Wards 2 and 3 Neighborhood Planning Assembly

Thursday November 12, 2020, 6:30pm-8:30pm

With music 6:20-6:30pm

Held in remote locations via Zoom

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Moderator: Barbara McGrew

6:30 pm Announcements | 5 min

- Thanks to Ana Ruesnik and Laura Markowitz for sharing their music!
- Introduction of Steering Committee Members
- Next meeting notification
- Recordings can be found on youtube or cctv's website

6:35 pm Public Forum | 15 min

NOTE: 3 minutes maximum suggested

6:55 pm Steering Committee Member Nomination | 5 min

Mollie Klepack Flanigan: Vote

7:00 pm Pathways Vermont Support Line | 10 min

KC Carpenter: Presentation, Q&A

7:10 pm Ward 3 Resolution Proposal | 10 min

Tony Reddington: Reading, Deliberation, Vote NOTE: SEE APPENDIX 2 BELOW TO REVIEW

7:20 pm Burlington High School Construction Update | 25 min

Tom Peterson of PCI: Presentation, Q&A

7:45 pm School Board Update | 15 min

Stephen Carey, Polly Vanderputten

8:00 pm Representative Update | 15 min

Brian Pine, Max Tracy, Brain Cina: Presentation, Q&A

8:15 pm Racial Justice Alliance | 20 min

Mark Hughes: Presentation, Q&A

8:35 pm Adjourn

APPENDIX 1: ZOOM INFO

When: Oct 8, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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Appendix 2: NPA Resolution

Proposed resolution language:
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Appendix 3: 6 programs to help Vermonters stay housed during pandemic

A message from Vermont Legal Aid and Legal Services Vermont: During these difficult times, new financial help programs are available to many Vermonters. The state does not want people to be struggling to pay bills, so please apply, even if you don't usually get public help. Vermont Legal Aid has more information on these programs on our website: https://vtlawhelp.org/.

Vermont Legal Aid is also able to help individual tenants and homeowners. Call us at 1-800-889-2047 or go to https://vtlawhelp.org/. For the fastest response, leave a message explaining what you need in a sentence or two.

1. **Help with past-due rent** *Apply by Dec. 11*

For help with past-due rent, Vermonters should apply for the Rental Housing Stabilization Program through the Vermont State Housing Authority (www.VSHA.org). Tenants and landlords apply for this program at the same time. There are no income limits. VSHA pays landlords directly to bring the tenant's rent account current. You can get help now, and apply again if you still need help later.

2. **Moving to a new home** *Apply by Dec. 11*

Some people need to move because of life safety problems with their rental unit, the rent is too expensive, they have trouble with the landlord or other tenants, or the unit is too big or too small. If you need to move and have found a new landlord, apply together for the Money to Move program at www.vsha.org. The program can cover the money needed to move in, such as first and last month's rent and security deposit. It also may cover rent payments through the end of this year.

3. **Free mediation program for landlord-tenant disputes during the moratorium**. *Apply ASAP*

Sometimes issues other than money get in the way of settlement and dismissal of eviction cases. Mediators are available to help landlords and tenants solve those issues and maintain tenancies. File joint application found at www.vtlandlord.com.

4. **Emergency housing for people who do not have a home**

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) Economic Services Division is extending housing supports for homeless households. For more information or to apply, contact the Benefits Service Center at 1-800-479-6151. If you stay in a shelter or motel, you need to participate in "coordinated entry." You will be assigned a housing case manager who will help you access subsidies and programs to help you get permanent housing. To learn more about coordinated entry, call 2-1-1. If you worked with your case manager to apply for a subsidy or other program and your application was denied, call Vermont Legal Aid at 1-800-889-2047.

5. **Past-Due Utility Bills** *Apply ASAP*

The Department of Public Service (DPS) can help pay past-due utility bills. The bills can be for electric, natural gas, landline telephone service or regulated private water bills (not municipal water). Homes and small businesses are eligible. There are no income limits, and you don't have to have a disconnect notice. However, unless the rules are changed (please check), your difficulty paying the bill must be linked to COVID and the funding only covers arrearages after March 1, 2020. If you need help to fill out an application online, contact your local community action agency. Learn more on the Department of Public Service website under "COVID-19 Arrearage Assistance Program" https://publicservice.vermont.gov/content/vermont-covid-19-arrearage-assistance-program-0

6. **Mortgage Assistance Program** (and maybe Property Tax Assistance) *Apply by Nov. 6*

This program can pay up to six past-due mortgage payments on your home. It is available to all Vermonters who are at least 1 month past due on mortgage payments, have a COVID-related hardship, and meet the income requirements. Even people who have mortgages in forbearance are eligible. Apply if you have a mortgage and are behind on property taxes. Vermont Housing Finance Agency is taking applications for the VT COVID Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program at www.VHFA.org. (You do not need to have a VHFA mortgage to be eligible.)

A section of Burlington City Council resolution first adopted in 1982 establishing provisions for a Neighborhood Planning Assembly in each City ward.

…Neighborhood Planning Assemblies shall... help provide citizens with information concerning city programs and activities; help obtain citizen views of city needs; help provide citizens with the opportunity to participate in making recommendations with respect to governmental decisions including the allocation of revenues.

...Assemblies shall also be encouraged to provide advice to the appropriate commission or this council with respect to community development, housing programs, this City's Comprehensive Plan and its waterfront planning activities, and the city's budget among other issues....

Current NPA 2/3 Steering Committee:

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Burlington City Elected Officials Wards 2 and 3

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Central District (Wards 2 & 3)	Perri Freeman	Progressive	203-623-9490	pfreeman@burlingtonvt.gov
Ward 2	Max Tracy	Progressive	802-373-1968	mtracy@burlingtonvt.gov
Ward 3	Brian Pine	Progressive		bpine@burlingtonvt.gov

School Board Members:

Central District (Wards 2 & 3)	Jean Waltz	355-7856	jwaltz@bsdvt.org
Ward 2	Stephen Carey		scarey@bsdvt.org

Ward 3	Polly Vanderputten	pvanderputten@bsdvt.org

Vermont State House Representatives

Chittenden-6-3	Jill Krowinski	Democrat	802.363.3907	jkrowinski@leg.state.vt.us
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Debbie Ingram	Democrat	802.879.0054	dingram@leg.state.vt.us
Ginny Lyons	Democrat	802.863.6129	vlyons@leg.state.vt.us
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Wards 2 and 3 Neighborhood Planning Assembly Minutes
Thursday November 12, 2020, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Steering Committee member present: Tony Redington, Ward 2, Barbara McGrew, Ward 3 Kevin Deutermann, Ward 3, Charlie Giannoni Ward 3, Jessica Hyman Ward 3,

Meeting start time 6:35 pm

Public Forum

Dec. 10th next NPA meeting

Nicole Losch-City Council N. Winooski section of corridor. Wrapped up corridor committee group in March 2020. Ready to convene again and have 4 spots open. Application are due Nov. 27th . Appointments will be made by City Council President Max Tracey and Mayor on Dec. 4th. Reach out to Nicole for questions. https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/dpw/WinAveImprovements

Jessica Lavalette-DPW water resources VCAP expanded to include water and utilities assistance. Provide residential utilities assistance after March 2020. Can apply CVOEO or online. Dec. 15 2020 deadline. https://publicservice.vermont.gov/content/vermont-covid-19-arrearage-assistance-program-0

Meghan Humphry-everyone eats is providing free meals https://shiftmeals.org/everyone-eats/

https://handsvt.org/

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Tony Reddington-Champlain Parkway City officials has asked for a delay. This gives Coalition more time to make a deal to connection Pine to Battery Street and reduce the traffic on the King and Maple neighborhoods.

Steering Committee Member Nomination

Mollie Klepack Flanigan-Ward 3 resident. Lived in the neighborhood 6 years really loved the neighborhood. Been coming to the NPAs meetings regularly for the last few years and off and enjoys the engagement and education in the community and happy to help out in making it possible. Barbara motions, Tony moves and Jess seconds. Molly accepted by Ward 3 residents to be on SC member.

Pathways Vermont Support Line

KC Carpenter and Abby Levingston- Support line is here as resource for 18 and up. Offers free confident support line and text. Warm line which is peered support that have people who gone through shared experience and offers non-judgmental support. Vermont has 10 crisis hotlines which has licensed operators which offers counseling. Support line complements crisis hotlines which can offer social understanding and validation to someone looking for support. On daily there are 20 to 30 callers and service is 24hour. Call or text 833-VT-TALKS.

Tony Reddington Ward 3 Resolution Proposal and Vote

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form of Section 8 federal 30% income max rents—and assist in seeking the federal allocation.

In Ward 3 there has been 3 housing project but has not been enough affordable units. 1 out 4 people who rent have federal housing assistance. The Federal Government is the only entity so far that provides affordable housing. The affordable housing that Redstone and Bove's provides at $1100.00 is not affordable. City place needs to offer more affordable housing units and the city is only meeting ½ o affordable housing that needed for Burlingtonians. Introducing resolution. Wards 2 and 3 both second 24 vote aye no objections. Motion passes.

Burlington High School Construction Update

Tom Peterson of PCI, project manager for the Burlington high school project. Hired in April of uh 2019 to fill this role. Technically only required to present to the ward in which the project is located in which is Ward 4 but since this is a city project the district's philosophy is that this project should be presented to all the Wards. At the board of finance it was concluded to cost cut so this presentation is really a snapshot of the project from Spring 2020. The project is facing some really tough challenges with PCBs and other top toxic substances at the site which are threatening the prospects of that project. These issues are being worked through. The conceptual design is part of the pre-bond schematic design and was completed and approved in April of this year. Currently in design development and that should be completed before Christmas to have design development documents. Once design development then the architects and engineers will be working on the construction documents themselves. The new construction includes a stair tower over here on the south end and a passageway along the south side of the building that will help give better accessibility to the chorus rooms and there's a new entrance of the school. Administrative guidance and library and the upper two floors are all classrooms. There will be maker spaces and improved air quality, and energy efficiency. To learn more about the project. https://www.bsdvt.org/category/bhs-btc-reenvisioning/

School Board Commissioner Report

Stephen Carey

- PCBs big issue at Burlington High School
- Burlington Tech Center, Horizons, and On Top programs up and running due to space donations by generous community members
- Surveys and data gathered from community: Majority of people conserved about lack of in-person education; want to get the students back in school
- State dept of Health says absolutely not safe to put students back in the building. Testing is ongoing with PCBs found in soil as well as building
- What's next?
    - High school re-envisioning project is now on hold.
    - Edmunds school will be used for BHS students Nov. 23 & 24 during Thanksgiving break, then on Wednesday.
    - School District is renting space on the top floor of the LL Bean Building for the "Seahorse Engagement Center" with one-on-one tutoring, guidance counselors, some classroom space, club meeting space, resources for special needs students, etc.
    - UVM may have space from Dec. 7 to end of January, but would have to add covid testing and address custodial issues.
    - Former Macy's space downtown is being looked at for 2-3 year use during BHS renovations.
    - Standalone trailers also being considered.

Polly Vanderputten

- Superintendent and School Board Chair have worked tirelessly, but we have no high school.
- Caught between a rock and a hard place - we have a $70 million bond that was passed for new construction and renovations, but much of that money is being used for testing, mitigation, and rent for other spaces.
- Situation will have broader local impact. Without a functioning high school, people with kids will move to other districts, others won't move to Burlington, taxpayers will question their payments.
- Situation reinforces inequalities among students.
- Other schools likely have PCB issues and other schools will need space when renovations are needed.
- State and local governments need to step up, recognize urgency of the situation, and provide advocacy and funding support.

Mark Hughes: Racial Justice Alliance Presentation

8:00 PM Operation Phenox Rise-inspired racial justice resolution by Councilor Zoraya Hightower. Chattel slavery has never been done in public policy any other city. First meeting

was to look at this took place on 11.11.20, the next meeting is 11.25.20. Director Tyeastia Green is leading this committee that has some appointed authorities and some City Councilors. There was declaration of racism as a public health with many organizations that signed on to make commitment to address determinants that is driving racism. Such as, cultural empowerment, economic wealth, mental wellness, public safety and made commitment to work collectively to eradicate systemic racism by way of securing and equal opportunity, expanding racial equity, belong, and inclusion that includes, training, outreach, policy, and data.

8:30 pm Representative Update | 15 min Brian Pine, Max Tracy, Brain Cina: Presentation, Q&A

Bina Cina is not running for Mayor. Concerned with COVID rates increasing and where the State is heading. It's important that the Federal Gov. is providing for the State in recovery. If the money is given to the State it's important that the legislature looks at what worked and what didn't in January when sessions starts to better be prepared to address inequities in racial, social, and environmental disparities. Working with Racial Justice Alliance on this to be better prepared.

Brain Pine. City Council meeting on Nov. 9th approved Language Access Plan to assure City services and programs are translated so everyone has access to information. Zoning amendments were approved ranged from parking clarifications, permissible lot coverage increase, rezoning the texoco beach, eliminating the distinction between small and large daycares, allowing outdoor structural tents for gathering. Also discussed alternative models for police oversight and change commission at the city council meeting, including a potential charter change.

Max Tracy: Discussed further about the charter change and its approval process, and the aim to get it on the ballot for March. Also spoke on the reparations task force that has gotten off the ground over the past week. Talked about the harm reduction strategy of overdose prevention sites, the legality of those sites, and the current legal framework potentially being changed with the change of the new federal administration. Calls for the state to step in on this issue. Mentions that an operational analysis will be done in the future as this idea progresses. Also discusses the upcoming mediation over the mall, along with the impending mayoral race and his candidacy.

Meeting End: 8:45pm Notes by Phet Keomanyvanh and Jessica Hyman.