



Wards 2 and 3 Neighborhood Planning Assembly

October 14, 2021, 6:30-8:15pm

HYBRID FORMAT: In-person at the ONE Community Center, 20 Allen St.

and via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85860854764>

6:30 pm Announcements | 5 min

- Introduction of Steering Committee Members
- NPA bylaw vote notification (at November meeting)
- Steering Committee Openings - join the team!
- Next meeting notification: November 11
- Recordings can be found on [youtube](#) or [cctv](#)'s website

6:35 pm Public Forum | 10 min

NOTE: 2 minutes maximum

6:45 pm Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee Update | 10 min

George Love (Ward 2) and Dan Munteanu (Ward 3)

Public meeting schedule and how people can provide feedback.

6:55 pm Housing Development Updates

1. 157 S. Champlain St. | 20 min

Don Welch Architecture

Proposed changes to development will increase units from 32 to 48.

2. 111 North Winooski Ave. | 10 min

Daniel Trahan

Proposed removal of existing structure and construction of 6-unit building with parking.

7:25 pm Net Zero Energy Revenue Bond proposal | 15 min

Darren Springer, Burlington Electric Department

Ballot question in November. More info:

<https://www.burlingtonelectric.com/mayor-weinberger-and-burlington-electric-department-propose-net-zero-energy-revenue-bond/>

7:40 pm Champlain Street Park Improvements | 15 min

Max Madalinski, Burlington Parks, Recreation and Waterfront

BPRW is seeking feedback on plans for the neighborhood pocket park.

7:55 pm Representative Updates | 20 mins

APPENDIX 1: ZOOM INFO

When: Oct. 14, 2021 6:30 PM

Join the webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85860854764>

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APPENDIX 2: WARD 2 and WARD 3 NPA BYLAWS for review and vote Nov. 11

Please note that each NPA has its own set of bylaws that include a provision for joint operation.

WARD 2 DRAFT: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1imGwR3kmjKvcLW7K2Ak0ISA8m8iUR-P4/view?usp=sharing>

WARD 3 DRAFT:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eGWwe4aNCgkwOm1Qd3xHIOkdI4RLUm8/view?usp=sharing>

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....

Wards 2 and 3 NPA Steering Committee:

TO EMAIL FULL STEERING COMMITTEE: wards2and3npa@googlegroups.com

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Burlington City Elected Officials Wards 2 and 3

Mayor Miro Weinberger	Democrat	802-865-7272	mayor@BurlingtonVT.gov
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City Councilors:

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	Joe Magee	Progressive	(802) 279-5513	jmagee@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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Chittenden-6-2	Emma Mulvaney Stanak	Progressive/ Democrat	802.828-2228	emulvaneystanak@leg.state.vt.us

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NET ZERO ENERGY

BURLINGTON VERMONT



About Burlington Electric Department (BED)

- Burlington's municipal electric utility
 - Public Power since 1905
 - 118 employees, including the McNeil Generating Station
 - Third-largest electric utility in Vermont
- 21,000+ customers
 - 17,282 residential, 3,983 commercial and industrial
 - 5,500-6,000 residential accounts turn over each year
- Electricity facts:
 - Summer peak: ~65 MW; Annual energy Use: ~330,000 MWH
 - McNeil is the largest energy producer in Vermont with Vermont Yankee Retirement
 - 100% of power from renewable generation as of 2014
 - No rate increase from 2009-2021; statewide average retail price of electricity increased approximately 21% during that time





BED Revenue Bond Basics

- Authorized under City Charter § 3-421 and General Bond Resolution adopted by Board of Electric Commissioners in 1981
- Requires approval of a majority of Burlington voters
- Payable solely from BED rates and revenues, not City General Fund or property taxes
- An obligation only of BED, not of the City (does not affect City's debt ratio or policy)
- BED has used issued revenue bonds several times since 1981 – for McNeil Generating Station construction, initial Energy Efficiency funding, AMI/Smart Grid infrastructure, purchasing Winooski One hydroelectric facility, and other purposes





Net Zero Energy Revenue Bond Concept

- **Builds on Prior Energy Efficiency Bond** – BED's \$11.3 million revenue bond for energy efficiency in 1990 jumpstarted our energy efficiency investments. Net Zero Energy Revenue Bond continues that foundational investment strategy.
- **Permits Additional Progress Toward Net Zero Energy Goal** – The proposed revenue bond frees up BED's GO Bonds to permit increased investment in customer incentives to accelerate progress toward Burlington 2030 Net Zero Energy goal.
- **Supports Investment in BED Infrastructure** – The Revenue Bond would also fund upgrades, maintenance and continued reliability of BED distribution system and grid, technology systems, and renewable energy plants in a manner that is fiscally responsible for ratepayers. Some of the infrastructure support is needed for upgrades to serve increasing loads from electrification.



Photo credit Drive Electric VT





\$20 Million Net Zero Energy Revenue Bond Proposal

- **Grid Investments:** reliability and Net Zero Energy system upgrade projects
- **Technology System Investments:** replace aging software, enable new dynamic rate and load control options
- **Renewable Generation:** maintain existing renewable plants, convert GT to run on biodiesel instead of oil
- **Net Zero Energy Capital Investments:** new EV charging stations, demand response technologies





BED Net Zero Energy Revenue Bond Proposal – Funding Breakdown By Category

Net Zero Revenue Bond Projects	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	Total
Generation	\$ 277,604	\$ 869,730	\$ 375,000	\$ 1,320,000	\$ 2,842,334
Distribution	\$ 1,093,910	\$ 3,478,948	\$ 6,000,478	\$ 3,530,624	\$ 14,103,959
General Plant		\$ 574,900	\$ 150,000		\$ 724,900
IT	\$ 1,067,874	\$ 1,811,556	\$ 1,043,308	\$ 50,000	\$ 3,972,738
Other-Demand Response, Charging Infrastructure	\$ 191,756	\$ 212,023	\$ 250,220	\$ 305,757	\$ 959,756
Total	\$ 2,631,144	\$ 6,947,157	\$ 7,819,006	\$ 2,603,190	\$ 20,000,498

*FY25 projects include full year funding, although the revenue bond would run through only half of FY25, which is why the project category totals for that year, if added up, are double the \$2,603,190 figure represented in the FY25 total line.



Double Strategic Electrification (Tier 3) Incentive Funding FY23-25

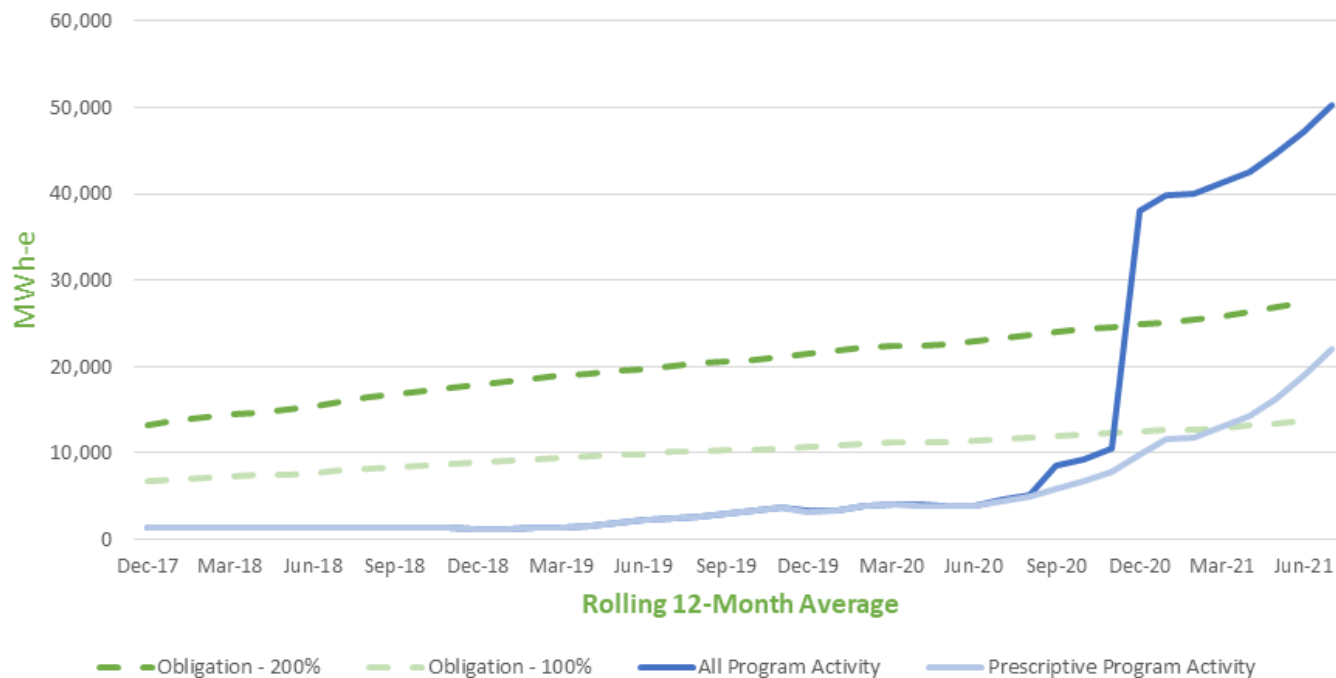
- **Continue Green Stimulus** – Per PUC Order BED can keep Green Stimulus level incentives for heat pumps, EVs, through at least end of 2023.
- **Support Faster Progress Toward Net Zero Energy Goal** – Funding for adoption rate double state Renewable Energy Standard compliance level. Incremental GHG reduction beyond business as usual of 47,000 tons lifetime, equivalent to nearly 100,000 barrels of oil consumed.
- **Use a Portion of Existing BED GO-Backed Annual Bonds** – Projected \$5.3 million of investment during this three-year period. The projects that these GO bond funds would normally be applied to have been included in the revenue bond proposal.





Tier 3 Program Activity Vs RES Obligation

Rolling 12 Months Ending





FY23 Projected Rate Pressure to Reach 110 Days Cash On Hand

(assuming full funding of capital projects and Net Zero Energy initiatives)

Financing Option	Projected Rate Pressure FY23
Without Revenue Bond	+23.7%
With Revenue Bond	+4.9%



Existing Revenue Bond Debt Service Schedule

In terms of existing revenue bond debt service, BED's 2014B revenue bond, which has had average annual debt service payments of \$684,000, will mature in 2025.

Current Ten Year BED Revenue Bond Debt Service (without new \$20 million Net Zero Energy Revenue Bond)

Fiscal Year	Principal	Interest	Total Payment
2021	\$1,745,000	\$846,033	\$2,591,033
2022	\$1,810,000	\$784,164	\$2,594,164
2023	\$1,850,000	\$723,984	\$2,573,984
2024	\$1,935,000	\$655,429	\$2,590,429
2025	\$2,000,000	\$575,046	\$2,575,046
2026	\$1,395,000	\$505,926	\$1,900,926
2027	\$1,445,000	\$450,719	\$1,895,719
2028	\$1,505,000	\$394,789	\$1,899,789
2029	\$1,565,000	\$335,354	\$1,900,354
2030	\$1,620,000	\$272,504	\$1,892,504
2031	\$1,685,000	\$205,180	\$1,890,180
	\$18,555,000	\$5,749,128	\$24,304,128



Net Zero Energy Revenue Bond Debt Service Schedule

\$20 Million Net Zero Energy Revenue Bond Pro Forma Debt Service Schedule for Next Ten Years

Fiscal Year	Principal*	Interest**	Total Payment
2022	\$0	\$0	\$0
2023	\$0	\$418,333	\$418,333
2024	\$0	\$502,000	\$502,000
2025	\$0	\$502,000	\$502,000
2026	\$0	\$502,000	\$502,000
2027	\$0	\$502,000	\$502,000
2028	\$1,114,518	\$488,013	\$1,602,530
2029	\$1,142,492	\$459,687	\$1,602,179
2030	\$1,171,169	\$430,651	\$1,601,819
2031	\$1,200,565	\$400,886	\$1,601,451
5-Year Total	\$4,628,743	\$4,205,570	\$8,834,313

* Principal payments would be deferred for 5 years.

** Assumes interest rate of 2.51%. Actual interest rate to be determined upon bond issuance.



Debt Service Capacity

- **Maturity Savings:** \$684,000 of existing Revenue Bond annual debt service will mature starting in 2026. That capacity is available to support principal repayment on Net Zero Energy Revenue Bonds.
- **Strategic Electrification Revenue Return:** BED projects average incremental net revenues of \$467,000 FY25-32 from the doubling of customer incentives from FY23-25.
- Total net revenues from strategic electrification projects FY23-25 will support approx. 40% of the combined debt service on the portion of the GO Bonds used for electrification and the Net Zero Energy Revenue Bonds.

CHAMPLAIN ST. PARK PLANNING AND OUTREACH

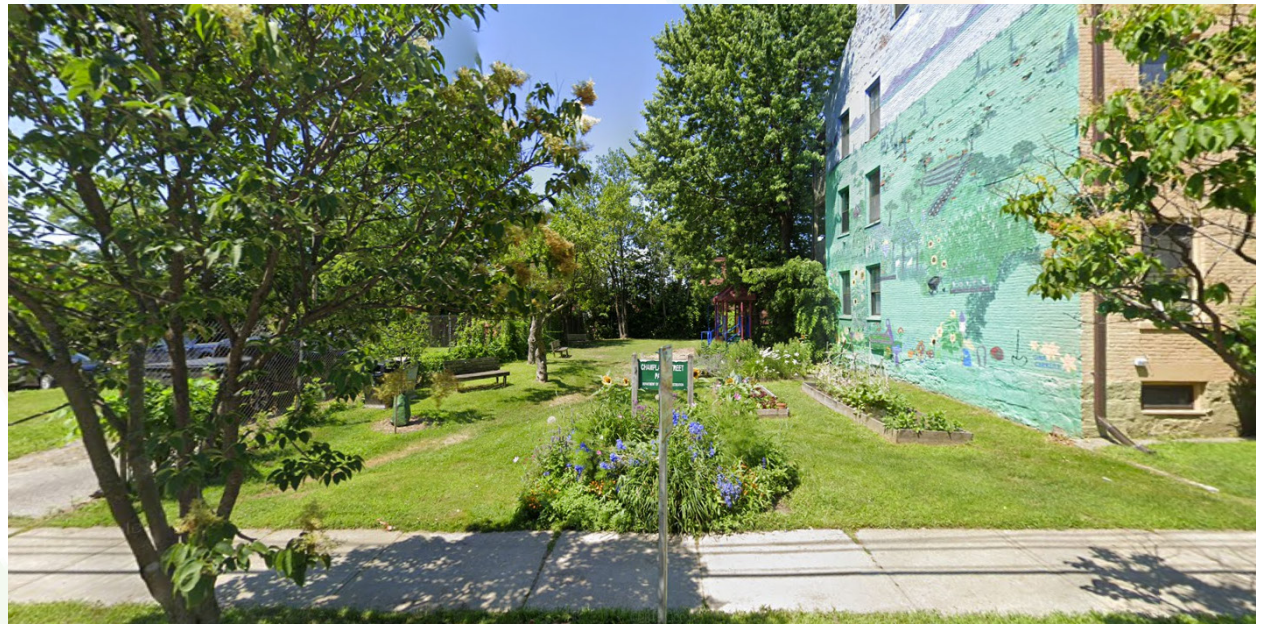
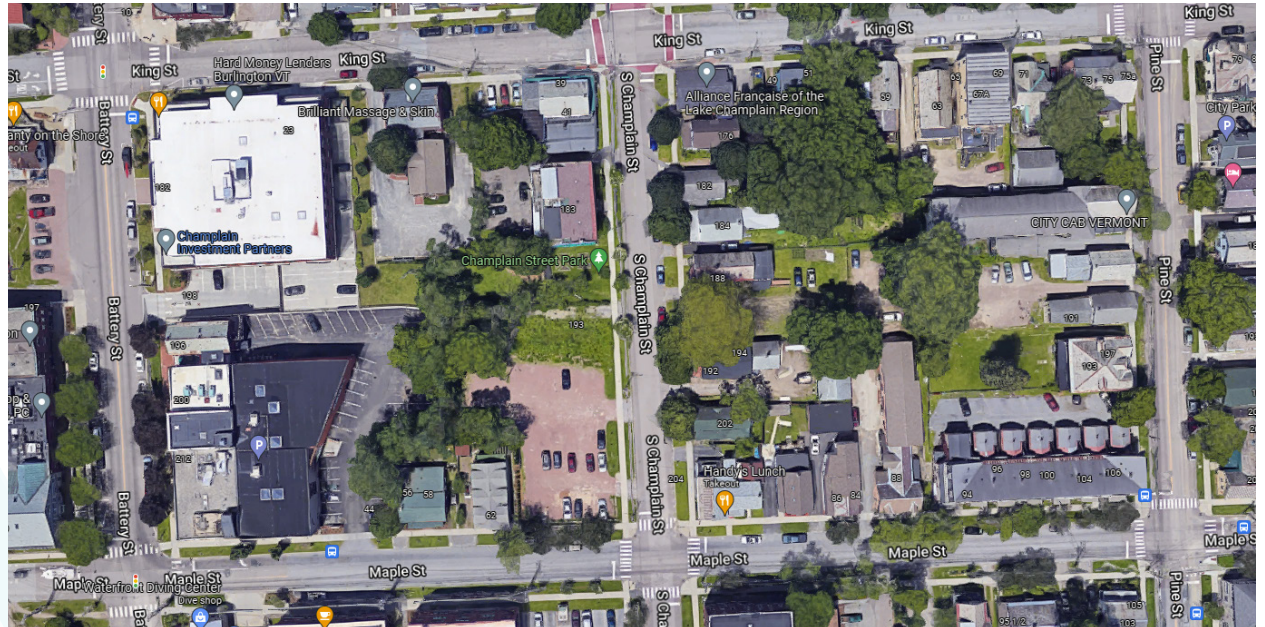
**Ward 2/3 NPA
October 14th, 2021**



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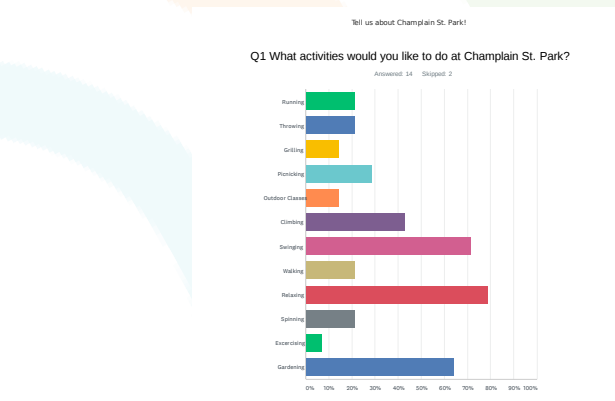
CHAMPLAIN STREET PARK

- “Pocket Park” at 187 South Champlain St. with:
 - » Wooden Benches
 - » Raised Garden Beds
 - » Small Playground (due for replacement)
- In need of some care and updating to meet neighborhood needs.



CHAMPLAIN STREET PARK - OUTREACH

- Two events held in the fall/winter of 2020.
 - » Appx. 20-25 people reached through events
- Online Survey posted through the winter
 - » 16 responses received
- Put on-hold due to pandemic. Continuing outreach this fall.
- Do you have community contacts from the neighborhood?
- Ideas for where and how to reach the community?
- Ideas of what you'd like to see or do in the park?
- Survey still up:
 - » <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ChamplainStParkSurvey1>
- Spread the word!



THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS? IDEAS? COMMENTS?

Max Madalinski
Parks Project Coordinator
mmadalinski@burlingtonvt.gov

Survey link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ChamplainStParkSurvey1>

Parks' Main #: **(802)864-0123**
Project website:
enjoyburlington.com/champlain-st-park-improvements



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Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee Updates

October 14, 2021

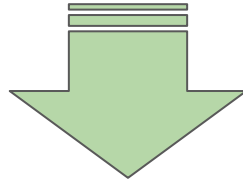
Wards 2 and 3 Neighborhood Planning Assembly

What is the *Ad Hoc* Redistricting Committee?

Created by city council resolution:

- Includes a member from each City Ward, selected by the NPA's
- Is independent of Council, School Board and former elected officials of these bodies
- “gather community input to the current redistricting plan, review the *past plan* (when there were 7 wards and 14 Councilors), hear opinions about the number of councilors per ward/district, and consider the current wards/districts configuration.”

- **Two public meetings where input is taken (Oct. 20 & date TBA)**
- Survey to be distributed on Front Porch Forum, and other ways
- Outreach at NPAs, and in communities



Report to city council: Nov. 8
or later

- City council reviews report, provides guidance to mapping specialist
- Approve map for ballot in March 2022 ***or later***

(Potential) considerations for redistricting

2010 Redistricting Considerations

- Total number of councilors divided by population
- Number of wards
- Keep geographic areas intact
- Minimize the population difference between wards
- Boundaries follow major roads as much as possible
- Academic institutions should be in more than one ward
- Ward size matters for citizen communication and campaigning
- Minimize changes from current wards
- Relationship to state districts
- Overall deviation less than 10%

Additional Potential Considerations 2021

- Preserve Incumbency?
- Keep current number of wards?
- Keep districts?
- Should areas of large student population be kept together or broken up into multiple wards?
- Keep neighborhoods intact?
- At large City Councilors?
- Even v. Odd number of City Councilors?
- Multiple representatives per ward?

NPA feedback on redistricting survey questions

How do we conduct a survey that fairly and accurately reflect how our communities want to be represented?

- Should City Council have final authority to decide the district plan that will go to ballot?
- Demographic questions
- Does the current system preserve neighborhood boundaries? Communities of interest?
- How many wards? City councilors should there be? (*sliding scale*)
- Ward or ward/district system? At-large city councilors?
- Draw your neighborhood.

Where do we go from here?

Links

[Redistricting Committee Website](#)

[2010 Redistricting committee maps under consideration](#)

[Draft of October 2021 redistricting survey](#)

Neighborhood Planning Assembly Minutes

NPA:

(choose one) Wards

1 & 8 **Wards**

2 & 3 Wards

4 & 7 Ward

5 Ward

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Date of Assembly: 10/14/2021 Start Time: (*Commence*): 6:32 PM

Location: ONE Community Center and Zoom

Finish Time: (*Adjourn*): 8:36 PM

Note taker: Tony Redington

Please forward these official minutes to: Phet Keomanyvanh

Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Charlie Giannoni (Ward 3), Jessica Hyman (Ward 3), and Tony Redington (Ward 3)

Discussion Topics

- 6:30 pm Announcements
- 6:35 pm Public Forum
- 6:45 Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee Update - George Love (Ward 2) and Dan Munteanu (Ward 3)
- 6:55 Housing Development Updates - 157 S. Champlain St. and 111 North Winooski Ave.
- 7:25 pm Net Zero Energy Revenue Bond proposal - Darren Springer, Burlington Electric Department
- 7:40 pm Champlain Street Park Improvements - Max Madalinski, Burlington Parks, Recreation and Waterfront
- 7:55 pm Representative Updates

Actions Taken / Decisions Made

- Motion by Jessica Hyman and seconded by Tony Redington to nominate Chris Haessly to the Ward 3 NPA SC.
- Motion by Mayumi Cornell to self-nominate for the Ward 2 NPA SC. Seconded by Megan Humphrey.
- Nominations for the Wards 2&3 NPA will be voted on at the NPA's November 11th meeting.

Attendance:

In-Person:

Charlie Giannoni	Daniel Munteanu	Jess Hyman	Max Tracy
Chris Haessly	Ethan Fellows, CEDO	Kirsten Wilson, CEDO	Nancy Haiduck
Curt McCormack	George Love	Luna Zeitlyn, CCTV	Neal Haiduck

Zoom:

Abigail	Emma Mulvaney-Stanak	Kesha Ram	Michael Alvanos
Darren Springer	Erik	Max Madalinski-BPRW	Nathan Dagesse

Deb Light	Jason Fitzgerald	Mayumi	Sarah Kenney
Elena Juodisius	Joe Magee (he/they)	Megan Humphrey	Tony Redington
Emily Stebbins-Wheelock, Burlington Electric Department	John Rooney	Meghan O'Rourke	

Agenda Items and Actions:

Steering Committee member Jessica Hyman is moderator and other Steering Committee members attending, Charlie Giannoni and Tony Redington

Announcements

Public Forum Tony Redington spoke on North Street unsafely and a way to make it safe with roundabouts.

Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee Update - *George Love (Ward 2) and Dan Munteanu (Ward 3)*

Housing Development Updates - *157 S. Champlain St. (Don Welch Architecture) and 111 North Winooski Ave. (Daniel Trahan)*

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Representative Updates – *Councilors Magee and Tracy, Representatives Curt McCormack and Mulvaney-Stanak,*

Additional notes

1. Steering Committee member Jessica Hyman is moderator; other Steering Committee members attending, Charlie Giannoni and Tony Redington
2. Two persons were nominated to the Steering Committee and they will be voted on at the November meeting: (1) Mayumi Cornell from Ward 2; and Chris Hasselly from Ward 3.
3. Redistricting: Our NPA representatives to the City Redistricting Advisory Committee George Love (Ward 2) and Dan Munteanu (Ward 3) reported on early actions to date.
4. Two housing projects presentations:
 - a. 157 S. Champlain: 32 units for sale with mostly 2-3 bedrooms shifted now 48 rental—24 0 bedroom (studio), 16 1 bedroom and 8 2 bedroom Most units one parking space and looking to do shared parking and also looking at car share

approach; EV charging stations; disabled parking. 20% are “affordable” with 1-bedroom “affordable” under the inclusionary zoning about \$1,100 for a one bedroom apartment.

b. Michael Alvanos and John Rooney on a 111 North Winooski housing project—6 2-bedroom units behind the existing house. No rent information is available.

The barn which is now collapsed was for sale a decade ago and Charlie Giannoni made an offer—the City wanted the barn preserved and at that time the interior of the barn was in fair condition and you could go onto the second floor. Giannoni said he was sorry to see this historic building has been lost. Disability access only for the two lower units—not the upstairs ones.

5. Energy bond vote in November: Darren Springer, Burlington Electric manager, speaks on the revenue bond Net Zero One Energy Bond to be voted on in November. These bonds are paid for by customers not the City. The climate goals are furthered by spending under these bond funds. Projections shows as 1% little rate effect. Rep. Curt McCormack asks Springer’s help is getting police to just let vehicle operators know that engine idling is a real waste and against the law.

6. Champlain Street Park Improvements : Max Madalinski of Burlington Parks, Recreation and Waterfront, presented improvements to the Champlain Street Park.

7. Elected Representatives. City Councilors Max Tracy (Ward 2) and Joe Magee (Ward 3) spoke. State Rep. Curt McCormack explained his efforts on climate change—with his District 32% have no car and use transit and walking to work. The carbon footprint is much lower than most anywhere. Our City and State is small, but our actions show leadership for others. We need to get big cars off the road—Europe looks different because of smaller cars. Let’s have VT have a luxury car tax to get big cars off the road. A “feebate” is an alternative—higher gas consuming vehicles pay a fee and lower gas car buyers get a rebate. He will continue efforts to move a rent control bill forward—no more than consumer price index.

Rep. Emma Mulvaney-Stanak. She speaks of low income access to cell phones; fed pandemic help for low income provides \$40 for internet. VT rental emergency bill—more funding for both rent and utilities (must apply by October 24). Motel housing ends shortly—not sure whether Governor will extend it even another 30 days (about 1,000 people affected right now!). People protesting and camping out at State House. Work on eliminating TIP minimum wage as part of state minimum wage law. Require reliable work schedule regulations not in place.

Sen. Kesha Ram noted efforts arising statewide to welcome refugees, particularly from Afghanistan. The removal in the offing of the Sears Lane homeless encampment was noted. Sen. Ram said the Governor has stated he supports housing for the “poor.” Redington in a comment in response noted 10% of Burlington population (non-college student) is on the Housing Authority waitlist and not a single unit of state developed housing touches their need—only federal housing vouchers do. He said the word “affordable” used to describe housing is equal to the myth that the 2020 election was stolen.

8. Next meeting is November 11, 2021.

The meeting ended at 8:35 pm.

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