

Draft Agenda Ward 5 NPA

September 19th, 2019

Champlain Elementary School, Art Room 6:30pm-8:30pm

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- 6:45-7:10 Mayor Miro Weinberger: Housing Policy
- 7:10- 7:25 Joe Resteghini, Principal, Champlain Elementary: Welcome and Introduction
- 7:25- 8:00 Superintendent Obeng, Burlington School District: 2018-2019 School Year in Review
- 8:00-8:30 Mike Fisher & Jeff Wick, Burlington School Board: School Board Update

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Neighborhood Planning Assembly Attendees



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Date of Assembly : 9/19/19 Location: Champlain Elementary

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- 2 LUCIA CAMPRIELLO
- 3 Billy Clark
- 4 DUSTIN SMITH
- 5 ANDY SIMON
- 6 Rick Vanh
- 7 Ashley Dumbanski
- 8 Gabrielle Stebbins
- 9 Yaw OBENGA
- 10 Ben Truere
- 11 Joe Dery
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Ward 5 NPA - Minutes

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Steering Committee Attendance: Kirstin Boehm, Lucia Campriello, Ashley Dembinski, Mohamed Jafar, Scott Pavek, Andy Simon, Ben Traverse

Agenda:

6:30-6:45 Open Forum

- Dick Vaughn, owner of Perky Planet, and Dustin Smith discuss Perky Planet, coffee shop on St. Paul Street.
- Opened in January, Perky Planet focused on meaningful employment for neighbors with disabilities.
- Renovation of St. Paul has “been a challenge” and Perky Planet staff are looking forward to end of construction. They are asking neighbors to support them through this project.
- Andy Simon reminds group about Climate Strikes occurring tomorrow – rally outside of City Hall at noon.

6:45-7:10 Mayor Miro Weinberger: Housing Policy

- Mayor Weinberger is joined by Meagan Tuttle, City’s Senior Planner, to describe work accomplished since spring.
- Burlington Housing Policy Reform distributed to attendees; Mayor discusses five topic areas guiding policy discussion. Proposals will be finalized and presented to City Council in October; from there, new ordinances and charter changes.
- Mayor Weinberger says the city’s focuses are code enforcement, permanently affordable housing and creation of new homes outside of permanently affordable zone.
- Mayor explains that the five proposals presented in new Housing Policy Reform plan represent a “doubling down” on City’s three focuses.
 - Energy Efficiency in Rental Housing
 - Accessory Dwelling Units
 - Short-Term Rentals
 - Minimum Parking Requirements
 - Housing Trust Fund
- Mayor describes split incentive problem in which renters pay utilities, but property owners are responsible for weatherization upgrades. To address this, Mayor proposes basic weatherization requirements be incorporated in City’s code enforcement inspections.
- Mayor Weinberger notes short-term rentals (STRs) may negatively impact ability to build stock of long-term rental housing.

- Question regarding STRs: “Will there be a requirement that STRs be owner-occupied?”
 - Meagan Tuttle: “Host, whether renter or owner, must be on site.”
- Q: “Will there be an effort to promote more on-campus housing for UVM students?”
 - Weinberger: “These policy proposals are certainly not exhaustive. In addition to student housing questions, we must also consider new tenant protections that have been receiving new attention.”
 - Weinberger: “We will have a memo in October regarding research of new tenant protections.”
- Weinberger: “UVM will present new master development plan by the end of the year, which should give clarity as to how we continue to address student housing issue. It is my hope UVM and the City will come to a new agreement in the next year.”

7:10- 7:25 Joe Resteghini, Principal, Champlain Elementary: Welcome and Introduction

- Joe Resteghini, Principal of Champlain Elementary, thanks the Neighborhood Planning Assembly for partnering with the school during curriculum night.
- Resteghini on the biggest challenge he’ll address as principal: “My goal is to build a sense of community, respect and inclusion so that when challenges arise, we can tackle them together. It is important that the climate of the school is welcoming, one of inclusion.”
- Q: “Have any restorative practices been implemented to ensure children are kind to each other?”
 - Resteghini: “Burlington schools have adopted restorative practices, all teachers and staff are trained in such. But we must focus on social and emotional learning in the earliest grades to improve students’ academic development in later grades.”

7:25- 8:00 Superintendent Obeng, Burlington School District: 2018-2019 School Year in Review

- Superintendent Obeng presents Global Ends Policy 1.1, Year in Review 2018-2019 (available online at bsdvt.org/monitoring-reports).
- Superintendent Obeng notes challenges throughout the district which he inherited when taking his position – “financial difficulties and irregularities, racial tensions, documented discrimination.”
- Obeng describes major priorities to be addressed via budgets and action plans – “big rocks.”
 - Inclusive teaching and learning
 - Equitable climate and culture
 - Sustainable finance and facilities
- Obeng offers overview of district successes, including the Expanded Learning Program, English learners program, and City and Lake Semester.

- Q: “What are your thoughts on lockdown drills for elementary school students? And are we required to implement drills?”
 - Obeng: “We are given guidance by state and fire department to implement drills. But we have continued to research new approaches to promoting school safety. Our active shooter curriculum is based on ‘run, hide, fight’ model. District will be sending communication to parents regarding these trainings, as well as plan an outreach event. I believe we have to implement these drills.”

8:00-8:30 Jeff Wick, Burlington School Board: School Board Update

- Jeff Wick, Burlington School District member representing the South District, opens the floor to any questions from meeting attendees.
- Q: Is work planned at Ira Allen?
 - Wick: Facilities Director just presented design options to board.
- Q: Is Champlain drop-off area improvement still moving forward?
 - Wick: No action is planned on this item as of now, options still being considered; community engagement will occur to vet proposals for renovation.
- Q: Is bilingual programming still moving forward?
 - Obeng: Still being explored, but we will need funding and certified teachers.
- Jeff Wick: We are entering “budget planning season,” as well as negotiations with bargaining units.
- Q: Two years ago, teachers were on strike. One year ago, negotiations were far from contentious. What changed, and how do we avoid strikes in the future?
 - Wick: Composition of people at negotiating table changed;
 - Obeng: Both sides saw turnover in negotiations, wanted to create agreement to facilitate collaboration in the future, so a true compromise was reached.