



Neighborhood Planning Assembly Agenda for the Wards 2 and 3

Thursday November 9, 2017

FREE Community Dinner at 5:30 pm

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

6:30 pm – **Welcome and Introduction**
to North End Studios / St. Joseph's

6:45 pm – **Forum:** Public Comment Period

6:55 pm – **Proposal:** \$50 per Ward to reimburse expenses used by the "All NPAs" Memorial Auditorium Forum in September at City Hall

Forum: Ideas for future NPA Programming / Disbursement of NPA funds

7:15 pm – **Presentation:** The Neighborhood Project
Ian Jakus, CEDO

7:30 pm – **Resolution:** Memorial Auditorium
(from feedback following the All-Wards Meeting)

7:40 pm – **Presentation:** Save Memorial Auditorium
Genese Grill and/or James Lockridge

----- **Intermission + Raffle:** Evolution Yoga -----

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

Anyone interested in joining our Steering Committee are encouraged to attend our monthly meetings.

Current NPA 2/3 Steering Committee:

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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....

Burlington City Elected Officials Wards 2 and 3

Mayor: Miro Weinberger, Democrat 802-865-7272 Mayor@BurlingtonVT.gov

City Councilors:

Central District (Wards 2 and 3): Jane Knodell, Progressive 862-2469

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Ward 2: Max Tracy, Progressive 373-1968 MTracy@BurlingtonVT.gov

Ward 3: Sara Moore, Progressive 540-1711 SMoore@BurlingtonVT.gov

School Board Members:

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Wards 2/3 NPA Meeting

November 9, 2017, 6:45 - 8:30 pm

St. Josephs Community Center, 20 Allen St.

Start: 6:44 pm

Steering Committee Members Present: Barbara McGrew, Tony Reddington, Infinite Culcleasure, Amanda Hannaford

Public Forum:

Donald McDonald speaks briefly on behalf of VT Community Alliance for Public Transportation.

Lorris Diller and Liza Van Lana, VT law students:

Offering restorative neighborhood panels that they hope will open up conversation among community members. Reached out to BPD, who said that disputes are too far along once they reach the PD, so they are trying to fix disputes before they reach that point. Community and understanding, not punishment.

Melissa, director of St. Joseph's youth center:

Looking for volunteers to help out and a pool table.

Bess, VT Access to Reproductive Freedom:

Announcing 9th annual "Shake Off," accepting donations at the door that will go to abortion fund. Will have family friendly hour earlier on.

Anna, outreach director at Vermonters for Criminal Justice Reform:

Says to get in touch with her for information on current goings-on.

Assembly member:

Showing film on Saturday "Citizen Jane" about woman who worked against gentrification.

Tony Reddington, Ward 2 steering committee member:

Announces that city councilors from Ward 2/3 are in favor of KBTL, and proposes the following resolution:

NPA Wards 2/3 hereby advise City Council to select the one BT purchase bidder which will be controlled by a democratic procedure and its currently 7000 members (KBTL) or keep it under city control.

Passes unanimously.

Another assembly member:

Presents petition asking City Council to stop F35 construction at airport and instead use quieter technology. Petition will ideally be on the March ballot.

Proposal:

Asks that each ward expends \$50 of \$400 annual budget to pay for All Wards Memorial Auditorium assembly.

Passes unanimously.

Forum Regarding Future Agenda Items:

Proposal of an exploration of the process by which board members and city commissioners are appointed.

City councilor Sarah Moore speaks about making the community political participation more welcoming of different ideas.

Continued discussion of Memorial Auditorium.

Ward 6 member is concerned about where tax member money goes and suggests that NPAs look into how decisions are made about where money goes.

Presentation on The Neighborhood Project:

Ian Jakus, CEDO:

Neighborhood Project is part of Housing Action Plan passed in 2013 that had many proposals about how to create affordable housing and address lack of low-income housing. Project looking at how lack of affordable housing is affecting quality of life in Burlington neighborhoods.

Looking at neighborhood trends through data collection and interview with 60 stakeholders in these neighborhoods. Invites people to a community open house about the issue on December 12th from 4-7 pm. Attendees will be guided through the data and will have the questions answered about the project.

Clarifies that funding is coming from UVM, Champlain, and the City. The project encompasses wards 1,2,6, & 8. Information is online at the CEDO website under housing.

Memorial Auditorium:

Presenters on not at the assmby, so these items are moved to next month.

Assembly member encourages assembly to watch video of assembly if they were not in attendance.

Raffle:

Community member wins prize from yoga studio, but that person is not in attendance so another person wins the prize.

City Councilor Report:

Sarah Moore, City Councilor from Ward 3:

Clarifies that Jane fellow area councilors are at a meeting with the KBTL board. Talks about how deadlock in City Council continued, and Ali Dieng asked KBTL and Ting to come to a joint proposal, but if that doesn't pass, City Council will then vote between all of the original final four to find the final purchaser.

Confirms that Bluewater, not the city, owns Burlington Telecom. States that the best case scenario for KBTL is that they cooperate with one of the other bidders. Talks about the chaos of the "final" vote for the purchaser.

Admits that she doesn't think Bluewater will give much leeway in the BT sale. Restates that there are many unknowns in the process.

Discusses ZRF's conflict of interest that seems to have caused the mayor to encourage them to withdraw, but says that ZRF has since resolved the issue and is therefore viable to return to the bidding if the joint proposal fails. States that none of the councilors know what Karen Paul's conflict of interest was that caused her to first recuse herself and then quit her job in order to vote.

An assembly member questions the conflicts of interest of the mayor and other councilors and criticizes the decision-making behind closed doors.

Tony Reddington urges community members to attend the city council meeting on Monday regarding the decision.

Max Tracey, Ward 2 City Councilor:

Nothing concrete has been proposed yet, but any proposal must be made by tomorrow.

Reminds everyone that if an agreement is not made soon, the city's share of the profits will drop from 50% to 35%, so an agreement must happen soon.

Critical of Karen Paul for not being open about her conflict of interest, and suggests that city council might change their rules to avoid this type of situation.

Talks about committee working to change process by which new downtown buildings are approved.

Jane Knodell, Ward 2/3 City Councilor:

Both sides have firm bottom lines about what they want to see from a joint proposal, but the three councilors in attendance are sure that they want a coop model.

No one is sure what Tre Picor (head of Bluewater) feels about the debate and what proposals he might accept. She clarifies that Bluewater must approve whatever proposal is made, and is free to reject whatever they want.

People question the few days that the councilors and lawyers will have to evaluate any potential proposals before Monday.

Clarifies the details of the original Citibank agreement that leases BT to the city and requires it to be sold. The city would get 25%, Citibank gets 25%, Dormant & Fawsett gets 10%, and Bluewater gets 40% of the final net profits.

On conflicts of interest: she is confident that ZRF would disclose their previous conflict of interest were they brought back into the bidding, and Karen Paul is not required by the city council rules to disclose her conflict of interest.

On Citibank suing the city if they select KBTL: based on the wording of the original agreements, Citibank doesn't have a great case, and if we always fold to threats of lawsuit, we will never get anywhere.

Advertises activities of inclusionary zoning group looking to make recommendations for future housing action.

State Representative Report:

Jill Krowinski, Chittenden 6-3 Representative:

She and Curt McCormick will be holding New unions legislative coffee on Sunday, December 3rd to find out what people want on the legislative agenda. They will also be working to put out information to help people affected by the data breach.

End: 8:27

Minutes taken by Ben Lahey, CEDO intern



Neighborhood Planning Assembly Attendees

NPA (choose one)	Wards 1 & 8	Wards 2 & 3	Wards 4 & 7	Ward 5	Ward 6
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Date of Assembly : 11/9/17 Location: St. Joe's ONE

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or email to cedofd@burlingtonvt.gov

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- 2 Timothy Inzasi
- 3 Barbara Wymore
- 4 Charles C. Thorpe
- 5 MICHAEL MCCORMICK
- 6 Don MacDonnell
- 7 Jess Hyman
- 8 Sean Melann
- 9 Carol Wooster
- 10 Ian Jakus
- 11 Ronan Agnon
- 12 Bryan Miller
- 13 Alex Weinstein
- 14 Anna Stevens
- 15 Susan Smereka
- 16 Janet Hicks
- 17 Pete Sullivan
- 18 Sue Sullivan
- 19 TREVOR SULLIVAN
- 20 Elisa Mayes

- 21 MATTHEW BOWEN
- 22 SARAH SIMS
- 23 JN
- 24 Maya McHerry
- 25 Diana Lines
- 26 Sarah Kenney
- 27 HOPE "Jabari" Kenney
- 28 Anne Werner
- 29 Emily Thornburg
- 30 Bess Levison
- 31 Alissa Faber
- 32 noah chute
- 33 Jesse Warren
- 34 Amanda Hannaford
- 35 Sephira Feinberg
- 36 Jackie Leman
- 37 Erica Spiegel
- 38 Roger Letovitz
- 39 MARY MANGHIS
- 40 Glenne Emies
- Deb Flanders

11/08/2017

Resolution from the NPA to advise the City Council on selection of the bidder for purchase of Burlington Telecom in accordance with NPA 1982 formation Council resolution that

“...Assemblies shall also be encouraged to provide advice to... this council with respect to community development, housing programs, this City's Comprehensive Plan...and the city's budget among other issues....”

Be it resolved: the Neighborhood Planning Assembly Wards 2 and 3

(NPA 2/3) hereby advises the Burlington City Council to select the one

Burlington Telecom purchase bidder which will be controlled by

democratic procedures by its current 7,000 members, Keep Burlington

Telecom Local Cooperative (KBTL) or choose to retain City ownership.

Be it further resolved, the NPA 2/3 Steering Committee convey this

resolution in a timely manner to the City Council.

11/9/2017

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.

‘The Neighborhood Project’

Interactive Community Open House

12/12/17

The goal of The Neighborhood Project is to develop an actionable strategy and toolkit of policies and programs for neighborhood stabilization in near-campus neighborhoods.

The interactive Community Open House will be ongoing throughout the evening, providing an opportunity for the consultants to share findings and to solicit your input on potential tools for neighborhood stabilization.

Please join us any time between the hours of:

3:00 PM and 7:00 PM

@ Contois Auditorium, City Hall

The Neighborhood Project is one of 22 proposals contained in Burlington’s Housing Action Plan (HAP), to create an actionable strategy and toolkit of policies and programs, based on national best practices, for enhancing the quality of life in near-campus neighborhoods. This effort is led by the City of Burlington CEDO, in partnership with Champlain College, UVM, and Preservation Burlington. Ninigret Partners is the lead consultant.

What is Restorative Justice and what is it for?

- Can be used in neighborhoods, in families, or even with criminal matters
- Can help with misunderstandings, neighbor disputes, or even household issues
- Seeks to identify the harm early, and repair it
- Focuses on communication and finding common ground, encourages perspective taking
- Builds understanding and is non-adversarial
- Can address complex problems with multiple parties

What is the Burlington Community Justice Center?

- The Center offers and organizes Restorative panels and processes for a wide range of needs
- The Center's services are free-of-charge, and can help with small conflicts, or larger disputes
- A Neighborhood Restorative Panel can be hosted at the Center, and would include professional guidance from the Center's Restorative Panel facilitators

Want to Know More? Or Use Restorative Panels for Community or Neighborhood Issues?

- Contact the Center, 802-865-7000 or Restorative Practitioner bshawdorso@burlingtonvt.gov to organize a panel
- Or with general questions, email VLS students Laura and Eliza, LauraStiller@vermontlaw.edu & elizavanilenep@vermontlaw.edu