

Draft Agenda
Ward 6 NPA Meeting
September 4, 2018 from 6:45 to 9:00 PM
Greek Orthodox Church, 600 South Willard Street

7:00 - 7:10

Public comment

7:10 - 7:25

South Union Demonstration Pop-Up Project

Allegra Willams from Local Motion & Peggy O'Neill from Edmunds PTO

7:25 – 7:35

UVM Update

Lisa Kingsbury

7:35 – 8:05

City Hall Park

Kirsten Merriman Shapiro from CEDO (15 min)

Donna Walters from Keep the Park Green ballot initiative (15 min)

8:05 – 8:20

Wastewater/Stormwater Ballot Initiative

Robert Goulding

8:20 – 8:40

School Board Update

Clare Wool & Jeff Wick; School Board Commissioners

8:40 – 9:00

School Board Update

Karen Paul and Joan Shannon; City Councilors

The Steering Committee Members for Ward 6 are:

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*Parking entrance off of Ledge Road on the east side of the Rotary. Overflow parking at foot of Willard St, or even Christ the King School, and walk up paved walkway from Willard directly to church.

Ward 6 Attendance

NPA
Oct. 4th

Please sign in

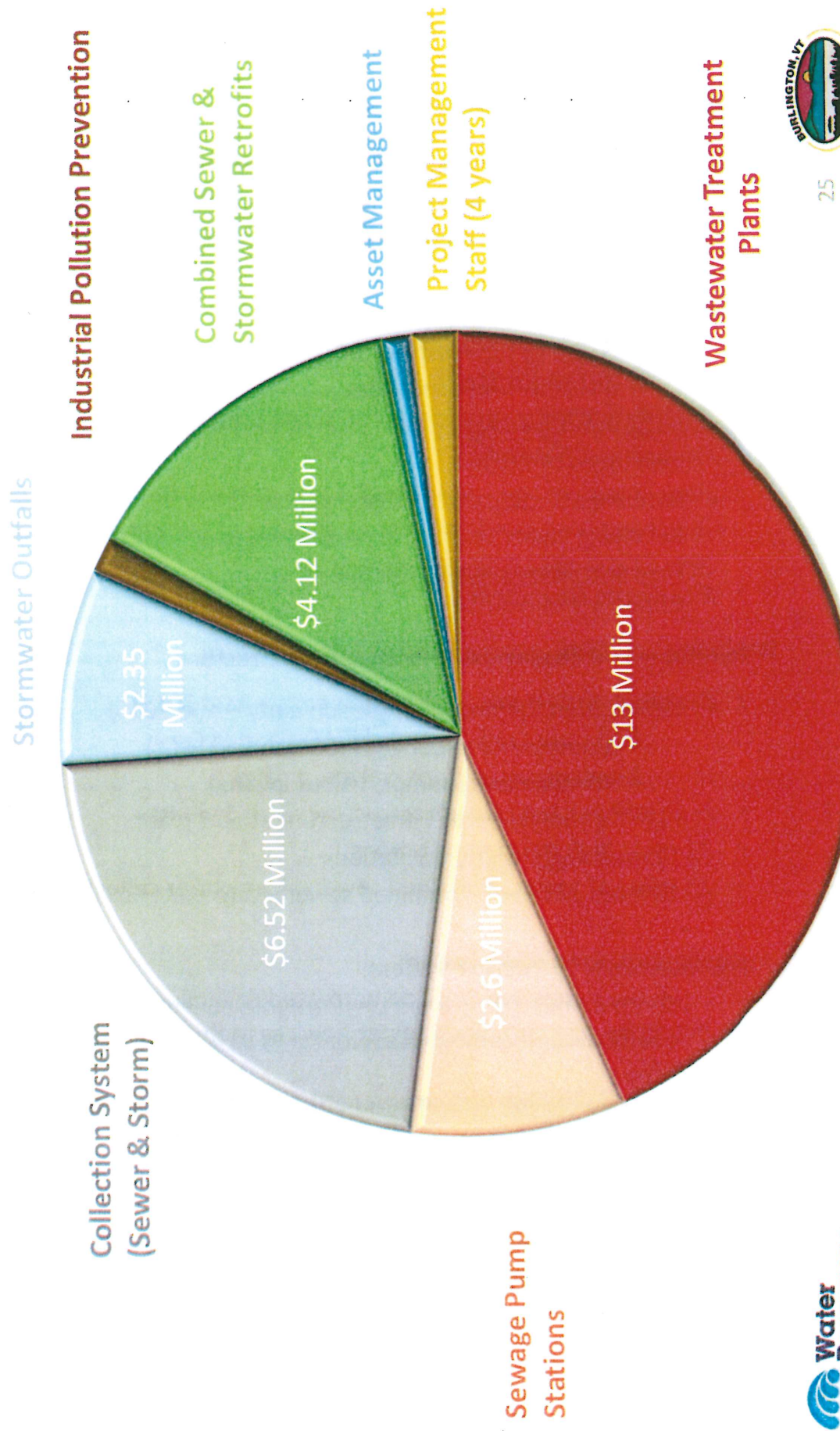
20 Fr. Andrew Papajian

1. Gail Rafferty
2. Donna Walters
3. GARY SCHAEDEL
4. Maga ~~ET~~ - CEV student-observer
5. Rick Bryant
6. Joel Fitzgerald
7. Lisa Thompson
8. Charles Simpson
9. Bob Leidy
10. Mary Gier

11. Peggy O'Neill Vwaire
12. Muri O'Brien
13. Jilly Linder
14. Joe Speidel
15. David Schein
16. Mary Ellen Menold
17. Clavin Spencer
18. Sandy Gusem
19. Elzy Wick

\$30 M Clean Water Resiliency Bond

Portfolio of Investments over next 4 – 5 years



2018 Clean Water Resiliency Plan Facts

- Stabilize and modernize aging infrastructure
- Continuing a Citywide Legacy of natural resource protection
- The Clean Water Resiliency Plan is result of years of careful risk-based capital planning
- \$30 M Plan
 - \$19.9 M for Wastewater
 - \$10.1 M for Stormwater
- \$5.36/month increase for typical single family property owner on Water Resources Utility bill
- Rate impact mitigation strategies (use of low interest Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund and reprogramming of existing annual capital lines) save rate payers approximately 40%
- Bond Vote November 6

Stabilizing and Modernizing Existing Infrastructure

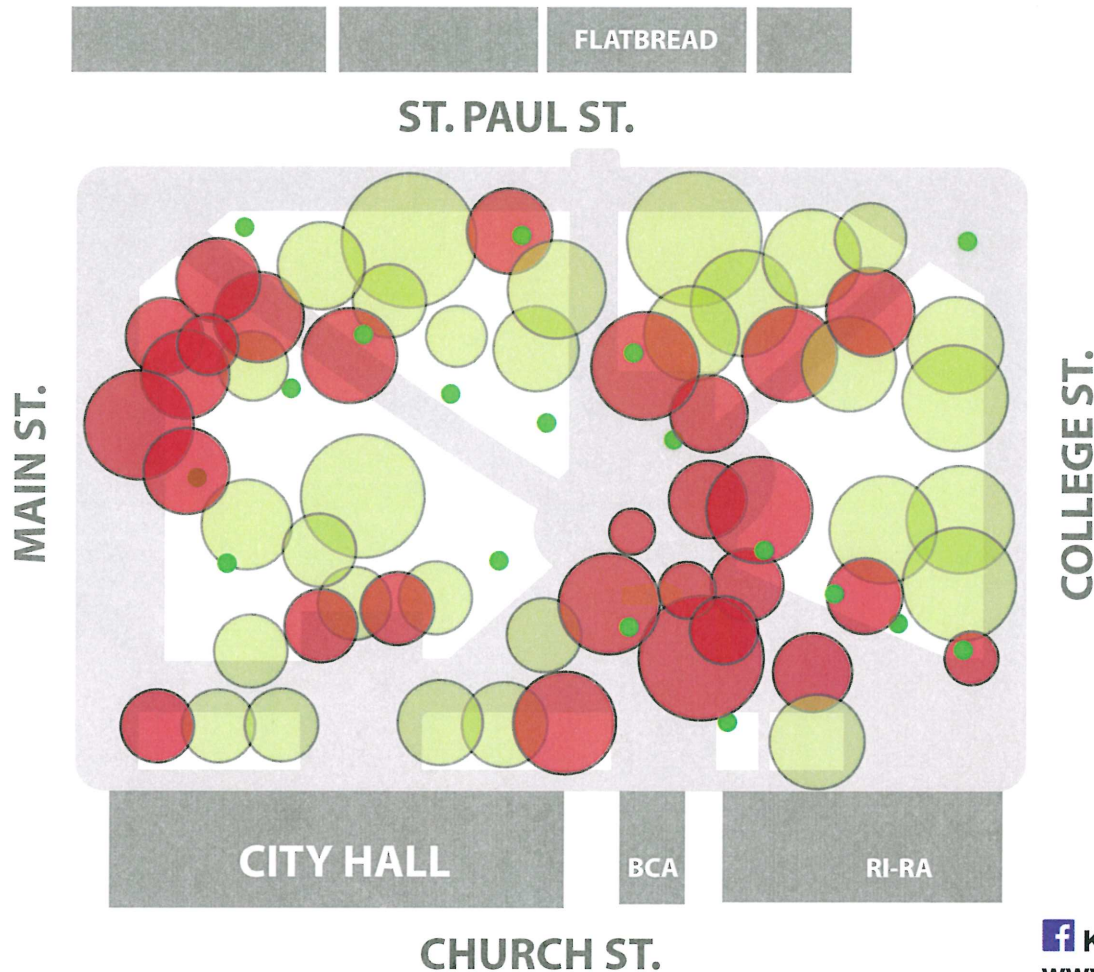
- Disinfection Systems (completion early – mid 2019)
 - Computerized Controls (SCADA and PLCs)
 - Mechanicals (pumps, valves, piping)
- High Risk wastewater infrastructure at all 3 plants
- 11 most high risk pump stations
- 13 miles of sewer, combined sewer, stormwater collection system

Improvements to Existing System

- Continue mitigation work on untreated collection system combined sewer overflows and combined sewer flows to Main Plant (10-12 impervious acres)
- Evaluate feasibility and cost benefit of satellite disinfection station at Pine Street Barge CSO
- Implement tiered industrial pollution prevention program for all industries discharging organic rich waste
- Improve asset management (implement computerized maintenance management system)

SIGN THE PETITION

To Keep the Park Green!

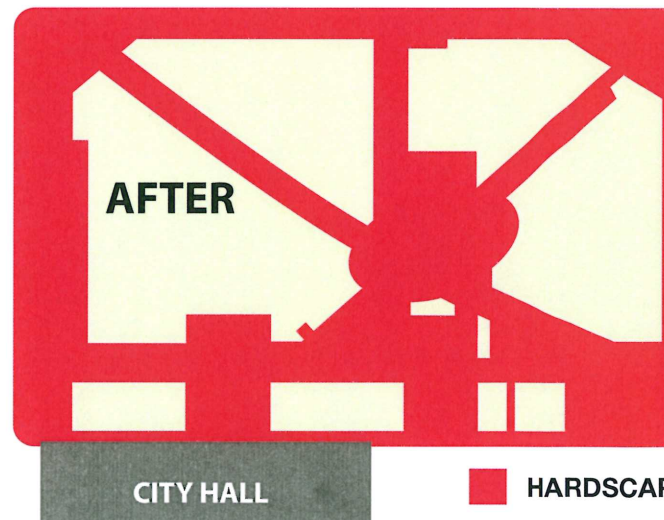


10 mature, healthy trees are being cut and replaced with saplings

58 trees in 2012
 - 7 cut
 - 21 more to cut

28 TOTAL TREE LOSS

[f Keep the Park Green](https://www.facebook.com/KeepTheParkGreen)
www.KeepTheParkGreen.org



Cancel the \$4M plan to cut 41% of existing trees and increase paved area to cover 1/3 of the park.

Eliminate dedicated right turn lane and add plastic bollards with weighted bases so as to keep cars from using the bike lane for turns. Add temporary right-turn arrow to on-street markings.

Enforce EXISTING prohibition on parking in this zone; buses and bikes only
NOTE: This is the same zone that is currently marked as a bus stop

When buses are present, people on bikes who are heading north across Main may either take the lane or ride on the sidewalk

Carry protected 7 ft bike lane (w/ 3 ft buffer) through to Edmunds driveway where kids bike up to bike racks

Install "NO RIGHT TURN" and "ONE WAY" signs on King Street at the intersection

Convert the block of Union between Maple and King to one way northbound

Start the northbound protected bike lane at Maple so as to connect via Maple with the southbound bike lane on Willard and the bi-directional lanes on South Winooski



PROPOSED POP-UP DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

South Union Street between Main and Maple

Prepared by Local Motion August 2018



Project Description

Local Motion proposes to lead a pop-up demonstration project on South Union Street as indicated above between September 29th - October 28th. A northbound bike lane on these two blocks is a critical near-term link in the city's bike network. The addition of a bike lane at this location would close a two-block north-south gap between where northbound bike facilities end on South Winooski Avenue (at Maple) and where they pick up again on Union (at Main).

The goal of the project is to demonstrate the feasibility of a biking link on this street that improves bike safety for kids and families biking to school (both Edmunds and schools in the ONE) by separating bike traffic from car traffic. The project design is fully compatible with emergency vehicle access, does not interfere with public transit, and has no impact on parking. The only impact is on travel lanes, with both blocks converting to a single lane of northbound travel. The pop-up simply extends the lane configuration that currently begins at Main Street, extending it two blocks farther south.

Public Outreach Plan

Local Motion will coordinate closely with Edmunds Elementary and Middle schools during the planning phases to ensure that families are aware of the project. School coordination will be undertaken with two goals in mind: encouraging pick-up/drop-off traffic to move onto Main Street, and promoting additional biking to school during the week of the project.

Local Motion and the school PTOs will also reach out to all residents along these two blocks via door-to-door flyer to ensure that all neighbors are aware of the project.

Data Collection

Volunteers will collect the following data under Local Motion supervision, with a focus on peak traffic periods:

- Number of bicyclists passing and related data
- Length of vehicle queue at each signal cycle

We will also conduct a brief on-site feedback survey.



South Union Street between Main and Maple

PROPOSED BIKE LANE & BUS STOP INTEGRATION

Prepared by Local Motion
August 2018



CURRENT CONDITIONS



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OSCR Mission:

OSCR provides resources and support to UVM students living off campus so that they will have successful experiences as both community members and renters. We facilitate and support communication between residents and students about ways to create healthy, safe, and just neighborhoods and work with students, neighbors, and city partners on creative initiatives to improve the quality-of-life in our shared community.

OSCR Neighborhood Services:

Response to Properties of Concern

OSCR visits properties of concern that have UVM student tenants when a call or email with a specific address is received. OSCR also partners with the Burlington Police Department and the Code Enforcement Office to visit households that receive 3 or more calls for service and one City violation if the tenants are UVM students. During these visits we talk with the students about issues raised and possible repercussions if they continue and we provide them with resources and support for resolution (for e.g., tips for resolving conflicts and managing households and information about City ordinances and University and neighborhood expectations).

Conflict Resolution

Conflict Resolution services are provided by OSCR for students, neighbors, and landlords involved in conflicts off-campus. OSCR can help facilitate conversations between student roommates, students and their Burlington neighbors, and landlords and tenants. The services are designed to repair relationships and identify action steps that can lead to successful resolutions.

Neighborhood Grant Program

OSCR provides grants and people power for neighborhood projects that build community between students and long-term residents and improve the quality-of-life in the neighborhoods surrounding the UVM campus. On Isham Street, the grants have led to successful community building and the following decreases: 68% in noise violations, 86% in vandalism, and 50% in burglaries from 2012 to 2015.

OSCR Programs, Initiatives & Events:

Community Coalition

This 22 year old Coalition is a diverse group of City residents, UVM students and staff, Champlain College staff, City administrators, City Councilors, UVM and Burlington police officers, and non-profit partners. Members meet once a month to discuss ideas and to create programs designed to build community and facilitate positive interaction between the university's students and city residents. A Street Strategy was adopted in 2012 resulting in a set of health and safety initiatives developed in partnership with residents of the chosen streets. The Coalition is an initiative of UVM's Student Government Association (SGA) and OSCR. Meetings are open to all and participation is heartily welcomed.



Student-Neighbor Liaison Program

The program's goal is to improve the quality-of-life in Burlington neighborhoods by increasing communication and building relationships between off-campus students and neighbors. Liaisons have access to Neighborhood Grants for community events and initiatives that create opportunities for positive student and neighbor interaction.



New Neighbor Welcome Bags

In September of each academic year, OSCR staff, SGA Senators, Fraternity and Sorority Life members, and neighbors deliver Welcome Bags filled with resources to 500 student households with a conversation about living successfully in the City as a tenant, community member, and neighbor.

Have a Heart Campaign

In the fall and spring, groups of UVM student and staff volunteers hand out Lake Champlain chocolate hearts and fliers to students to raise awareness about the impact of late-night noise and disruption on neighbors.



Fall Semester 2018 Quality-of-Life Efforts:

- Have a Heart Events and Off Campus Life newsletter messaging to raise awareness about the impact of late-night disruption on neighbors and neighborhoods
- Conflict resolution sessions with landlords and tenants; roommates; and student and non-student neighbors
- House visits with Code Enforcement and the Burlington Police Department to rentals with 3 or more calls for service and one noise violation and to respond to concerns that neighbors raise
- Fall 2018 Quality-of-Life Letter to Students to welcome them back, increase their awareness of the impact of late-night disruptions and possible consequences, and provide a heads up about additional enforcement in the neighborhoods
- Welcome Bag Program to engage new student residents in their neighborhoods, increase their understanding about the expectations about living in Burlington, and provide them with resources like the Off Campus Living Guide, Vermont Tenants brochure, and an oven mitt with fire safety information. The event to distribute bags to 500 households took place on Saturday, September 8.

In addition, there are several enforcement initiatives: the Joint UVM Police Services-Burlington Police Department (BPD) Patrols and the UVM funded BPD Quality-of-Life Patrols.

University of Vermont and Office of Student and Community Relations Neighborhood Quality-of-Life Continuum of Yearly Initiatives

UNCOORDINATED RESPONSES



SUCCESS OF ANY SINGLE, NEW PROGRAM
DOESN'T NECESSARILY LEAD TO PROGRESS

COORDINATED RESPONSES, LIKE THE SPOKE OF A WHEEL



PROBLEMS ARE ADDRESSED USING MULTIPLE
PROGRAMS, LEADS TO SUSTAINED PROGRESS

COORDINATED RESPONSES OVER TIME

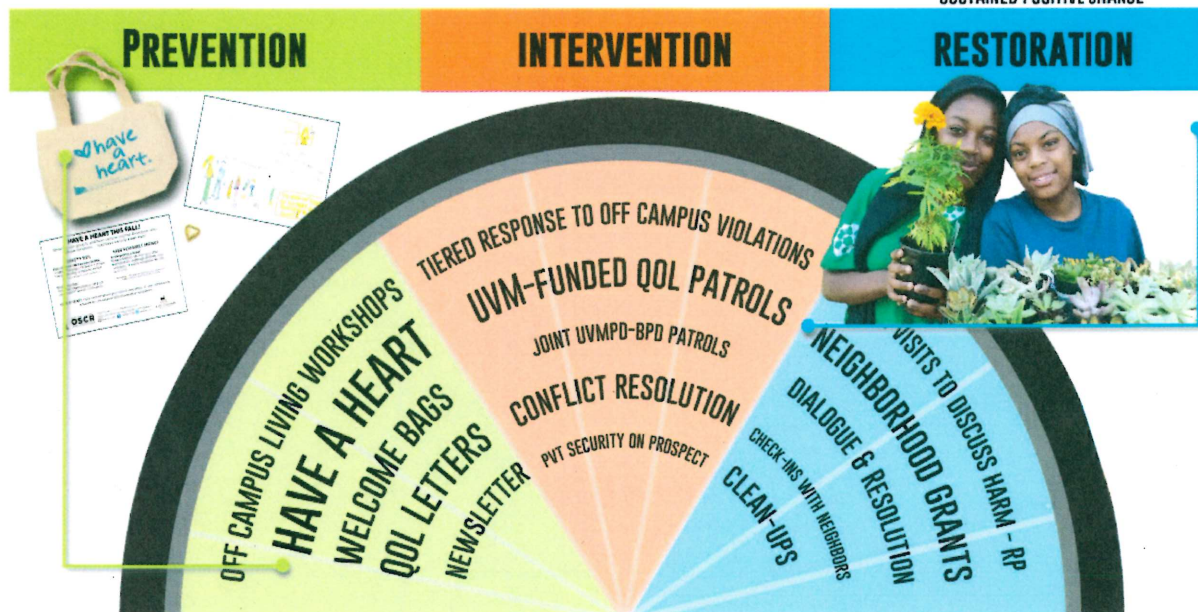


AS TRACTION INCREASES, THERE IS FORWARD
MOMENTUM. DATA TRENDS SHOW
SUSTAINED POSITIVE CHANGE

PREVENTION

INTERVENTION

RESTORATION



Neighborhood Planning Assembly, Ward 6,
Greek Orthodox Church, 600 So. Willard Street, Burlington, VT.
October 4, 2018, Minutes

Steering Committee Members Present: Matt Grady, Michelle Mraz, Mary Riley, Gail Rafferty, Charles Simpson
Recorder: Charles Simpson

Due to technical problems, no Channel 17 video recording was made of the meeting.

Present: approximately 22 people

1. Public Forum:

Two Town Hall meetings were announced, one on Memorial Auditorium for Oct. 11, Contois Auditorium, 5:30 pm; one on the Future of Downton, Oct. 16, First Congregational Church, Winooski Ave., 2nd floor. 7, pm.

Chittenden County Solid Waste District has composing cones available to the public.

2. So. Union St. Demonstration Pop-Up Project.

Peggy O'Neil, speaking for the Edmunds School Parent Teachers Organization, described the pop-up demonstration of the feasibility of adjusting lane use on So. Union between Maple and Main. The purpose is to improve the ability of school buses and parents to off-load children along So. Union by closing the east lane to traffic and making it a bike lane shared with buses and cars dropping off students. The experiment will last two weeks. There has been some opposition, including the vandalization of signs. Edmunds School administration and Local Motion have created a survey to gage public response, which is available on either organization's web site. Question (Q): I normally come up King to access So. Union and found this was now impossible. Is the goal to create a bike lane or to improve safety? I've heard this advertised as a bike lane issue.

Answer (A): Kids on the neighborhood special school bus include those with mobility issues and getting them safely to the sidewalk is the goal. But incorporating bike access is also a goal. The duration of the pedestrian light on Main is also an issue. It is too short. Q. Why not knockouts around the school for buses? No one accesses the building from Main but there's a circular drive there. A. We have this on our map. Councilor Karen Paul then said that she's gotten a number of emails about the pop-up. People can either fill out the questionnaire or communicate directly with Edmunds or DPW with their concerns. Q. Why not have the buses enter through the existing drive from Maple leading to the school parking lot? A. There's construction going on. And a corner is sharp. Q. Which could be redesigned. Q. At polling day, it is hard for

pedestrians because cars coming out of the parking lot. There's a danger there. A. Yes,.
A bump out would be helpful.

3. UVM update:

Joe Speidel said UVM and the City are collaborating to get ahead of any neighborhood problems from students such as noise or other tenant issues. If there are three or more incidents and a ticket is issued by the City, Bill Ward of Code Enforcement will visit to access quality of life. This program has sharply reduced repeat violations. UVM pays the City \$100,000 a year to provide police patrols in affected neighborhoods. Over the last five years the trend is fewer incidents. This is a data-driven approach. Q. I live on Summit St. and the problems arise between 2 and 3 am. A. We are responding as is the City Councilor, Karen Paul. Karen Paul then said that tenants turn over annually and this makes it challenging but landlords are responding to complaints. UVM and Champlain are also distributing welcome bags with behavioral information. Speidel: We talk with students about their responsibilities and hold them accountable of off-campus infractions, up and including suspending them. Q. Are these City police being paid? A. Yes, but campus police also participate. We need people to call when there are incidents.

4. City Hall Park Plans:

Kirsten Merriman Shapiro of CEDO distributed a handout on the project, which started in 2012 and has been approved by Council in 2014. In 2016 we began the design work. We have had 23 public meetings, including at NPA 6. The planning aim is to balance ecology, historic values, and civic needs. We added back trees through this public process. Most paths will be ADA accessible. Tree health and storm water are addressed. While 32 percent of the two acre park will have impervious surface, this is less than what was previously hardscape plus impacted soil. There will be a stand-alone restroom. Q. I believe the historic aspects such as the existing fountain were thrown out the window. The spray fountain planned will be functioning only a small part of the year. Who's going to bring their kids to that? And how are you dealing with social problems? A. We have consulted with the Preservation Trust of Vermont on this plan and they support the path design. Q. The paved spray fountain area will be empty most of the year. A. There will be an upright public art piece there. Q. I love the design. I talked to the city arborist and was told there would be 600 flowering shrubs. It will be amazing. Q. What happens with the fountain between September and May? A. There will be programmable lights, even when there's no water. Q. I appreciate the City's response to public concerns. I like the design. There will be more places to sit. Q. The police said that the former bushes were a security issue because they obstructed sight lines. A. These will be no more than waist high. We'll maintain them. We don't want less open sight lines.

Donna Walters, of Keep the Park Green: She distributed printed material, available on <https://www.facebook.com/CityHallParkBurlingtonVT/>. KPG has been at every public meeting on the park; we didn't involve ourselves just yesterday. Ten mature healthy trees are being cut and replaced with saplings for a total tree loss, due to all causes, of 28 trees out of 58 existing. Thus 41 percent of the trees will be lost and one-third of the park paved. While the Farmers Market will be moved to the sidewalk, artist vendors will be allowed within the park, recreating the compaction issue. I was on the ad hoc committee that was formed with the City to reach a compromise. While we saved some trees, we weren't permitted to address other design issues. We have a ballot initiative. (She read and distributed this and requested signatures). It calls for cancelation of the current plan and repair and maintenance instead, preserving more trees and the historic character of the park. Q. I grew up near the park. Now that development is increasing downtown, we need more green space. You have a fountain dead for most of the year and many sitting areas lack backs. Where's the kids' playground? You have designed what is more a mall than a park. But there's a mall nearby on Church St. We need a green area and shade trees. Who's going to play in a fountain without access to towels and a changing area? The design concept is flawed. Karen Paul broke in again and answered for the City: The plan has been in process since 2011, the Kiss administration. There's been dozens of meetings. The city arborist tells us you need trees of varied ages to make a vibrant canopy. And what we have includes trees not suited to a city park. The paths conform largely to ADA standards and the park preserves an historic aspect but is also forward thinking. There's been a great deal of community input. Q. How large are the new trees? A. 3.5 to 5 inches in diameter. Q. We need tall trees as we've had historically. A. Of the 21 to be cut, some could be saved using air excavation tools to address girdling. This isn't expensive. Those in poor condition can't be saved. Q. The soil will compact again without a maintenance plan in place. Venders on the sidewalk will clog up the streets.

5. Wastewater/stormwater bond Issue:

Megan Moir and Chapin Spencer of DPW presented. Megan said that there was a Town Hall on the bond issue available through the City website, <http://burlingtonvt.gov?DPW?cwrp>. Up until 1963, all city sewage went untreated into the lake. Since then we've had large scale dumping due to the combined nature of the sewer and storm water system. In the 1990s we separated parts of the system but found out later that surface water was also polluted and if channeled separately, wasn't being treated. Through the combined system, it is now being treated but we still have 5 points of stormwater overflow that in large rain events dump into the lake. the closest is on the Pine St. Barge Canal. Sometimes this direct discharge is due to infrastructure breakdowns. The present \$30 million bond issue is meant to address these issues including enhancement of the low-area pumping system, street paving, pipe relining, and disinfecting stormwater. Beer waste is another issue. As an organic, it is digested by bacteria but too much of this "high strength waste" leads to problems. It's the

amount, not the type of waste. The bond issue will cost the average householder \$5.34 a month. Q. Lake levels fluctuate. Is this a problem? A. Only if lake levels are extremely high. We continue to look ahead 20 years to factor in the effects of climate change. Q. Is there any recycling of greywater? A. I'm not aware of any use of grey water such as for irrigation. Twenty-five percent of the city is on the combined system. Q. Where does the separate stream of storm water go? A. We don't treat it. The present lake cleanup plans call for us to address this. More permeable surface is the solution. That includes rain gardens. Those planned for City Hall Park will drain into the combined system. Q. Rain gardens require area use. A. The City can help you plan these. Contact our storm water program manager.

6. School Board Update and Bond Issue:

Clare Wool and Jeff Wick presented. Clare discussed the rationale for the BHS bond issue of \$70 million on the Nov. 6 ballot. She said that at a conference today, all parties from the City, business community, and teachers supported the bond issue. There is a Town Hall meeting on the bond issue coming up and tours of BHS are available. Our message is that after 55 years, it is time for a change. It would take \$30 million just to address deferred maintenance. Enhancement of BHS is an investment benefiting the entire city. The planning began in 2008 but little happened. Now we are moving forward. I want to thank Councilor Paul and the mayor for their support and their oversight participation in the process. Q. Will the new BHS have the same student capacity? Are you addressing parking lot runoff? A. We will have a larger building but the same capacity. As was attempted with the Miller Center, we hope to capture revenue through community use of the buildings. With 800 new housing units planned between downtown and Cambrian Rise, we anticipate no decline in student numbers. BHS, with 1000 students, is now at capacity. We are addressing runoff in the design. Jeff: we are working with consultants who have built other schools in Vermont. While many projects go over budget, they have built in contingencies. We have the smartest people in city government working with us. Q. Who is ultimately in charge and who do they report to? A. The school district and the City have established benchmarks. A construction manager will be appointed jointly. it won't be the city construction manager but a full-time position. Q. Will he or she report to the board or the supervisor? A. I hope both. They will report to a joint City/Board committee. Q. Will the project be LEED certified? A. It will be certified under a CHiPS process, which is similar.

Meeting ended at 9 pm

Respectfully submitted, Charles Simpson