



Location: UVM Medical Center, McClure Lobby Conference Room

Date: September 14, 2016

Time: 7.00 p.m.

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7.00: Welcome and Introductions

7.05: Ward 1 Steering Committee Candidate, Dana Komencik: Intro and election.

7.10: City Council Update

7.25: Speak Out

7.35: Sandy Yusen and John Caulo of Champlain College to address College housing including "dorms" in Bayberry Commons.

7.45: Lt.Sullivan, BPD, with a resume of issues associated with UVM/CC "move in".

8.00: Mayor Weinberger: Note that there will be ample time available for Q&A on the subjects The Mayor covers.

Parking: In the McClure Garage, free, courtesy of UVM MC.



Wards 1 and 8 NPA
UVM Medical Center, McClure Lobby Conference
September 14, 2016
DRAFT

Steering Committee member present
Ward 1 Richard Hillyard, Ward 8 Emily Lee, Ward 8 Anne Brena

Start time 7:05pm

Welcome and Introductions

Bike Petition announcement-see attachment

Ward 1 Steering Committee Candidate Nomination

Dana Komencik Ward 1 resident voted in as a new Steering Committee member.

City Council Update

Adam Roof, committee work has looked to improving application for liquor license and worked with State Control and the downtown stores to maintain college student's overconsumption to help control order and safety. An issue has been the use of bathroom space to use drugs. On homeless will look into Tiny Homes to help combat homelessness. Supporting the Town Center project and is fine with the height because at 135ft that was proposed won't have benefits and project still in lined with what the vision of plan for Church Street.

Sharon Bushor finished ordinance committee and there was variety of amendments made to Town Center project. Two aspect that is troubling is height and mass. Tried to keep the height to 135 but this failed. Don't support final draft because of this. Also on Board of finance and looking at 10yr capital plan to look at funding source. One the fence about the 43 million Capital Plan because there's a gap of 27million. Over process of years this gap will be bonded. Mayor will bring this to the NPAs in November. There are some critical things in the Capital Plan. Fire Department has a fleet that is really aged. It takes a year to get firetruck once it gets ordered. Taskforce meeting next Tue. 20 to look at boiler stack which will go through act 250 Also there's cooling power that needs to be worked on too. On 9/22 the Riverside task force is looking at making this area safer and this meeting will make final recommendation. 9/27 at Ethan Allen Club 5-9pm 150 celebration at YMCA. 9/29 public hearing on overlay at City Council meeting.

Speak Out

Concern of 10-gallon sewage spill during Art Hop weekend. DPW will look into this. Reason for this is because there is not storm water separation everywhere in the City.

Sandy Yusen and John Caulo-Champlain College

Strong class of first year student and larger transfer returning students to live in college sponsor housing. Found out of this admissions increase in mid-May. It was a challenge to source these housing needs. This fall leasing 287 (find address) and Bayberry. These are not new college dorms. Leasing for 2 years which will cover the gap for when Eagle Landing Housing is completed. Bayberry and 287 is short term solution and long term is Eagles Landing. Hoping by 2018 to have Eagle Landing done for students to move in. City's Housing masterplan is calling for 600 beds on campus and 600 beds off. Intent is to remain a small institution. Trying to get 2000 students out of the City's housing stock and into college managed housing.

Lt. Sullivan, Burlington Police

Over past three years' incidents of noise complaints have gone down. See attachment of data. This has been due to partnering with UVM. Usually there is a spike of incidents in September and incidents drops off until water warms up again. Resident complaints are still seeing large roaming pack and loud noises. Adam Roof has had talks with students. Typically, there's a party out of control and they have been happy that it's a resident to talk with them instead of an officer. Also, cars are speeding up to Colchester Ave. and late night use of cemetery next to Bayberry and Patchen Rd is often disruptive.

Mayor Weinberger-November Ballot items and Capital Plan

At least four different Ballot items. Items are separated into two categories. Two or three are related to Capital Plan. Separate are to vote TIF in Waterfront and Downtown.

Basics of Capital Plan have 3 big points. There was a lot of process and principals behind these plans. Every Dept. and council has worked on it and have hired independent studies to look at infrastructure of sidewalks, parks and maintenance of facilities. Looking at doing preventative work and view it as an asset as responsible, financial management. Moved and made progress on from Burlington Telecom issues and City's Pension. City is paying less in taxes. Bond Rating is A rating so can borrow at lower rate. Rights now interest rates are lower so it's an excellent time to borrow. If don't address infrastructure than it's going to cost more later. After this can keep up the maintenance in a responsible way that's supported by the City's infrastructure budget.

This plan covers streets, 20% are poor, sidewalks 20% are poor, public safety-five of 6 fire trucks are old, Water pipes are poor 42% are more that 75%or older. They are all clogged up and break up easy in the winter. Bike path is the big part. The plan was endorsed by Bike task force will continue will extend. Raised 3 million in philanthropic contribution for the parks. Use increase on hotel and alcohol to pay parks. Through property tax using less than 130 dollars a year for a medium home owner. 48million plan and voter has to reach by 2/3rd votes.

One ballot there's a question to support the City to bond up to 22million for public improvement around the mall. Urban Renewal in the 60's got rid of public streets. During Plan BTV process restoring these public streets became part of this plan. The mall would be demolished and two streets will be restored. This will cover 8 blocks to rebuild public infrastructure using TIF money. 2014 voters improved Great

Street initiative. This will be a designing document to improve this public area. Some improvements to sidewalks, curbs, trees, improve lighting.

This improvement will be paid entirely by revenue generated by private property taxes from this project from just the first phase 2.4 million. This breaks downtown 600k an acre. Macy, 100 Bank and LL Bean is not coming down. The garage entrance will now continue now through. Will be 12ft and high enough to get firetruck through. Typically, 13.5 BED truck with basket won't be able to go through.

End- 9:45pm

Notes submitted by Phet Keomanyvanh-Community Engagement Specialist



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 : Sept. 14, 2016 Location: UVM - Medical Center

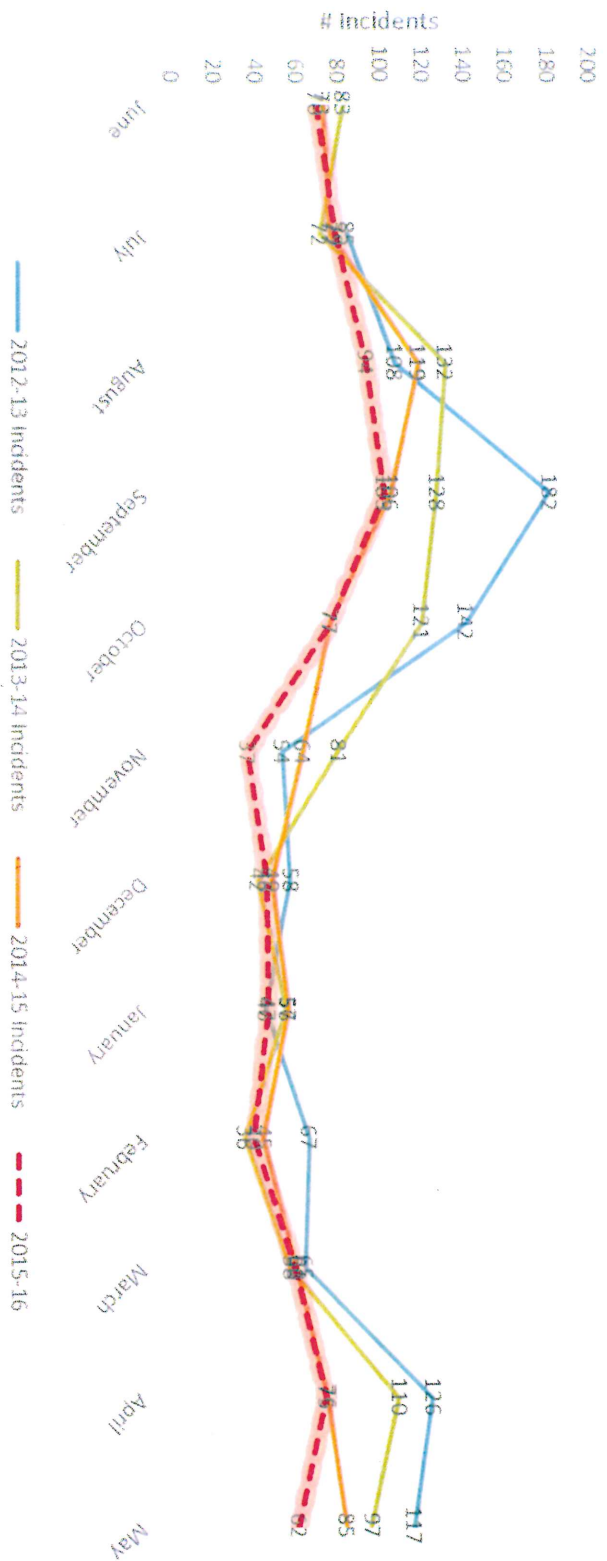
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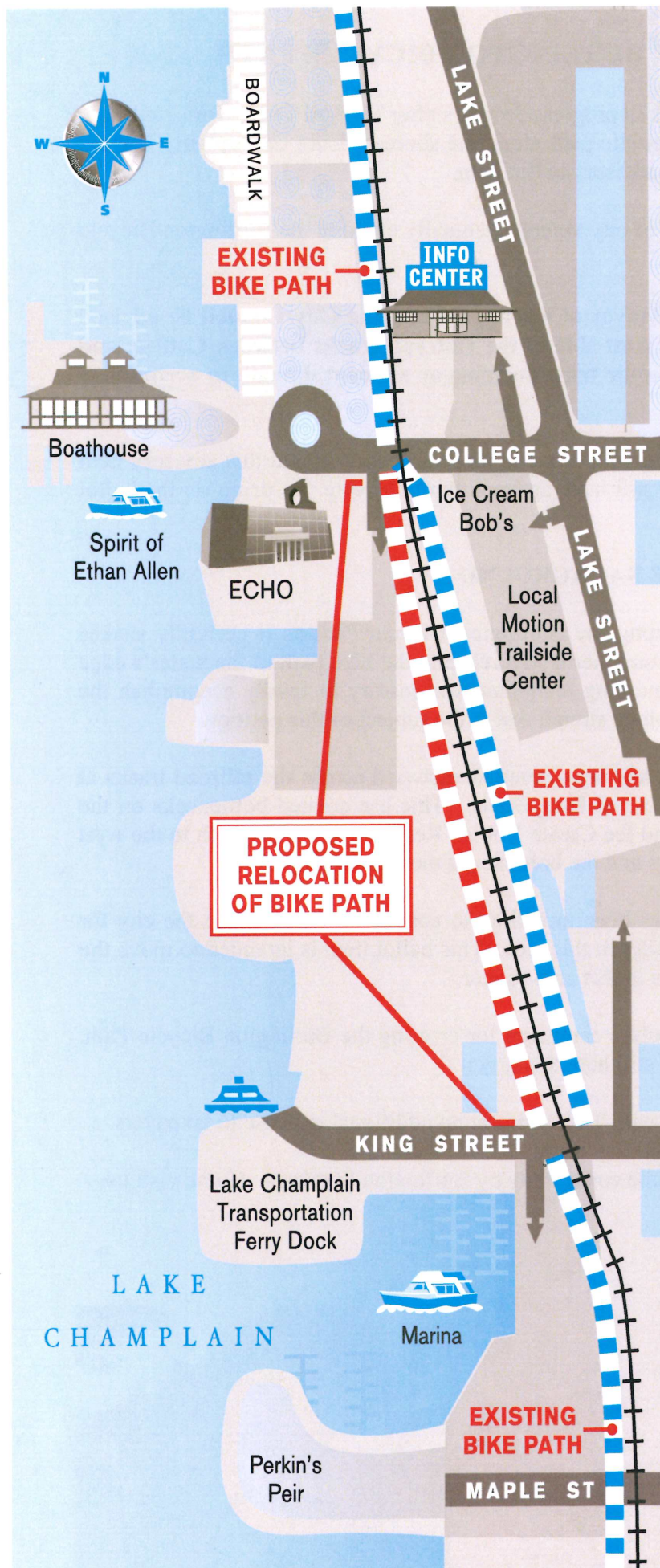
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5	Dana Hamenclik	25
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12	Jim Barr	32
13	RICHARD DEAN	33
14	Andria Denome	34
15	Lisa Bridge	35
16	Jim Cohen	36
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	Year	
June	83	73
July	85	77
August	108	132
September	182	128
October	142	121
November	54	81
December	58	42
January	46	56
February	67	36
March	65	58
April	126	110
May	117	97
Totals thru May	1050	1016
	889	790
	-11%	vs. last year through May

* Does not include June 2012

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THE PUBLIC TRUST DOCTRINE

The Public Trust Doctrine is a legal concept that says the bed of Lake Champlain belongs to the people of the State of Vermont. Approximately 1,000 acres of land has been created over the years by filling in the lake, including the Lake Champlain Transportation ferry dock. According to a 1996 Vermont Supreme Court ruling the land filled in Burlington harbor is subject to the Public Trust Doctrine and must be used for public purposes.

So the filled land that the ferry docks are located on belongs to the people of Vermont and must be used for public purposes. A ferry dock is a public purpose but does that mean Lake Champlain Transportation has a license to maintain this property in its current condition indefinitely? Can they deny the relocation of the leading tourist attraction in Burlington to a safer location without creating bottlenecks west of the railroad tracks? Is it time to take back a small sliver of this property to correct a major impediment on the Burlington Bicycle Path?

EMINENT DOMAIN

No one likes to employ eminent domain to take a public right of way such as a highway, a pipeline, a power line or a bicycle path. Eminent Domain is the taking of private property for public good with due compensation to the owner, of course. It should only be employed in rare cases where the private property owner will not voluntarily yield to the greater public good.

Eminent domain was recently employed by the Town of Colchester to acquire four small parcels of private property necessary to construct a new bicycle path along Holy Cross Road. The Vermont Courts have upheld the application of eminent domain to bicycle paths in Colchester.

If this small sliver of property cannot be obtained from Lake Champlain Transportation voluntarily, then eminent domain should be used to move the bicycle path to the west side of the railroad tracks between College and King Streets.

This advisory ballot item will shine a light on the relocation. A large yes vote on this item will move this relocation along faster.

Please vote yes on this ballot item

RELOCATION OF THE BURLINGTON BICYCLE PATH

The Burlington Bicycle Path is still a work in progress 36 years after Howard Dean, Tom Hudspeth and I got together to advocate for a continuous public path along the shore of Lake Champlain. We did that just like we are doing so again today with an advisory ballot item.

That ballot item in 1980 got 75% support of city voters, eventually creating the Burlington Bicycle Path we all enjoy today.

The current ballot item is: **“Should the Mayor of Burlington and the City Council be advised to relocate the Burlington Bicycle Path to the west side of the railroad tracks between College and King Streets even if that means utilizing the public trust doctrine or eminent domain to accomplish this task?”**

By signing this petition you are just adding your name to those necessary to put this advisory item on the November 8, 2016 City ballot. You will still have an opportunity to vote yes or no on the ballot item itself on November 8, 2016.

THE BACKGROUND

The City has done a great job of upgrading the Burlington Bicycle Path as it currently snakes through the heart of the downtown district. This summer it will relocate the bike path to the water's edge through the “north forty reserve”. The only remaining realignment necessary to finally accomplish the City goal of a “world class bike path” is the two block stretch that is the subject of this petition.

For the past 30 years or so the bike path has been diverted eastward across the railroad tracks at College Street and then back west across the tracks at King Street. This has created bottlenecks on the bike path at the Local Motion Trailside Center and Ice Cream Bob's. Realignment of the path to the west side of the tracks would avoid both track crossings and the bottlenecks mentioned above.

So far Lake Champlain Transportation has been unwilling to convey an easement to the city for relocating the bike path to the west side of the tracks in this area. This ballot item is intended to move the Burlington Bike Path to the west side of the tracks in this area sooner.

I was 28 years old when we started the public campaign for creating the Burlington Bicycle Path. I'm now 63. I'd like to see it complete while I'm still here to enjoy it.

The cost of this relocation can be covered with TIF money at no additional expense to taxpayers.

This petition drive is being contributed to the community by Burlington Segways. Come visit us.

Rick Sharp

