

12/2017

From the All NPAs Sponsored Memorial Auditorium Forum attendees adopted two resolutions.

Resolution 1 — Resolution of the All NPAs group which put on the Forum:

**We move to empower and honor an NPA-led public process to determine and ensure that the future uses of Memorial Auditorium reflect citizen priorities.**

Resolution 2 — Resolution proposed by the Save Memorial Auditorium Group

**We move to advise the Mayor and City Council of Burlington, Vermont to maintain Memorial Auditorium in perpetuity as a publicly-owned, community commons**12/2017



Wards 2/3 NPA  
DPW Conference Room, 645 Pine Street  
December 14, 2017 from 6:30-8:30 pm  
St. Joseph's School Community Center, 20 Allen St

6:30 pm – **Welcome and Introduction**

6:40 pm – **Presentation:** Memorial Auditorium Resolutions  
Chris Trombly, Jim Holway

7:00 pm – **Presentation:** Expansion of Restorative Justice  
Eliza van Lennep, Laura Stiller

----- **Intermission + Raffle:** Chubby Muffin/Skinny Pancake -----

7:50 pm – **Report:** City Councilors  
Jane Knodell, Central District (Wards 2 and 3)

Sarah Moore, Ward 3  
Max Tracey, Ward 2

8:15 pm – **Report:** State Representatives  
Jill Krowinski and Curt McCormack  
Chittenden-6-3 Representatives

8:30 pm – Adjourn

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## Neighborhood Planning Assembly Attendees

| NPA<br>(choose one) | Wards<br>1 & 8 | Wards<br>2 & 3 | Wards<br>4 & 7 | Ward<br>5 | Ward<br>6 |
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Date of Assembly : 12-14-17 Location: ONE Community

Please return to your convenor, Phet Keomanyvanh  
or email to [cedofd@burlingtonvt.gov](mailto:cedofd@burlingtonvt.gov)

- 1 Mollie Flanigan
- 2 Alissa Faber
- 3 Janet Carroll
- 4 Rowan Cignoni
- 5 Alex Weinrich
- 6 YBner Miller
- 7 Anna Stevens
- 8 Ben Lloyd
- 9 Pete Sullivan
- 10 Sherry Overby
- 11 Janet Kelly
- 12 Kit Andrews
- 13 Rosemary Ringer
- 14 Carl Wason
- 15 Max Tracy
- 16 S. Marshall
- 17 Ben Ladosky
- 18 Shann Parker
- 19 CARYN FEINBERG
- 20 Sephirah Feinberg

- 21 Brian Pine
- 22 Terry Bourcius
- 23 Catherine Lamb
- 24 Des Flandus
- 25 Jim Foley
- 26 Jill Krownsdale
- 27 Tony Robinson
- 28 Don Mac Donald
- 29 JACK DAGGITT
- 30 Barbara Wymoth
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Wards 2/3 NPA  
20 Allen Street  
December 14, 2017 from 6:30-8:30 pm

**St. Joseph's School Community Center, 20 Allen St**

Steering Committee member present: Amanda Hannaford-Ward 3, Tony Redington-Ward 2, Vikas Mangipudi-Ward 2

Start: 6:42pm

**Welcome-Open Forum**

Corina Driscoll running for Mayor of Burlington as an Independent. Served Wards 2.3 on School Board member, City Councilor and as a State Legislator. Believe in a process where neighbors can come to have real participation, more people at the table and NPAs are properly funded.

Steven Marshall-Ordinance of human waste in public area is criminalizing homeless population if there are no public bathroom accessibility. The Ordinance needs to have a waiver that homeless population cannot be penalized if there is no accessible bathrooms available nearby. Also, proposed to the public safety council that we need to have community forums of people from different economic background to come together to discuss their values to improve communication and understanding.

Brian Pine running for City Council. Lived in Old North End since late 80's. Was the Director for Housing for the City for 18yrs. Also was Coordinator for the Old North End Enterprise Community that looked at comprehensive strategy to build economic, social and physical assets for the neighborhood. Focused on supporting young people to have opportunities. Currently work for VT Energy Investment Corp. (VEIC) which supports low income families and energy efficiency efforts.

Anna Stevens-Outreach Director of VT for Criminal Justice Reform. Vote on VT Fair and Impartial Policy was passed. There was a lot of negotiation with stakeholders before it passed. There was still some concern with stakeholders of accountability and protection from the policy that was removed. For more info contact Anna at [Annajcjr.org](mailto:Annajcjr.org)

Kit Andrews, today on a nation level lost ability of ZERO Net Neutrality. On a local level the loss of Burlington Telecom (BT) to the people and sold to a profit corporate company is a major loss to the community as a public good. Writing up a summary to the Council for 2018 of what went wrong with leadership.

**Jim Holloway, Ward 4 NPA Steering Committee-Memorial Auditorium Summary**

A couple of months ago a few groups organized to present to the NPAs about the state of Memorial Auditorium and its state of limbo and unknown future. One group was in the advocacy in saving the building and the other group was in the advocacy of a program housed in Memorial. Both groups asked for NPA to organize a City wide forum about the Memorial Auditorium. Out of this, an ad hoc committee was created to organize an All Wards Memorial Auditorium NPA meeting event at City Hall. The meeting event gave a history of the Memorial Auditorium and gave opportunity for residents to come to share their experiences. At the end of the evening 2 resolutions were proposed to present to City Council. The 1<sup>st</sup> resolution was about the public process to reflect citizen priorities. The 2<sup>nd</sup>

resolution was to save the Memorial. See Resolution attachment. Each Ward needs to vote independently on the resolutions. The NPAs was formed at a time when the community felt that City Hall was not listening. NPAs have engaged public process to save the Army Guard building that now is the Miller Recreation Center. Both resolutions were voted in favor by Wards 2 and 3 NPA meeting attendance.

### **City Council Updates**

Max Tracey-Ward 2. When last gave an update in the November NPA, BT sale was in a deadlock tie with Ting and KBTL. Ting and KBTL was not able to come to a joint proposal so Council invited original 4 proposals back. From this, Shores and ZRF combined forces. Council didn't have a lot of time to review bidder proposals. At Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> meeting had a very long public forum and took an hour long recess between 10pm or 11pm so council could discuss the voting process. During the recess Shores and ZRF then flipped their combined bid where Shores became the lead majority holder and ZRF as the private equity. Council didn't have any time to review the new proposal that Shores and ZRF done during the break. The new deal was written down at 1am and council vote was done at 1:40am 8 to 2 for Shores and ZRF. Felt that this was a very bad process and didn't get a written proposal until 9 days out from the vote. Had supported KBTL throughout this whole BT process. The negotiation is now between City Attorney, the Mayor and his Administration. There uncertainty around regulations. If the City keeps the interest through Utility Regulatory Commission need to make sure this does not harm the public.

BOVE Sale proposal included selling the lot behind the building. Didn't support this project because it's a shame to lose this last bit of Italian history. Once you sell City property, it's very difficult to get it back. Last month Rick Bove did a presentation at 2.3 November NPA that the project which was originally going to be housing has changed to include a hotel. Also the Bove's have had a long running history of being landlords that violate CODE ordinances. This is sending the wrong message to continue to support neglectful landlords. To combat this neglectful practice, the City is doing a 1-5 rating inspection scale for 1 to 3 year review board to put more public transparency and pressure on landlords to become compliant.

Running for City Council again in March 2018.

### **State Representative Updates**

Jill Krowinski-Chittenden 6-3 Representative. There are two countries don't offer paid family leave. The two countries are the US and Papua New Guinea. This is a problem because it's critical for people to take off if faced with family or personal crisis. This last legislative session was able to passed up to 6 weeks up and up to 80% of wage. This allows family to take care of themselves, their babies and their families. Small Businesses say that this helps them level the playing field to better attract and retain workers. We need to pass this bill in the Senate. If want to be part of this larger coalition can reach out to Jill Krowinski.

Working on Mental Health, Opiates and adverse child experiences. Still have people waiting to access services. Clean Water is important and need a long term plan. Working on funding sources for this. Still don't know what's in national tax bill and how VT will be affected. Going back into session in early January and ending in end of April or early May.

Gene O'Sullivan-Chittenden 6-2. On a study committee for minimum wage. First charge was to look at benefits and how people will be affected. In 2012 knew that when wage reached \$9.60 then people hit a benefits cliff particularly in childcare. The good news is that in VT, the legislature has chipped away at this benefits cliff drop. Through the study didn't see so much of a cliff but a slope due to supplemental programs that can help people reach \$15 without losing benefits especially in childcare. Also charge with how to get more money into working people's pockets. Republicans want to increase earned income tax which hits a broad range of people and won't benefit the targeted household that want to help under the \$15 minimum wage increase. There are two new proposals on the table to get to \$15 an hour. 90% of our business are paying wages under \$15 and under. To help these employers managed and catch up to the \$15 dollar minimum, we look at employers that hire at \$12 with full benefits, most are veggie. If these employers contributed good health and retirement plan at \$12 wage then these employers can apply for a waiver to recalculate the minimum wage at a 10% less and they are also given a 2.5year compression to catch up to the \$15 minimum that will take place in 4 years. Increasing minimum wage to \$15 will increase people's buying power that goes back into our community. Also will be working on defining what an independent contractor is.

Meeting End: 8:26pm

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