

Ward 4/7 NPA Meeting Agenda
Wednesday October 18, 2020
Zoom Meeting

6:45 PM - 7:00 - On-line Zoom Sign In, Participant recognition and Socializing

7:00-7:10 - Ground Rules, Introductions and Announcements

7:10 - 7:50 - Elected Officials (School, City, State)

7:50 - 8:10 - Travis Poulin, Chittenden Community Action

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8:40 - 9:00

Adjourn

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Ward 4

Jeff Clark, Cumberland Rd., 734-0993

Alex Farrell, Little Eagle Bay, 503-5242

Eric Corbman, Northshore Dr., 399-2602

Jenna O'Donnell, Leonard St., 508-367-0266

Ward 7

Linda Deliduka, Village Grn. 864-5114

Jeff Comstock, Plattsburg Ave., 233-0823

Matt Hurlburt, Morrill Dr., 862-5337

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| Treat people respectfully

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Finish Time: ~8:40 PM

Note taker: Liam Daugherty

Please forward these official minutes to: ldaugherty@burlingtonvt.gov

Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Ward 4: Jeff Clark, Alex Farrell, Eric Corbman, Jenna O'Donnell

Ward 7: Linda Deliduka, Jeff Comstock, Matt Hurlburt

Discussion Topics

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Actions Taken / Decisions Made

Agenda Items and Actions:

Attendees:

Jeff Clark	Steve Hamlin
Kienan Christianson	Denis Kall
Travis Poulin	Dale Tellison
Jenna O'Donnell	Michael Brennan
Sarah Carpenter	Tom Fluery
Edward Murphy	Martine Gulick
Carol Ode	Eric Corbman
Ian Bleakney	Karen Corbman
Monica Ivancic	TJ Jemison
Robert Hooper	Meghan Humphrey
John Mahoney	Beth Hammond
Shanta Eastmen	Linda Deliduka

7:00 - 7:10 - Ground Rules, Introductions and Announcements

Recitation of the ground rules. Introductions all around.

Kienan: Running for North District Council Seat.

No meeting in December.

7:10 - 7:50 - Elected Officials (School, City, State)

Carol Ode: Spoke on the general gist of the Older Vermonters Act (increased financial and social support for aging Vermonters). Also talked about increasing childbirth financial support and updates on approaches to, and of, the opiate crisis (particularly the success of the hub & spoke model).

Linda Deliduka: Question regarding the feasibility and practicality of the renovation of the Woodside Juvenile Center. Concerned about money and resources for a small amount of people.

Bob: Concurs with Linda and questions whether or not it's the right move.

Carol: Spoke on how expensive and challenging it is to treat patients at these facilities, and the concerns around privatization of the Woodside Facility.

Steve Hamlin: Question regarding Expanded Essential Workers act coverage as it was denied to his wife.

Bob & Carol: All questions are referred somewhere else regarding that particular act, but if he reaches out personally those questions can be answered through Carol and Bob.

Jeff: Congratulates Bob & Carol on their re-election.

Martine Gulick: Spoke on the Weighting Study. Burlington is negatively affected by the equalized pupil rate. An invitation was sent out to several school districts in the state to go to the legislature and ask about re-evaluating the 2019 study.

Bob: It's a difficult time for financial support and more money, would need federal support.

Carol: Has high hopes for the re-evaluation of the Waiting Study as she has seen strong support over the years, particularly in rural areas.

Monika Ivancic: The high school building is off limits, and in-person opportunities are being evaluated. The first option is the most long-term solution: to occupy two floors of the old Macys building and revamp the floor to house students. The other option would be to put up trailers for student learning. The Macy's option is more affordable and more viable than the trailers. There are concerns around the owners of Macy's and their relationship between them and the city. There are some steps still to cover, but they hope to get high school kids in there by the end of February. In the meantime, the high schoolers will have some instruction at the Edmunds school complex. UVM pulled out of the deal for in-person learning for high school students due to the spikes in COVID cases at UVM.

Martine: The lease on the Macy's building is for 3.5 years, and is able to house the tech center and IAA in the future. It will be used as swing space for various projects around the district.

Ian Bleakney: Asks for pressure on UVM to open up some buildings for high school students, and if there is any way to provide more schooling to these high schoolers who are missing in-person learning.

Martine: UVM responded stating the risks of COVID being greater due to the high prevalence of students on campus, especially international students. Sharing time in Edmunds has been discussed, but it's an issue regarding the contracts of the teachers.

Ian: Suggests having remote days for Edmunds middle school students at the end of the week, allowing for in-person learning for the high schoolers.

TJ Jemison: Has there been any talk around Burlington and South Burlington trying to find a central location to satisfy both communities.

Martine: This has always been a discussion between the cities, but it seems as though the timing was not right for collaboration.

Sarah Carpenter: Discussions around civilian oversight on the police commission and proposals surrounding that are moving quickly. Proposals on overdose prevention sites and opioid epidemic are being worked on at the moment. A proposal was passed on increasing language access for residents. This would be focused on emergency needs of families operating through the city government. The daycare center located in the Ethen Allen homestead has been able to expand on its site. At the recent meeting on City Place, an update on the status of difficult negotiations with the current owners group. There are ongoing legal issues related to suits against the police department. Coming up soon, there are ordinances regarding energy efficiency, charter changes to the police department, and proposals around just cause eviction.

7:50 - 8:10 - Travis Poulin, Chittenden Community Action

Travis: CCA services are focused on housing assistants for those who are homeless or close to homelessness. Also run some fuel and utility programs to provide heat during the winter. Advertising the Three-Square project as well. Wanted to highlight the Warmth Program, and it's entirely funded by private donations. Warmth is the only program that's available at the beginning and tail end of the season. It helps thousands of families every year. COVID restrictions have made fundraising difficult for the Warmth programs. Wanted to get the word out about these fuel and utility programs and how important they are. CCA is extremely busy with the Rapid Resolution Housing Initiative, which helps people transition into stable housing from homelessness. Opens the floor up to questions.

Sarah: Asks Travis to expound upon some of the programs around mortgage and rent relief.

Travis: Speaks on the Mortgage Assistance program. It has ended very recently, but there are options for rent assistance, such as the VHFA Rental Stable Assistance Program. The money in these programs is being thoughtfully used to make sure the recipients stay housed even after the financial assistance ends.

Linda: Asks to explain the difference between funding for Three Squares Vermont for young people and for older folks.

Travis: Three Square Vermont benefits are an entitlement benefit, meaning participating in it that don't take away funds from other people. Over the age of 60 you can receive the Three Squares benefit as a cash payment.

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Beth: Had to close for in-person programming two days ago, but have programs designed for support remotely including check-ins, food deliveries, and is the first official telehealth site for the hospital to make it as easy as possible for seniors (along with tech support for any senior in need). Also, foot clinics are being offered as well.

Tom: Thanks Beth for her work collaborating with the food pantry. The long-term issue of being able to distribute food safely to those in need has been relieved through the collaboration with the Heineberg Center providing a safe place for food distribution. Spoke on how the daily numbers for those looking for food is increasing once again after falling from its peak in the summer. The new COVID era raises some uncertainties for what the needs of the food pantries will be in the coming months.

Megan: Developed the support buddies program in the early days of COVID, and quickly became a huge community effort. Volunteers, local businesses, restaurants, large supermarkets, and government organizations have all pitched in. There is a need for seniors to own computers as a large portion of that population does not own a computer. The renovated space is helping to expand and provide safer food distribution to the community. They are looking for a van if anyone has any availability. HANDS is gearing up for annual holiday dinner and is expecting around 800 meals with several deliveries. At HANDSVT.org there are many ways to support this annual dinner. There is a gardening program called Hands in the Dirt, which went online doing workshops and troubleshooting gardening issues. Hands in the Kitchen is another program that went online to teach classes and provide information regarding cooking. These programs have been recorded through CCTV and Channel 17 and are on the HANDS website.

Jeff: The Ward 4&7 NPA is looking to make a donation to each of these organizations. Asks Tom if only Hannaford's Gift Cards will be available if COVID becomes too difficult to work around.

Tom: It depends on what the level and frequency of donations looks like in the next few months.

Monika: Asks if any of these organizations need volunteers.

Megan: Always looking for help, particularly with handmade greeting cards. More information can be found on the website.

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Edward Murphy: Burlington Rotary has medical facemasks and is looking to get them out into the community where they're needed. (802) 863-8446 to call for ideas where masks can go.

Ian Bleakney: Asks about approaching the Burlington school district about distributing masks, particularly to school nurses.

Adjournment time: ~8:40 PM