



Neighborhood Planning Assembly Agenda for the Wards 2 and 3

Thursday September 14, 2017

McClure Multi-Generational Center/Champlain Senior Center, 241 North Winooski Avenue

FREE Community Dinner at 5:30 pm

Facilitator: Adrian Pascual

6:30 pm - Welcome & Introductions

6:35 pm – NPA 2/3 and Community Dinner update on move to St. Joseph's School “Event Hall” now scheduled for November – Janet Carscadden and Steering Committee

6:45 pm – All NPA's Municipal Auditorium/Gateway Block Forum Tuesday, September 26 6:30 pm City Hall

Report from NPA Representatives
Report from “Save Memorial” group

7:10 pm – Burlington Housing Authority – programs, waiting lists, eligibility Janet Green, Co-director, Rental Assistance

7:20 pm – Burlington Telecom sale –Status of sale, Keep Burlington Telecom Local (KBTL)

7:45 pm – Cambrian Rise – AJ Rossman, intervenor in Act 250 project review

7:55 pm – Cambrian Rise – Erik Farrell, Cambrian Rise

8:05 pm – School Board, Legislators and Appointed Officials

8:30 pm – Adjourn

NPA 2/3 Website: <http://wards2and3npa.weebly.com/> Anyone interested in joining our Steering Committee are encouraged to attend our monthly meetings.

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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....

Burlington City Elected Officials Wards 2 and 3

Mayor: Miro Weinberger, Democrat (D) 802-865-7272 Mayor@BurlingtonVT.gov

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State Legislators

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Senator Patrick Leahy (D)

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Senator Bernard Sanders Independent (I)

1 Church Street, Burlington, VT 05401 802-862-0697

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Rep. Peter Welch (D)

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Neighborhood Planning Assembly Attendees

NPA (choose one)	Wards 1 & 8	Wards 2 & 3	Wards 4 & 7	Ward 5	Ward 6
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Date of Assembly : 9/14/17 Location: Champlain Ctr

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or email to cedofd@burlingtonvt.gov

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2 Steve Marshall
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Burlington City Council and Mayor Weinberger announce process for completion of the sale of Burlington Telecom

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Statement by Council President Jane Knodell

Over the past two weeks, the Mayor and I have been working to craft a process forward for the sale of BT. We are here today to announce the result of that work, and to lay out the key elements of a process that is transparent, that provides for public participation, and that adds independent review of the bidders and their proposals.

Our process will be transparent: we have secured agreement from the four remaining bidders for their final Letters of Intent, and their identities, to be released publicly.

Our process will provide for public participation: the 4 final LOIs will be in the public domain for almost two weeks before an initial Council vote to narrow the field from 4 to 2, scheduled for October 2.

Our process will provide for independent review of the bidders and their proposals: A local, highly respected accounting firm has been engaged by our outside legal counsel, Primmer Piper Eggleston & Cramer PC, to provide an independent business assessment of the possible buyers of BT and their LOIs. In addition, the Council is working to secure financial projections from the finalists.

The key dates for Council action and for the additional due diligence are provided in the attached handout.

Burlington City Council's BT Sale Process Timeline		Prepared by June Nivoulet for Sept. 13 Press Conference	
Key dates	BT sale activity	Key dates	Additional due diligence activity
September 18	Deadline for final Letters of Intent (LOIs) from 4 remaining bidders. Council review of final LOIs in executive session.	In progress	Independent analysis of bidders and LOIs underway.
September 20	Public release of identities of 4 remaining bidders and their final LOIs.	September 25 (target date)	Independent analysis of 4 remaining bidders and their LOIs released to the public.
September 20-October 2	Public comment period prior to initial Council action.		
October 2	Special Meeting of City Council to be called by the Mayor. Council vote to proceed with two of the remaining bidders.		
	Preparation of final legal documents for the two remaining bidders.		
October 2-October 16	Public comment period prior to final Council action.		Solicitation of 5- or 10-year financial projections (pro formas) from remaining bidders underway.
October 16	Target for Council approval of successful bidder subject to progress toward agreement on final legal documents.		

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Draft minutes

Start 6:40pm

Steering Committee member present: Adrian Pascual-Ward 3, Vikas Mangipudi-Ward 2, Tony Redington-Ward 2, Infinite Culcleasure-Ward 3, Barbara McGrew-Ward 3

Public Forum

Starting to implement Bike Walk Plan and looking at public process.

This is harvest time for community gardens

Open Streets BTV event from South Winooski to St. Paul. Chance to bike walk and no cars.

Cambrian Rise will be going to Act 250.

Chittenden County Homeless Alliance meetings at Fletcher Free Library

Sign ballet on 242 Main

Janet Carscadden-Move to St. Joes

NPA will move in November. New kitchen and space is in the cafeteria in old school. It will hold more people for community dinner. Will have a celebration dinner in November.

NPA sponsored event.

Next month will vote on wards 2 and 3 putting in \$50 each to help with the All Wards NPA Sept. 26 Memorial Auditorium Public event.

Genes Grill-Save Memorial Auditorium

Will not be presenting at the All Wards NPA Memorial Auditorium public meeting but will be present to advocate to save Memorial. The City does not see Memorial as a priority but it's important to have the public comment and weigh in. There are a lot of privatizing and commercialization of public spaces. Once public spaces such as waterfront, Burlington Telecom, and Moran gets sold to private companies the public loses right to comment and gain investment back to the community. Commons are democracy labs where people are able to come together to have control of their own future and destiny.

In 1994 there was a vote to save Memorial along with other buildings such as City Hall. There was not a 60% vote so Memorial maintenance updates did not get done. Currently the City will be fixing City Hall. 2-10million will be going to tear down Moran. If can find millions to tear down Moran then can find money to save memorial auditorium.

Janet Green-Burlington Housing Authority (BHA)

Continuum of Care (CoC) is administered by Housing Urban Development (HUD) to target chronically homeless population to house. BHA waitlist is open and vouchers are currently available. BHA, the City

and other Housing Authorities paid to have a study done to show that market rents are higher than other areas in VT which allows this area to have more funding. Get funding from HUD on a monthly basis. Eligibility is income based. Criminal and rental history checks are depending on the program the person is applying for. Sex offenders and Methamphetamines will exclude eligibility in rental assistance. BHA covers a 60miles radius but most voucher holders are in Burlington.

Burlington Telecom (BT)-Councilor Jane Knodell

The council has worked with Mayor and the bidders. From the beginning of BT bidder process, there was a non-disclosure agreement. Between now and 9/18 all of bidders are making final agreement. Council will receive on 18th and will be release on the 20th to the public see who the bidders are and their proposals. After will be public process to weigh in. Oct. 2 will have a special vote to narrow the bidders from 4 to 2. Then final vote will have in middle of Oct.

Today BT is privately own since the 23million default and was owned City Bank. Later sold assets of BT to Blue Water. Blue Water currently owns the assets. The City has the ability to direct the sale.

Allen Matzen-Chair BT Local and Don Shrame

Some COOP Advantages are; flexibility on pricing, extra financial resources, member loyalty commitment, member passion, recession proof, Coops helping Coops, Consumer preference for Coops. Currently BT currently very successful and it will be a loss for profit to Burlington residents if BT is sold to private buyer and not a Coop. There are more financial options that Coops have such as community foundations than private companies. If there's a recession then Coops still thrive due to memberships, credit union and other coop support. Some long standing Coops are Cabot Cremery-98yrs, VT Electric-79yrs, VT VA Federal Credit Union-78yrs. A utility coop is subscribers. To expand beyond Burlington will need to expand fibers. This would be the bulk of the cost. The bulk of financing is coming from Main Fibers about 80% and other is from the City and other investors. Hoping that after 3 years to buy out the department to increase public percentage.

AJ Rossman-Cambrian Watch

Cambrian Rise Act 250 review is Sept 20th 5-10pm in Hickok and Boardman. Act 250 looks at town regional plan and environment impacts that is broken into 10 criteria's. VT Agency of Natural Resources, Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission, Dept. of Transportation, and neighbors. Cambrian Watch is looking at the quality and impact of the lake. Concerned that Cambrian Rise will negativity affect water, air quality, increase congestion on beaches and roads due to increase of 2500 of people on the Cambrian Rise development. Biggest risk is soil erosion. Once put concrete structure on sandy unbounded ground then the area can liquefy and erode. Small business and schools will suffer due to all the major developments due to grid lock of traffic. The level of this development is not appropriate to the State's Act 250.

Cambrian Rise

Eric Farrell- born and raised in Burlington and have always been responsible developer. Started the public process over 3yrs ago having over 50 meeting to be transparent. Share all of Cambrian Watch's concern and have gone through extensive study of soil, traffic, and environmental impacts to be rigorously review preserve the integrity of Burlington. Orphanage was permitted last year. The rest of the building Community Housing Trust (CHT), Cathedral Square and market units are combined to get permitted as a single project for approval.

Gail Livingston-There is a new City park 12 acres because of Eric. Use to run ACT 250. Not aware of any development that has suspended project for 6 months to have a public process.

Cindy Reed-Cathedral Square. Excited to partner with Cambrian Rise to build in a Smart Growth design of using natural rain gardens, underground parking, and car pool. This is going to a varied income community.

Mike Monty-CHT Need more affordable housing. Have funding and ready to build. Have lot of calls and people on a wait list. This is the only project that CHT has going in the years ahead and if this doesn't go through, then don't have another one lined up. It takes years to line up funding and building process.

Local Legislators

Jill Krowinski-will be monitoring federal Health budget because 3rd of VT's Health budget comes from Federal government.

Brian Cina-Researching for an universal primary health care and looking at a public banking model for VT
Curt McCormack-Efficiency standards were passed in VT in case these standards are dropped by federal government, VT is only state to do so. The coming session will be working hard on minimum wage of \$15.00

Selene Colburne-Have been working on medication assistance in prison and access.

School Board

Liz Curry and Kat Simon. Began negation with Burlington Education Association (BEA) in January 2017 and negotiated for 10month, had 17 meetings. Had very little progress on main issues of salary, health care and operations. In VT, when teacher contract roll past their date, schools needs to provide based on previous contract. Now there is a state health plan which was different than their old plan.

Operationally elementary teacher wanted to be relieved of student duty in the morning, recess, and lunch to have more planning time. Agreed to have no more door duty and fill this duty with administrators and para educators. Went up 8% in salary over 3years which is 2.5% each year, offered health care which was better than state's but in the end, negotiation differences was over school operations. Teacher voted to go on strike. The rules of engagement is not to call to negotiations unless have something to offer or if Federal Labor Board says there is a public risk. The schools will not be operating on substitutes. Lost 1.7million and tax rate went up to pay for ACT 46 to consolidate. The last 5years there was a loss of 5 million in Federal, City, and State revenue to the district budget.

End 8:50pm

Minutes taken by Phet Keomanyvanh-CEDO

