

AGENDA / MINUTES

Wards 1 & 8 NPA Steering Committee

Wednesday, December 15, 2021 5:15 pm

Join Zoom Meeting (Host: Jonathan)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2437840866?pwd=eWdQRGNnZzhVK29ib1lnWHdRM25DUT09>

Meeting ID: 243 784 0866 Passcode: 18

Facilitator: Jonathan Chapple-Sokol

Recorder: Carol Livingston

Attendees: Tom Derenthal, Hannah King, Keith Pillsbury

1. Reflect on 12/8/21 NPA meeting

Location - (December), January, February, March and into spring are reserved at the Bushor Room in City Hall.

Participation? - Facebook, Ads, What's App, FPF - after meetings, post youtube access, New American website (Melissa Cain), Wards 2 & 3 Friends group (Jonathan), Old East End (Carol)

2 issues: getting more attendees and facilitating participation once they're at the meeting.

2. Plan Agenda for 1/12/2022 meeting

AGENDA:

Roles: Host - Hannah Co-host - Jonathan Recorder - Tom

Introductions - 5 minutes

Speakout - 15 minutes (Hannah remind attendees about sharing audio space & meeting guidelines)

City Councilors report and questions - 15 and 10 minutes

School Board Commissioners report and questions - 5 & 5 minutes

Options for remaining agenda:

(requested) Brian Cina - ISGOOD project

(requested) Skyler Nash - City's Strategic Plan for Racial Equity

Redistricting committee update - Anne & Richard

UVM SGA president - Keith contact about presenting in February?

UVM update - Gail Champnois

Burlington Police Commission / Interim Police Chief Jon Murad

Dave ? from Affordable Housing Coalition

Neighborhood Project Update - Gillian Nanton

Tasks for 1/12/22 meeting:

Setting agenda - Carol & Jonathan

Confirmation emails/agenda to presenters & CEDO & CCTV - Carol & Jonathan

FPF postings: One East; Centennial - Jonathan Downtown; Hill - Hannah

Future agenda - February

Other options:

Kesha Ram Hinsdale - Climate Action & other items

UVM update - housing

Additional items:

All-wards meeting scheduled? agenda?

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*It went really well - hard to keep legislators within time. But active discussion. Not many attendees. Suggestion: hand out "Hello, neighbor" cards - or put in doorways as lit drop - inviting people to the meeting. Notes were excellent - Keith sent to neighbors to encourage attendance. Importance of asking councilors about what residents need from councilors. Concern about technology & acoustics in Sharon Bushor room. Both Hannah & Jonathan listened to recordings of meetings in the Sharon Bushor room. **We need to flag this problem with CEDO.** Tom has not had difficulty using the recordings to create minutes.*

*Location - (December), January, February, March and into spring are reserved at the Bushor Room in City Hall. Should we consider using the library? Elevator is out 12/20 - not sure when available. We can check in with library people about the elevator - **Tom will do.***

*Consider creating lit drop cards - Hannah will do Ward 8. Text = general invitation, QR code link to wards 1 & 8 CEDO link to the meeting. Ready for distribution in January, may not happen before January meeting, but general information. Tom & Carol would lit drop in Ward 1. **Tom and Hannah will work on the task of creating and printing the lit drop cards.***

Keith interested in more signs to post - Carol will get to him

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*City Councilors - 15 and 10 minutes **focus on Q/A (Carol email CC)***

*School Board Commissioners - 5 & 5 minutes **focus on Q/A (Carol email SBC)***

CDBG rep from Ward 8 - Hannah & Keith are reaching out to folks, looking for rep - 5 minutes

Remaining agenda:

Brian Cina - ISGOOD project (15 & 5 minutes)

Skyler Nash - City's Strategic Plan for Racial Equity (20 & 5 minutes)

Redistricting committee update - Anne & Richard (10 & 5 minutes)

February or March meetings :

UVM SGA president - **Keith contact about presenting in February - depending on housing panel**

Housing discussion - panel ? Garimella, Tom Chittenden, Sarah Carpenter, David Martin -

Focus on our district housing issues - zoning, development, areas of agreement for housing creation (UVM & city); what is priority for housing in our district - undergraduates, graduates, young families.

Reducing cost of room & board for students living on campus.

Which is focus: an update from UVM and City or district residents giving their input?

Panel: UVM, CEDO, housing advocate: Saresh Garimella, Brian Pine, David Martin (Director of Affordable Housing Coalition & interns), Jessica Hyman - Fair Housing

Work on meeting with housing panel: Keith Pillsbury, Tom Derenthal

Also have a meeting with Neighborhood Project - update from Gillian Nanton - lobby our city councilors to put energy into this issue. **Jonathan will talk with Gillian in the future.**

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Future meetings:

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Burlington Police Commission / Interim Police Chief Jon Murad

Neighborhood Project Update - Gillian Nanton - Jonathan will check in

Periodic legislative updates from 1-2 legislators

ACTION ITEMS FOR STEERING MEMBERS:

Tom: contact CEDO about efficacy of Sharon Bushor room technology; check with library about meeting there;

Tom & Hannah: design and print lit drop cards to disseminate in January, February

Tom & Keith: work on housing panel for February / March

Keith: confirm with SGA possibility of presentation in February or March

Carol : get meeting signs to Keith

Jonathan: contact Gillian Nanton about Neighborhood Project update possibility