



Wards 2 and 3 Neighborhood Planning Assembly

Wednesday September 30, 2020, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Held in remote locations via Zoom

wards2and3npa.weebly.com

Moderator Kevin Deuterman

6:30 pm NPA Announcements | 10 minutes

- Financial Report
- Introduction of Steering Committee Members

6:40 pm Public Forum | 15 minutes

3 minutes maximum suggested

6:55 pm Nomination and Election of Candidates for the NPA Ward 2 and Ward 3 Steering Committee | 10 minutes

7:05 pm Information on Vermont Voter Registration Procedures | 10 minutes

Andrew Champagne

7:15 pm Candidates for General Election Statements | 45 minutes

8:00 pm City Council and School Board Members Report | 25 minutes

8:25 pm Other Business | 5 minutes

8:30 pm Adjourn

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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....

Current NPA 2/3 Steering Committee:

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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
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Ward 3	Brian Pine	Progressive		bpine@burlingtonvt.gov

School Board Members:

Central District (Wards 2 & 3)	Jean Waltz	355-7856	jwaltz@bsdvt.org
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Vermont State House Representatives

Chittenden-6-3	Jill Krowinski	Democrat	802.363.3907	jkrowinski@leg.state.vt.us
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Wards 2 and 3 NPA Minutes 9.30.20

Meeting Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ep4HTRWI0wc&feature=youtu.be>

Steering Committee Members present: Tony Redington, Ward 2, Patrick Johnson, Ward 2, Barbara McGrew, Ward 3, Kevin Deutermann, Ward 3,

6:40 pm Public Forum | 15 minutes

Carol Livingston, working with Aden Haji BSD School Commissioner, CEDO, Family Rom to do a Voter Education Zoom meeting for New American members. There will be 2 sessions, Oct. 9th & 16th both at 5:30pm. Asking each NPA to contribute \$200.00 each. Wards 2 and 3 NPA will put on the agenda on Oct. 8th to vote on this project.

Tony Redington, Learned that 1 out of 4 people in Burlington lives in poverty which is alarming. Will put in resolution that City Place will 25% be affordable housing. The City will install 2 roundabouts N. Winooski and N. Union and one at Decatur St. Champlain Parkway project is being investigated of racial injustice and discrimination by low income.

Kim Anderson, representing Community Health Center on Riverside Ave. Want to let people know of their services and encouraging everyone to get their flu shot. Appreciate being neighbors continuing to wear mask and be compassionate. <https://www.chcb.org/>

Jess Hyman, thank you to Melissa Cain who is receiving Roots Prevention Award who distributed over 10,000 masks in the ONE community. Also there are a number of housing assistance programs to help with back rent through the CARES Act. The City has the RRC <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/resources> and on CEDO there is a rental assistance site for fair housing. <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/Housing>

6:55 pm Nomination and Election of Candidates for the NPA Ward 2 and Ward 3 Steering Committee | 10

Jess Hyman, Ward 3 was nominated and voted into the Wards 2 and 3 NPA Steering Member. Jess lives in ONE for 20 years. Involved in Community Gardens and attended NPAs. Want to join to help NPAs get more participation and responses to make the ONE community better.

7:15 pm Candidates for General Election Statements | 45 minutes

Emma Mulvaney-Stanak, running for the Vermont House of Representatives to represent Chittenden 6.2 district. Running on economic justice, education, community engagement. Government needs to be more assessable <https://www.emmaforvthouse.com/>

Kesha Ram, running for State Senate. Would be the youngest and first woman of color in the Senate. Served in the House and glad to hear that issues that introduced when in the House has moved forward. Looking to introduce environmental justice and income equality and how it relates to education. <https://www.kesharam.com/>

Brian Cina, Running for House to represent Chittenden 6-4. Professional Social Worker who supports families. Voted no on State Budget because question what is the status quo. For far too long the State's investment has been extractive which continues to exploit people and our natural resources. <http://www.cinaforhouse.com/>

Jill Krowinski, has been a House Representative since 2012. A lot of our neighbors are still suffering dealing with healthcare, employment, housing and the pandemic isn't over yet. Did work on hazard pay, and governor did a good job on COVID but did not do enough with economic justice. <https://jillkrowinski.com/>

Erika Redic, running for Senate. Lives in N. End and raised in Burlington. Went to Champlain College and has background in accounting and small business consultant. Want to see State open up economy. Vermont has been rated low for doing business. If want to provide justice and equity for Vermonters need to pay down 5 billion deficit. Need to grow tax base and deregulating land use laws to house people to lower housing cost. <https://erickaredic.com/>

7:05 pm Information on Vermont Voter Registration Procedures | 10 minutes

Jim Condos, running for Secretary of State. Grew up in Burlington and graduated from UVM. Never left Vermont. Have served in many public offices. <http://www.jimcondos.com/>

Can register online, at polls, on paper. 490k register voters in Vermont and 50k are considered challenged voters. A letter is sent to these challenged voters to ask for address change or to be removed. It's illegal for one person to vote in multiple locations during the same election. Absentee, early voting, vote by mail is counted all counted the same and all safe. Pretty much all State has vote by mail and military has been voting by mail since Civil War. Nobody should need to choose between their health and voting.

Translated ballots and videos in 6 different languages was done in Town Meeting Day and will also be done for this general election. All polling locations will be open.

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CT/Elections> <https://sos.vermont.gov/elections/>

David Zuckerman running for Governor. Happy to support translation to keep people aware and remove language barriers. The COVID-19 crisis has widen and exposed more of the economic disparities. Want to bring more voices to the table during policy development so more lenses can take part. Platform running to improve economic disparities, workforce development, climate change and continuing to keep people safe in time of COVID

<https://www.zuckermanforvt.com/>

8:00 pm School Board Members Report | 25 minutes

Polly Vanderputten. New Ward 3 School commissioner. Last night meeting discussion was about BHS and on BSD/renovation. A lot of buildings developed in 40-50's were built with PCV

which can cause cancer and is all around us in the environment and water. This remote learning is not working for new immigrant and special needs families. The Superintendent worked on finding onsite learning for these families and will continue to look for onsite learning for all students. We are not losing people in Burlington and the schools are bursting and vibrant. Need to change this narrative that we are losing people. We need more money from the State.

Jene Waltz, Central District-On Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee. Created racial equity taskforce and need student voices.

- **BSD School Safety Task Force Application:** BSD invites members of the community - and especially students - to participate in a School Safety Task Force as requested in the Board of School Commissioners' resolution passed on June 25, 2020. The resolution charges the School Safety Task Force with reviewing the role of School Resource Officers (SROs) and presenting recommendations to further the district's policy goals of implementing all elements of Restorative Practices (RP) as part of the district priorities of equitable and safe inclusive schools. BSD is looking for student representatives for the Task Force: Application link: <https://www.bsdvt.org/2020/09/10/bsd-school-safety-task-force-application/>
- **Study of Pupil Weighting in VT's Education Funding Formula:** The Vermont Agency of Education (AOE) was directed, under Section 11 of No. 173 of the 2018 Acts and Resolves of the Vermont General Assembly (Act 173) to undertake a study that examines and evaluates whether: 1) the current weights for economically-disadvantaged students, English language learners (ELL), and secondary-level students should be modified; 2) new cost factors and weights should be incorporated into the equalized pupil calculation; and 3) the special education census grant should be adjusted for differences in the incidence of and costs associated with SWD across school districts. Here's the report: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Legislative-Reports/edu-legislative-report-pupil-weighting-factors-2019.pdf>

Stephen Carey, Ward 2. New Superintendent has done a good job with keeping families updated on the District website. Had meeting last night that included state epidemiology mostly about B. Have 3 contracts in work and signed one. Teacher and para are still being worked on.

Here's additional links Commissioner Vanderputten referenced I hope can be added to the meeting minutes.

For more info about the timeline and the BHS renovation project, please go to:

<https://www.bsdvt.org/district/budget/bhs-renovations/>

Here is a link to the School Board special meeting on September 29, 2020, which includes the presentation from Dr. Mark Levine and his team and Superintendent Tom Flanagan's update

about the current situation and ideas for the future: <https://go.boarddocs.com/vt/bsdvt/Board.nsf/vpublic?open>

- **Link to Sept. 29 School Board Meeting:**

<https://www.facebook.com/BurlingtonVTSchools/videos/876426336220839/?vh=e&extid=TEGPU87IqJSen13A&d=n>

8:30 pm Adjourn

By Phet Keomanyvanh, CEDO

Supplemented by Jess Hyman and Jean Waltz