CEDO. Also used to apply for state grant funding.

City Council Update - Joan Shannon , Chip Mason

Joan Shannon - lot going on in charter changes.

Joan/Chip: Moran - new plan proposed by Mayor. Partial deconstruction, stripped building, add back limited roof/shelter, ice rink.

Memorial Auditorium - 4 plans, how are they funded. Public \$15m? 4th plan is a public-private partnership, TIP funds for entire block.

Downtown Improvement District (charter change) - expand church street marketplace. Bring more feepayers into marketplace (beyond current 43) to support amenities. Federal grants are drying up, looking to sustain the district.

Bill Koegh - suggest 7 or 9 members for DID board rather than 13. Moran plan still a work-in-progress, are we going forward to use funds that need to be spent in 2019?

Chip Mason - yes, trying to move ahead quickly

Carolyn Bates - suggested example of partly deconstructed buildings in other places

Joan Shannon - CEDO and New Moran groups working on this separately arrived at this idea

Carolyn Bates - did you get any update from Sinex (City Place dev)

Chip Mason - no update recently

(Comm member) - what is the cost of removing Moran to grass

Joan/Chip - cost is between 3 and 10 million, highest if we remove entire slab and dispose of soil

Joanna Grossman - remediating soil was also a big expense for City Market South End construction

(Comm member) - how far will DID expand?

Chip Mason - the Downtown Improvement District would be expanded according to map:

<https://www.boarddocs.com/vt/burlingtonvt/Board.nsf/Public>

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/jlf1ve8lnat48pk/AACoAEan3PayV5jtx4YeVuzka?dl=0>

Joan Shannon - Residential properties and nonprofits are excluded from the fees.

Chip Mason - Champlain parkway compensation hearing for taking temporary easements. Chapin said now may begin construction late in 2019.

Currently proposing changes for permit reform. Try to combine parts of DPW, Code Enforcement, Planning and Zoning in one location on Pine St. A first step toward improving the process.

Andy Simon - In discussion of Moran and Memorial, is there a plan to bring the winter farmer's market to one of these

Chip Mason - with present open plan for Moran, could be less useful as a gathering place during colder months, so not going to move the farmer's market there.

Joan Shannon - some plans for Memorial include the winter farmer's market.

Edward Burke - will you vote to put CHP question on the ballot?

Joan Shannon - No, do not think we should stop this 7 year process, with 500k+ expended. It's easy to vote down any design. The plan isn't exactly what I would want, but we went through a process and tried to establish priorities. It is hard to design by committee, but impossible to design by public referendum. Monique (Fordham) and Donna (Walters) participated in a process through which 4 trees were added back. In the end there will be 48 trees compared with 51 today. Replacement trees up to 10 years old, 3.5-5 inch diameter, 18-20ft tall. Larger trees would not adapt as well.

Andy Simon - could you directly answer Edward's question

Joan Shannon - I cannot justify putting this question on the ballot.

Chip Mason - Unfortunately this is not a debate format, there were multiple things said earlier that I would have liked to respond to. I made a decision on June 25 to move the plan forward. Will not be voting for another month and am willing to listen, but would not vote today to add the ballot item. We have invested capital and time. I will not vote to add this because we have started the process and should carry it forward.

Moderator - Thank everyone for coming, this is democracy at work. Please think about what you want out of your NPA, what is the future of this. We will discuss this at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Minutes by Joe Dery



Draft Agenda

Ward 5 NPA December 20, 2018 City Market Community Room 207 Flynn Ave

6:30pm-8:30pm

Draft Agenda:

6:30 Open Forum

6:40 Resolution on City Hall Park ballot item (Donna Walters, Monique Fordham, Keep the Park Green)

7:00 Plan BTV update (Megan Tuttle, City of Burlington Planning & Zoning)

7:20 City Council actions and topics (Joan Shannon and Chip Mason, City Councilors)

7:40 Your NPA: visions/ideas for 2019 and beyond (Joanna Grossman, Mohamed Jafar, Ward 5 Steering Committee)

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For more information about Wards 5 NPA visit their CEDO webpage

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/Neighborhood-Services/NPAs/Ward-5-NPA>



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