



Draft Agenda

Ward 5 NPA September 20, 2019 City Market Community Room 207 Flynn Ave
6:30pm-8:30pm

Schedule:

The Steering Committee Members for Ward 5 are:

6:30-6:40 - Open Forum

6:40-7:00 - Keep the Park Green on ballot initiative, Donna Walters

7:00-7:20 - Green Mountain Transit NextGen Transit Plan, Rachel Kennedy

7:20-7:40 - CEDO Updates, Phet Keomanyvanh and Marcy Esbjerg

7:40-8:05 - City Council update, Joan Shannon (South District)

8:05-8:30 - School Board update, Liz Curry (Ward 3)

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- Ben Traverse, bentraverse@gmail.com
- Joanna Grossman, joeyinvermont@gmail.com
- Joe Dery, joedery@gmail.com
- Andy Simon, earthadventure@gmail.com

For more information about Wards 5 NPA visit their CEDO webpage

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/Neighborhood-Services/NPAs/Ward-5-NPA>



Keep Current on their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Ward5NPA>

In collaboration with Channel 17 cctv.org, we will also now be live streaming our meetings on YouTube, which will permit the submission of online comments during Q&A portions of the meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/channel17townmeetingtv>

Draft Minutes

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Start: 6:30pm

Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Andy Simon (Chair)

Joe Dery

Bill Keogh

Ben Traverse

Open Forum –

- Elisa Nelson
 - Parks Department meeting on bike path
 - Maritime Museum upcoming event
- Zachary York
 - Running for assistant judge
- Carolyn Bates
 - City Hall Park – Keep the Park Green
 - Pine Street Coalition – against the Champlain Parkway
- Spencer Smith
 - Joined the Pine Street Coalition, wanted to find out what was going on – the plan should never go through – we need to deal with traffic, but not to dump it downtown
 - We need Ward 5 committee to discuss how impacting us
- Emily and Hunter (Sierra Club)
 - Ready for 100 – trying to go to NPAs to talk about effort to get BTV to adjust to 100% renewables
- Donna Walters
 - Kudos to Sierra Club, as well as 350.org and other organizations supporting efforts to address climate change

Keep the Park Green (Donna Walters)

- Distributed flyer and petition, and walked through proposed ballot language
- Discussed number of trees slated to be cut and condition of trees (10 healthy trees going to be cut)
- Donna sat on AdHoc committee, able to save another half dozen trees and plant additional trees
 - Originally, plan was going to cut 70 trees but, through work with City, it is now down to 49% of trees.

- Discussion on how hardscape will be increased after construction (1/3 of park)
- Park would be closed for 2 years after construction
 - Farmers' Market manager looking for another location during interim
- Considered lawsuit to appeal the design; waived that right in response to opportunity to serve on AdHoc committee; at last minute, restriction placed on committee's right to make design changes
- Making the rounds to all of the NPAs, asking if groups are willing to endorse the ballot item
- Question & Answer
 - Handicap accessibility – not all paths need to be accessible, just one needs to be
 - Further discussion on accessible routes
 - Discussion on whether more concrete will attract skateboarders and the like
 - Looks like additional trees are being planted; seems like sick trees may need to be replaced
 - Bill Devos (sp?) at Shelburne Farms was able to fix rows of trees in 1980s; saying roots are flexible; million dollars has been donated to the park by the Pomerleaus, would like us to just use that money; would like us to bring in master gardeners to do the work; ask homeless individuals in the park to work on the effort.
 - Where is the \$3 million / \$4 million coming from?
 - Joan Shannon - \$4 million includes the donation from the Pomerleaus, dedicated specifically to the fountain, which is now going to be a splash pad; part of it will be from City taxes
 - Read the *Hidden Life of Trees*
- Andy Simon – resolution needs to be warned for the next meeting; need to get a straw vote from the group; proposal is the ballot language.

Green Mountain Transit (Rachel Kennedy, Senior Transit Planner)

- Hear to discuss NextGen Transit Plan
- Walked through PowerPoint presentation
- Discussion on RouteShout app
 - Discussion on how bus riders may not have access to smartphones
- Question & Answer
 - Going to look into smaller uses or electric buses?
 - Buses are out to bid; have been awarded grants for some electric buses.
 - Any change in Tilley Drive access?
 - Looking at ways to improve service
 - College Street shuttle – city's climate action plan discussed making the shuttle into more of a loop, servicing a wider portion of downtown.
 - What is the status of airport services?
 - Currently served by Route 2
 - Where can someone purchase 10-day or 30-day ride passes?

- Online, location on Industrial Parkway, downtown transit center, certain banks in town
- Looking at removing barriers to entry, including mobile ticketing

CEDO (Phet Keomanyvanh and Marcy Esbjerg)

- Background on CEDO
 - Created under Mayor Sanders
 - Three divisions
- Public engagement initiatives
 - Staff public meetings (e.g., NPAs), more informal meetings (e.g., meetings of immigrant and refugee communities)
 - Youth development, addressing economic and education gaps
 - Social media, other communication outlets to tell story of what CEDO is doing
 - Other examples:
 - City Hall open house for refugee community
 - Career and college fairs
 - My Brother's Keeper initiative – ensuring cradle-to-career track
 - Internship programs – almost 130 young people have come through internship program
 - AmeriCorps program
 - Youth on boards program
- Community Development Block Grants
 - Micro-grants – used to be certain funding made available for NPAs to put in requests
 - In 2011 and 2012, through robust process, with feedback from the community and advisory board, refined process by which grants are requested; now, give out fewer grants, larger dollar figures.
 - Is an open cycle, opens in December, minimum grant is \$5000
 - NPAs can apply through this process
- Question & Answer
 - Joan Shannon – thank you to Joan and Marcy – CDBG recognized by HUD as being best managed block grant program in the country.
 - What is percentage of Burlington who are immigrants?
 - 87% of Burlington are white
 - 1/3 students in the district are people of color

City Council Update (Joan Shannon)

- City Hall Park

- Very long process in getting to the current plan; not going to profess it is Joan's personal favorite plan, but she respects the process the City went through to get to the plan, including input from wide variety of stakeholders.
 - Discussion on propriety of same group invited to table to be a part of the process, now opposing park through potential ballot initiative.
 - Trees are not only element to address environmental needs; storm water specialist and City arborist both in favor of current design.
 - ADA improvements are incremental; individual utilizing wheelchair has different perspective on the park.
- State has notified Burlington that properties need to be reassessed
 - Expects that at next meeting, will bring forward waste treatment bond for \$30 million
 - School bond ballot initiative is up on Monday
 - Question & Answer
 - What will ballot initiatives be in November?
 - Storm water
 - Schools
 - Discussion on tax reassessment.

School Board (Jeff Wick)

- Discussion on other events
- High school bond measure
- Question and Answer
 - No swing space
 - \$70 million
 - Discussion on Memorandum of Understanding that City would provide expertise to help manage the construction project.

End: 8:30pm

Minutes by Ben Traverse

Neighborhood Planning Assembly Attendees



NPA (choose one)		Wards 1 & 8		Wards 2 & 3		Wards 4 & 7		Ward 5		W
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Date of Assembly : 9-20-18 Location: City Market 5

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or email to cedofd@burlingtonvt.gov

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