

Ward 5 Neighborhood Planning Assembly (NPA)

October 17th, 2019

South End City Market Community Room

6:30-8:30PM

Agenda

6:30-6:45 – Start, Open Forum

6:45-7:05 - City Council Update

7:05-7:25 - Department of Public Works, focused on
Champlain Parkway update

7:25-7:45 - Pine Street Coalition, with thoughts on
Champlain Parkway

7:45-8:30 - Burton Snowboards, with an update on its
Global Hub Project

8:30- Adjourn

Neighborhood Planning Assembly Ward 5
DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date/Time: Thursday, 10/17/2019; 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Location: City Market Community Room, 207 Flynn Ave

- I. Steering Committee Attendance: Kirstin Boehm, Lucia Campriello, Ben Traverse, Ashley Dembinski, Andy Simon, Mohamed Jafar
- II. Total Attendance: 73 (including both Burlington and South Burlington residents)
- III. Agenda Items

Meeting Start 6:30pm

a. 6:30-6:45 - Open Forum, questions included:

- Timing of repainting bike path lines in the Austin Drive/South Cove area
- Future mitigation surrounding impact of large public works projects on neighborhood traffic volume (Birchcliff)
- Role of [Steering Committee](#)
- It was noted that capacity was very tight

b. 6:45-7:05 - City Council Update (Chip Mason, Joan Shannon)

- *Burlington City Place – city is using tools available within development agreement to advance project; delay is not ideal, but Brookfield Properties has met recent demands made by the city, including fees associated with the project’s delay. Recent media coverage includes: [VT Digger](#) and [Burlington Free Press](#)*
- *Traffic & Roadwork sidebar – delays were acknowledged as not ideal, as were approaches to larger scale projects as identical to much smaller scale projects; effective scaling was not achieved and the city has learned a lot.*
- *Housing Summit – contact [Chip Mason](#), who chairs committee discussing Tuesday, 10/22 @ 6 PM @ Miller Center*
- *Burlington Telecom – City Council conducting due diligence (financial projections + business plan review) re: usage of proceeds received per sale of Burlington Telecom and value of seat on Board*
- *Memorial Auditorium – working assumption is that the city will invest \$30M + private funding in order to redevelop Memorial Auditorium, which requires passing a \$15M General Fund Bond. RFP is currently out to solicit development ideas. Questions were raised about what would happen if no one is interested in redeveloping the space; and it was suggested that the City Council would need to regroup and come up with an alternative plan.*

- *Committee on Policing – 17-member committee charged with reviewing policing practices and making recommendations to reinstall trust (recruitment, retention, etc.); meetings are held twice monthly and information can be found on the city calendar, or contact [Joan Shannon](#).*
- c. **7:05-7:25 - Department of Public Works, Champlain Parkway Update** (Chapin Spencer, Norm Baldwin)
 - *Project goals and scope were reviewed via visual presentation; additional project information may be found on the city's website [here](#).*
 - *Questions surrounding project timeline; bus access and traffic per lower Pine Street closure; potential for project work-arounds if existing project is permanently stalled; as well as timing as it relates to Burton project (timeline for work includes several milestones including litigation surrounding the project; final design details; ideally project will go to bid by Spring 2019; plan would include beginning from North to South on a roughly two-year total timeline).*
 - **Questions may be direct to [Norm Baldwin](#) and [Chapin Spencer](#)**
- d. **7:25-7:45 - Pine Street Coalition, for a re-designed Champlain Parkway** (Tony Redington, Charles Simpson)
 - *Litigation is to pursue a new design process, not to end the discussion entirely of a Champlain Parkway redesign. Thesis of discussion is that project requires full scale redesign to adequately ensure safety and environmentally friendly development. More information may be found on the Pine Street Coalition Facebook page [here](#).*
 - *Questions surrounding traffic pace and volume on residential streets and comments noted that current plan does a lot of displacing but doesn't solve overall volume challenges. **Questions may be directed to [Tony Reddington](#).***
- e. **7:45-8:30 - Burton Snowboards, Global Hub Project** (Justin Worthley)
 - *What is Burton Global Hub? Hubs convene multiple things together in one place and hubs typically enter abandoned and underutilized industrial space to enliven underutilized space. Goal is to create a community-centered, mixed-use space. Noise, safety, traffic were primary themes that emerged from previous community engagement discussions; and same themes were raised during the NPA Ward 5 meeting to include: parking offsite at surrounding industrial locations for concerts; noise; traffic volume. **Questions may be directed to [Justin Worthley](#).***
 - *Next step is to file a permit now that public engagement period has occurred.*

IV. Next Meeting: 11/21/2019 @ 6:30 – 8:30 PM @ King Street Center

Meeting End: 8:30pm

Minutes by Lucia Campriello