

Neighborhood Planning Assembly Agenda for the Wards 2 and 3

Thursday, November 10, 2016

McClure Multi-Generational Center/Champlain Senior Center, 241 N. Winooski Ave.

FREE Community Dinner at 5:30 pm

Facilitator: Ryan McLaren, Steering Committee

6:30PM - Public Comment Period- Opportunity for residents to share comments on any topic and for suggestions for future NPA agendas (please limit any commentary to one minute)

6:40PM - Cambrian Rise Development Project, Owiso Makuku, Farrell Real Estate

7:10PM - Burlington School District Capital Needs, Marty Spaulding

7:30PM - Bike Infrastructure Improvements, Jason Van Driesche, Local Motion

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The Coalition for a Livable City would like to thank all the many people who have worked with us over the last 6 months in our attempt to bring due diligence and democratic process to fundamental zoning changes. We do not believe that major zoning changes should ever be made on a tight schedule or in direct service of a specific development proposal.

We are disappointed in the final tally on Questions 3 & 4, but proud of the work so many have done for Burlington.

Not only were we outspent 3 or 4 to 1, but the city fast tracked the zoning changes and put out so much misinformation, while insistently accusing us of the same, that a clear understanding of their machinations didn't reach as many voters as it might have, given more time.

The city's aggressive and high speed strategy worked for them, but our major objection - changing the zoning to please the developer – remains glaring and unabated. The Planning Commission and the City Council rushed pre-determined zoning changes through because the developer required them. These changes would have quietly become the law except that some people were paying close attention and knew it wasn't right.

When the City realized that a petition drive would inevitably put ZA16-14 on the ballot in March or sometime later, they squeezed it onto the crowded November 8 ballot. This was preemptive. It deprived us of the opportunity to reach more people through the petition drive and it afforded them the advantage of higher turnout at the polls with many voters less focused on Burlington issues than they would be in March or in a special election. Question 3 in particular, was worded so as to provide no information whatsoever about the substance of a highly substantive zoning change. And it was marketed as nothing more than a "zoning update." Question 4, on TIF financing, was also effectively sold - the city presented it as 22 million for Burlington with no tax increase. We tried to correct this misrepresentation, but succeeded only in part.

Despite the aggressive campaign of proponents for ballot items 3 and 4, only slightly more than half the voters approved Question 3. Question 4 the free money new streets question fared a little better, but still in the 50% range. A majority of voters in Wards 2 & 3 voted No on Question 3. Citywide, 46% voted No on 3. Question 3 did "pass," but there is not the consensus our community needs.

We will continue to strive for redevelopment that serves Burlington well and that respects PlanBTV without distorting it. The Sinex project – which was not on the ballot – would be a disservice to Burlington and to the integrity of the zoning laws meant to shape and guide appropriate, not disproportionate development.

The March elections for city offices will be a chance for voters to say “yes” to development that serves the community and “no” to development that serves developers and other interests first.

CLC still has many serious concerns about the process of the zoning change, the ballot questions, and the ad campaign promoting yes votes. Tuesday’s results may prove to be less a victory for proponents than a half time score. The city has an obligation to follow the law when it places items on the ballot. The CLC will be weighing the options. We urge the citizens of Burlington to heed the advice of a Sioux chief on facing adversity: “Be patient, have courage and watch for signs.”



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Draft Minutes

Steering Committee Present: Ryan McLaren Ward 3, Barbara McGrew Ward 3, Infinite Culcleasure Ward 3, Patrick Johnson Ward 2, Andrew Champagne Ward 2

Start 6:40pm

Public Comment

Thank you for the community dinner cooks. Please stay after to clean up.

Public comment from Coalition for a Livable City about ballot 3 and 4. See attachment

Representative Jill Krowinski re-elected, will hold community coffees times.

Cambrian Rise-Eric Farrell

The total property is 33 acres but only developing 21 acres. Sold the rest to the city. Property was previously Burlington College. Total is 750 units, 70 senior 76 CTH, 180 single, 425 units market rate rental. There will be retail, restaurant, commercial space, health club, but most is residential. All units have parking under the building. 1100 parking and 2/3 is underground parking. 10% is street parking. Only orphanage and college don't have parking underground. Will build a new public street and will have a new heated and enclosed bus Green stop next to where Cathedral Square will be located. Orphanage construction will start in spring and done in June, Orphanage will have 65 apartments. Will restore entrance and remove frame. Just completed copper roof. There is a community garden, pool and small dog park. Will build playgrounds and be a bike friendly development. There will be a bike wash, bike storage and a pathway to the bike path to encourage bike use. Have already presented to Development Review Board and the plan was redesigned. Will build ½ Inclusionary and ½ market rate. Will also target workforce housing 53 units, 146 for rent, 428 of market rate price studio starting \$1200 depending on amendment; 2 bedrooms may start at \$2000. This all comes with access with common laundry, gym and other common uses. This project will take 7 to 8 years to build out.

Burlington School District- Paul Irish

Enrollment is not increasing but leveled for the past 10 years while the rest of the state has gone down. This is due to refugee resettlement. Spent over a year looking with EMG and they plotted out 20 years of deferred maintenance. Looking to install computer communication network system in each class. Long range facilities goal is to maintain high quality educational opportunities and the facilities support this. Did space and utilities need assessment which came up with the total cost needed to maintain.

YouTube video of the school repair video is available on [capital link](#). Telephone system is 50 years old. Entrance to the C building have windows that are no longer useful. The fans and windows state is dire and door sills need maintenance. There is 39 million in deferred maintenance needs, not including BHS. District currently bonds 2 million a year for elementary schools. Factor this for 10 years then we will have 19 million left. Looking to bond this. This would be 8 per month dollar tax increase. Don't have a lot of months, only the summer time or will need to relocate students. The estimated cost for BHS and BTC is 27million in deferred maintenance. It may be more cost effective to build a new building. Will establish a community building to develop campaign and options for the public process. Next Steps are feedback from parents, community member.

Bike Infrastructure Improvements-Jason Van Driesche-Local Motion

Working with the City and in the final development of the Walk/Bike plan with most of the improvements on the biking side. Walk/Bike Plan lays out improvement of walking and biking infrastructure for next 10-15 years. Most of the improvement are on biking side. Putting pressure on administration to make actual change on the ground. Got confirmation from the Mayor that he wants Department of Public Works to work on biking improvements in 2017. Will be bringing a proposal of connecting Old North End through downtown to South End to close the biking gaps. Want to have configuration on Winooski Ave similar to North Ave pilot for two-way bike traffic. For those not comfortable going through downtown, want to put a bike lane on Union going south. Asked City to paint bike lanes green. This proposal can be done next year. This has been done in other Cities to make it clear what is a bike lane which improves safety.

Meeting End: 9:00 pm

Minutes submitted by Phet Keomanyvanh-CEDO Community Development Specialist-Public Engagment