

**Ward 6 Neighborhood Planning Assembly
Morgan Room, Aiken Hall, Champlain College
September 7, 2017, 7-9 pm**

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Agenda:

Social Time	6:45-7:00
Approval of the June 2017 minutes	7:00 -7:05
Open Forum for Ward 6 Residents	7:05 -7:20
Genese Grill, Save Memorial Auditorium	7:20 -7:35
David Schein, Keep the Park Green	7:35 -7:50
Jim Holway, Up-date on the future of Burlington High School	7:50-8:00
District Rep. on the future of Burlington High School	8:00-8:10
School Board update, Anne Judson	8:05 -8:20
City Council report, Joan Shannon and Karen Paul	8:20 -8:35
Sandy Yusen, up-date on Champlain College	8:35 -:8:45
Lisa Kingsbury, up-date on UVM	8:45- 8:55
Adjourn	9:00



Neighborhood Planning Assembly Attendees

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Date of Assembly : Sept 7, 2017 Location: Champlain College

Please return to your convenor, Phet Keomanyvanh
or email to cedofd@burlingtonvt.gov

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Forum on the Future of

MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

Tuesday, Sept. 26th, 6:30 pm Contois Auditorium, City Hall

Sponsor: All-NPA (Neighborhood Planning Assembly)

All are invited to join the conversation

City-Wide Assembly on the Future of Memorial Auditorium
Sponsored by the All-Wards NPA
Contois Auditorium, City Hall
6:30 – 8:30 p.m., September 26, 2017

Please complete and submit this questionnaire tonight so that the results can be tabulated and shared with participants. Thank you.

1. Which events have you attended at Memorial Auditorium? Please circle:

Farmer's Market City Market Annual Meetings Theater Dance

Music (major acts) Music (local) Tech Events Sports Events

Commercial Events Educational Events Civic Events Political Events

Other _____

2. Would you support the City obtaining funding from various sources to restore, renovate, and maintain Memorial Auditorium for civic and cultural uses?

Yes___ No___

3. Would you support the City tearing down Memorial Auditorium and building a new civic auditorium on the same site for public uses?

Yes___ No___

4. Would you support the City selling the Memorial Auditorium property to other entities (such as UVM or private developers)?

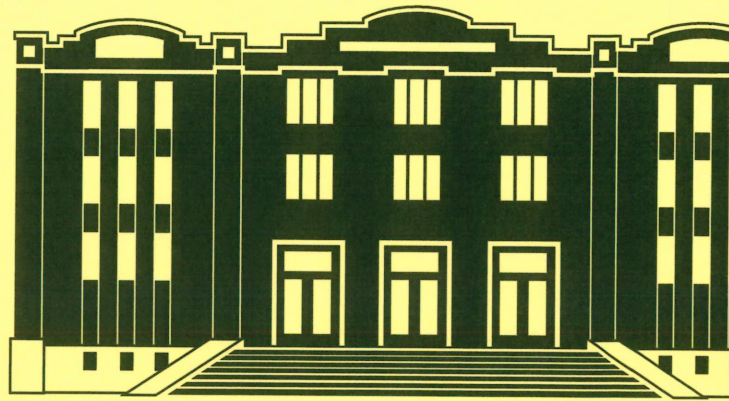
Yes___ No___

5. Do you have other ideas for Memorial Auditorium? If so, please write them here:

Thanks for attending this event and participating in your City government!

a participatory community effort

Save



MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM



Memorial Auditorium was built in 1926 as a community space for gathering, music, public meetings, sports events, markets, arts activities, and to honor local war veterans. Memorial is a publicly building on the National and State Registers of Historic Places. It's our civic hall and our only large civic space. When built, the city pledged to care for it as a community space for generations to come. Unfortunately, maintenance of Memorial has been overlooked for decades. Some city officials claim the costs of repair are too great (recently, a plan to tear it down and build a sports arena was proposed), but many residents believe that losing Memorial would be more costly to our community. We are coming together — asking the city to restore and maintain Memorial as a community space for the 21st century and beyond!

Want to get involved?

LEARN more about the history of Memorial Auditorium, visit us on Facebook and on our blogs.

Web: <https://savememorial.wordpress.com/>

<http://www.save242main.com/> (Save 242 Main on change.org)

Facebook: www.facebook.com/SaveMemorialAuditorium

PARTICIPATE in the City-Wide Assembly on the Future of Memorial Auditorium, Tuesday, September 26th, 6:30-8:30 pm at Contois Auditorium, City Hall sponsored by the All-N.P.A.s (Neighborhood Planning Assembly)

PLEASE
COME!

RESEARCH initiatives to renovate, preserve or create community spaces across the world, funding methods and other practical ways to implement them — and SHARE!

WEAR a button to show your support.

VISIT our info tables at **Art Hop, September 8-10**, at the Big Heavy World stage behind SEABA, at 8 Space Howard St. & at the Off-Center for Performing Arts table in front of Dostie Bros. on Pine St. **Join our mailing list!**

We are a non-partisan community group committed to making sure that the future of Memorial Auditorium is in harmony with the original pledge taken by our civic ancestors to maintain this space for the purpose of fostering community in all its aspects. We believe that shared public spaces, where all members of the community can participate, nourish our humanity, strengthen our voices and help us collaborate with neighbors to determine together the future of our city and world.



IT'S OUR FUTURE

Let's Keep Burlington Telecom Truly Local: a Petition

Burlington Telecom (BT) is a valuable community asset, paid for by the people of the Queen City, and vital to our economic and civic future as a thriving community. In evaluating the sale of BT, the City must openly consider which entities provide the best leadership, the most affordable approach, the best fiscal return for our citizens, and which organization will remain accountable to our community no matter what changes transpire in the telecom world.

The City Council's consultants are publicly advising our City Council to only consider for-profit, non-cooperative bids. In the 21st Century, Internet access is a crucial public utility which will determine our economic well-being in the future. Much like roads, schools, or electric power, it is in everyone's interest that everyone in the community has access to it, so they can access information, engage in economic activity and participate in community life.

Therefore, we are asking the City Council to support The Keep BT Local Cooperative's (KBTL) bid. The Co-op has provided a full, public account of the leadership and vision it intends to bring to the table on how our telecom should evolve, using top quality management and a sound business plan to ensure that it offers long-term, reliable, and significant economic benefits to Burlington by keeping millions of dollars in profits local, and supporting our growing tech-based economy.

The above is the online petition sponsored by the Keep BT Local Cooperative, and if you wish to sign it, visit <http://bit.ly/Co-opPetition>, which is a short link that will take you to the petition page at <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/its-our-future-lets-keep-burlington-telecom-local>. For more about KBTL's bid and to become a member, visit <http://keepbtlocal.com>. Or email info@keepbtlocal.com.



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Web Site: <http://www.uvm.edu/oscr/>

UVM and Office of Student and Community Relations (OSCR) Neighborhood Initiatives, Programs, and Services 2016 - 2017

- (1) **Community Coalition:** The Coalition meets monthly throughout the academic year. At these meetings, students, neighbors, landlords, city officials and staff, UVM and Champlain College staff and administrators discuss neighborhood concerns; opportunities to develop community; and ways to take action that will result in systemic change. Some Coalition initiatives: our Street Strategy utilizing community development to make positive change; the Off Campus Living Survival Guide; Off Campus Living Workshops; and letters to parents of first and second year students providing background about the community their student is moving into, expectations of citizens, and identifying local safety nets. The Coalition is co-chaired by the Student Government Association (SGA) and the OSCR.
- (2) **Off Campus Living Workshops:** Students participate in the workshops (in the Fall and Spring) learn about rights and responsibilities as a tenant and a citizen of Burlington. Attendees of the 2-hour workshop receive a UVM Preferred Renters Card to share with potential landlords. Panelists include representatives from the Code Enforcement Office; Burlington Police Department; Vermont Tenants; Vermont Apartment Owners Association; City Council; Community Support Program; OSCR; and UVM Police Services, as well as off-campus students, and landlords. Survey comments from participants about what they learned included “what to look for to get safe housing;” “the concerns that non-college student neighbors have;” “that I have a safety net besides my family if I have problems with my off campus housing;” “communication with house mates and neighbors is the key to happy experience off campus;” “what landlords expect and how to advocate for tenant rights;” and “that there are fair housing laws.”
- (3) **Student-Neighbor Liaison Program:** Each year between 10 to 20 student and non-student liaisons are recruited to work on their streets to develop community and to provide a link to the university. Liaisons have access to Neighborhood Grants for community development projects. Some liaison projects: Welcome Bags for new student residents; Hyde Street Triangle O.N.E.der Dome; neighborhood clean-ups; “Meet Your Neighbor Day” at the Davis Center with Burlington families; and Isham Street Green Belt Gardens and Blueberry and Herbal Community Garden.
- (4) **Conflict Resolution Services:** These services are provided by the OSCR for our students, neighbors, and landlords. Generally, sessions take place at the Pearl House. Recent sessions involved several fraternities and a local business regarding behavior and property maintenance; a local landlord and tenants whose activity was disruptive to the neighborhood; and a group of neighbors, a City Councilor, and a landlord who rented primarily to students whose property was causing a nuisance to the neighborhood. All of these sessions had successful outcomes according to the individuals involved.
- (5) **Spring Move Out Project (SMOP):** Every year, this event diverts from 11 to 20 tons of goods from city green belts and the landfill. Students leaving the city receive “The Seven Spring Move Out Tips”

brochure, which helps them to plan how to properly dispose of their stuff. In addition, the SMOP team (Burlington Code Enforcement Office, Chittenden Solid Waste District, UVM, Burlington Community and Economic Development Office, ReSOURCE, and Champlain College) holds a recycling event on Loomis St. for students to drop off unwanted items in good shape for community members and local non-profits to pick up to re-use. Students can also get rid of their trash on-site for a small fee. Working with neighbors in the West Hill Neighborhood Association, we added a second event in 2011 on Bradley St., which the neighbors reported was a “huge success.”

(6) **Response to Problem Houses:** The OSCR visits problem properties that have UVM student tenants when a call or email with a specific address has been received. OSCR has also been working in a coordinated way with Code Enforcement, the Burlington Police Department, and landlords to address problem houses in the City based on the number of calls for service. We have had success especially with landlords taking actions that change the behavior of their tenants.

(7) **Welcome Bag Canvassing:** Each Fall, the OSCR staff, SGA Senators, and neighbors deliver Welcome Bags to about 500 households and have conversations with the off-campus student residents about living successfully in the community as a tenant and a neighbor. The bags include UVM’s Off Campus Living Survival Guide and Vermont Tenants’ Renting in VT brochure, as well as CCTA guides, Resource Magnet; Bicycling Map; and the Guide to Sustainable Living in Burlington.

(8) **OSCR Appointments:** OSCR staff meets with students, families, faculty, and staff to answer questions and to provide resources regarding finding off-campus housing and navigating life off-campus.

(9) **Fraternity and Sorority Life Neighbor Relations Sessions:** In the Fall and Spring semesters our office provides these sessions to Chapters as part of their efforts to educate new members about responsibilities expected of Burlington residents; opportunities to get involved in neighborhoods; and how to think and act strategically to create positive relationships and safer and healthier neighborhoods.

(10) **Have a Heart Events:** Fall and Spring events include SGA members, Fraternity and Sorority Life members, and UVM administrators and staff. Volunteers hand out to students Lake Champlain chocolate hearts and fliers created by local children reminding them that neighbors live “just a wall away” and to be aware of the impact of walk-by noise and disruptions on our neighborhoods. Information is also provided about the off-campus late night shuttle and taxi cab companies accepting CatScratch.

(11) **Landlord Workshop:** The OSCR sponsored this workshop with the Burlington Code Enforcement Office and the Vermont Apartment Owners Association. UVM also presented on the resources landlords can utilize, such as our office’s conflict resolution services; the university’s outreach and education efforts and materials, like the Off Campus Living Workshops and the UVM Preferred Renters Card; and the messages we share with students around creating good relationships with their landlords and neighbors.

(12) **Letters to Landlords of Tenants Who Receive Party-Social Event Noise Violations:** Our office provided student worker assistance to the Burlington Police Department to do the mailings of the letters. The City’s Parallel Justice Program is now sending the letters.

(13) **Parent Letters and Workshops:** Letters about expectations of residents of Burlington are sent to parents of first- and second-year students. Parents of second-year students also receive information to assist their student in making a smooth transition to off-campus living. During Homecoming and Family Weekend, the OSCR held a workshop at the Pearl House about living off campus. Parents were

encouraged to talk with their student about the responsibilities that come with being a Burlington citizen and neighbor. Parents received the Off Campus Living Survival Guide and other resources.

(14) **Neighborhood Clean-Ups:** OSCR partners with the SGA to do clean-ups several times each semester on City streets, including around Halloween.

(15) **Meet Your Neighbor Day:** Held in the Fall, kids and parents tour the Davis Center and meet students to raise awareness about the community and who lives there, and to foster relationships.

(16) **Leadership Trek Neighborhood Canvass:** Student leaders work with the OSCR to deliver letters to neighbors about the university's Week of Welcome activities and to survey residents about neighborhood concerns and ways to build community between students and neighbors. (Note: This experience increases the awareness of students about the community they are joining and provides guidance to the Community Coalition members as they plan their work for the academic year)

(17) **Babysitter Mingler:** This Fall and Spring event enables parents and kids in need of babysitters to meet UVM students that want to babysit. Over 400 students, parents, and children participate.

(18) **Marketing and Outreach:** Messages from schoolchildren to UVM students have been effective in communicating the impact of late-night activity on families, and in building positive relationships.

(19) **Catamount Classes:** OSCR and Student Life offer classes to off-campus students and neighbors. They've included: "Cooking Healthy on the Cheap" with City Market," "Doctor Your Bike" with the Bike Users Group and Bike Recycle Vermont, "Green Your Cleaning" with Purple Shutter Herbs, and "Weatherize Your Off Campus Home - Save Some \$\$\$" with Button Up Vermont.

(20) **Letter to Students from the Dean of Students; Student Government Association President, and Burlington Police Chief:** OSCR coordinates this letter in the Fall and Spring including expectations for living off campus; city ordinances; and getting involved in positive change in the community. The letter goes to students via the SGA President's weekly video message and the Residential Life listserv, and is sent as a press release from the Burlington Police Department to local media.

(21) **Transfer Student Socials:** OSCR, Student Life, Admissions, the College of Arts and Sciences Transfer Advisor, and Student Financial Services offer annual Transfer Student Socials in the Fall and Spring. Hosted at the Pearl House, they provide an opportunity for transfer students to meet each other and learn about UVM resources and how to get involved on and off campus.

(22) **UVM Service Network:** The OSCR partners with this group of UVM members representing community-service-related offices and programs on campus. These members serve as advocates/ambassadors for a broad range of community engagement activities and offerings.

(23) **Town Gown Group:** This group's mission is to enhance the quality of life in neighborhoods for UVM students and their neighbors. Quality of life is diminished by noise, aggression, alcohol and drug use and abuse, and other disruptive behaviors. Quality of life is enhanced for persons, properties, and neighborhoods by awareness, knowledge, respect, dialogue, diversity, safety, and healthy community-building activities. The group's membership is composed of representatives from UVM departments and organizations whose work can impact the community: the Dean of Students Office, Student Life, Fraternity and Sorority Life, Student Government Association, Police Services, University Relations, Campus Planning Services, Residential Life, OSCR, and the Center for Student Conduct.

Other UVM-Burlington Initiatives:

Joint UVM and Burlington Police Department (BPD) Patrols: Patrols take place in the Fall and Spring semesters and focus on quality of life issues. Fall patrols begin in August and end after Halloween. Spring patrols begin on St. Patrick's Day and end in May. Contacts: Lt. Matt Sullivan of the Burlington Police Dept. (msullivan@bpdvt.org) and Deputy Chief Tim Bilodeau of UVM Police Services (656-2027).

UVM-Funded BPD Neighborhood Patrols: UVM funds patrols by BPD officers to address noise and other quality-of-life concerns, in the places and times when they are needed. These additional patrols take place in the early fall and late spring when the majority of problems have tended to occur. The program allows BPD to assign up to six additional police officers to neighborhoods on weekend nights. Contact: BPD Lt. Matt Sullivan (msullivan@bpdvt.org).

Accountability: BPD sends the university a list of municipal and criminal violations between the ages of 18 and 24. UVM identifies individuals who are our students and our Center for Student Conduct responds according to the severity of the incident. Intervening early works, as few students have additional violations.

UVM Mapping Group: In an effort to intervene early when incidents arise off campus, since 2012 the BPD, UVM, and Code Enforcement began mapping calls for service related to alcohol misuse and noise and subsequently worked together to respond to houses with higher numbers of calls for service. Actions by the group include:

- Visits by a University and city representative (a BPD Lt. or the Director of the Office of Code Enforcement) to rentals with three or more calls for service and one noise violation.
- Landlords engaged by Code Enforcement, and contacted by Parallel Justice when tickets are issued.
- Joint meetings are held to discuss trends in data (e.g. calls for service, violations) near campus.
- Identification in behavior trends (days of the week, beginning or end of the academic year, holidays, ...) and underlying causes (alcohol use, inexperience managing households, ...)
- Focusing resources where they are needed when community members report incidents.

Off Campus Late-Night Shuttle: To decrease late-night student foot traffic on city streets and to keep students safe, the shuttle runs Sun.-Thurs. until midnight and Fri. and Sat. nights until 3 AM.

Fraternity and Sorority Life Relations: Includes the Fraternity and Sorority Life Adopt-A-Cop Program Advisor: Kim Monteaux DeFreitas; 656-2060.

Residence Hall Meetings: Staff discussions with students about expectations for behavior off campus; the impact of late-night noise and disruption on neighbors; city and state laws governing noise and alcohol use; and UVM repercussions when students receive municipal and state violations.

On-Campus Educational Programs and Social Activities: UVM continues to make a concerted effort to engage new students in programs and activities on-campus year round, and during Opening Weekend.

New Housing: The new Central Campus Residence Hall (Aug. 2017) resulted in 309 additional beds. Redstone Lofts (2012) provided 400 beds for juniors, seniors, and graduate students.

Housing Master Plan: Assessment and planning for the future direction of student and faculty/staff housing. More information at: <http://www.uvm.edu/~plan/housingmasterplanconcepts.pdf>.

Ward6 NPA

Sep7 2017 – Morgan Room, Aiken Hall, Champlain College

DRAFT OF MINUTES

Members present

Charles Simpson

Matt Grady

Members absent

Clare Wool

Ilir Hasa

Michelle Mraz

Start time 7:06

End time: 9:09

Note taker: Matt Grady

1) No minutes to approve

2) Open forum

Greg Epler-Wood

BT sale, read a statement from a petition in support of Keep BT Local bid

Provided more info on the co-op bid. 'Capitalization and debt' used as arguments against the co-op bid. Will borrow \$\$ to grow the business, but BT is profitable. Will spread throughout city, will be managed professionally.

Q: loss of \$\$ from earlier management, how will co-op recover?

A: \$16.9M was an investment in BT, it is part of the members' equity. Since co-op will be non-profit, earnings over expenses will be returned as dividends. All subscribers will become members. Also offers protection against rate increases – higher bids will likely require rate increases.

Q: does plan include cell service?

A: not in present business plan

Q: would co-op be able to manage?

A: will be professionally managed, just as now. Dormand and Faucett will be asked to continue management. Has grown from 3000 to 7000 subscribers. Staff will be retained.

3) Genese Grill, Save Memorial Auditorium

Assembly planned for sep26, discuss costs/plans to revamp

BT, City Hall Park, Mem Aud are all public commons, they belong to the people of BTV. Should be kept in trust for the people who benefit. In Barcelona/Naples/Grenoble, they have Departments of Commons; not for commercialization, privatization. Keep these assets for the community, don't lose potential gain for future residents. Many of these public resources are threatened; the public loses its voice once such assets are sold privately. Have a facebook page / website with much detail about history. Built in 1926, was important to the citizens at that time, need for a public performance space. Also a civic space for meetings, arts, dance. Bond vote several years ago, needed 60% to pass, missed by a small amt. Deferred maintenance neglected. \$8M estimate to get back in specification. City started discussions with UVM to tear down, build hockey rink. Public not involved in this discussion. Some people in city see as a liability, but other public spaces are being supported. \$3M for city hall park, \$2M-7M to tear down Moran, other examples. So city does have money for such projects. Also options for private philanthropy.

Q: anything happening now?

A: on back burner, not a city priority, closed and not in use...this is a proactive movement

Q: other NPAs engaged yet?

A: The NPAs have a role to create a forum for public discussion, all committee members of all NPAs involved. Organizing a meeting at Contois Sep26 6:30-8:30 for public comment/discussion. Will also have walkthrough for the public the day before. NPAs have also created a questionnaire for the public to provide information on their engagement with MemAud.

Q: Will the 9/26 meeting follow parliamentary rules, allow motions from the floor/etc.

A: That is expected, that motions will come from the floor representing the will of the public

Comment: Miller Center in north end was in very similar predicament, good example of what the public process can do.

4) David Schein, Keep the Park Green

2011, BTV City Arts got grant from NEA, 2019 is planned build

Want to open the design up more to the public. Lots of info on Great Streets website, very open. \$3M cost, removes central fountain, lots of negative feedback. Removes NE style town square. Replaces fountain with water 'squitter'. Also coffee kiosk, why commercialize center of park? Performance spaces also designed in, when there are also such spaces close by. No public bathrooms. Wider thoroughfares for crossings -> marginalizing homeless. Park lane (road) being built next to city hall. Would prefer a green space, more room for kids to play, playground, swing set. Flowers/gardens/trees, buffer against some of the urbanization ongoing all around. This design is more for larger scale city. Taking out several trees, would like a public process to decide the fate of some of these. Farmers mkt; will likely have to move, yet plan still has it in. Public process 'flawed'; would like the NPAs to look at this further, get real public input...alternative plans that cost less? Years of neglect have led us to this point. Maybe city council should take more input. Have a website/facebook with more info. Passed around an alternative design (from Karen Bates).

Comment: urbanism is not necessarily a pejorative term, increased concentration in well-designed urban areas is a good thing

A: true, but green space is needed as well

Comment: book by Peter Moskowitz, "How to Kill a City"...urbanization sometimes drives out people who used to live in cities, needs to take that into account.

5) Jim Holway, Marty Spaulding, future of BHS

(Spaulding) in 2014, HS was 50 yrs old, was designed for 50 yr lifespan

2013, rfp went out for redesign, Black River Design, much valuable input gathered...things put on hold at that point, analysis done on all district schools, bond went out for all of those other school needs...now back in design phase.

Goals: reduce travel paths, improve accessibility, simplify entry points, decentralize departments, centralize faculty offices, more gym space, cafeteria improvements, athletic support spaces for fields, stage/performance support space, reconfigured classrooms, address preventative maintenance needs (plumbing, electrical, etc.)

Challenges: unreasonable access routes, excessive travel, non-secure, excessive entrances, low performing thermal envelope.

Three options: 1) new building on baseball field...2) renovate existing footprint...3) partial demo and build around 'A' building

(Holway) Admin ready to startup design again. Small steering committee working on this, expanding to 'resource committee'...~30-40 members (staff, parents, citizens, other stakeholders, etc.). Producing a video on present state of building to show what the present challenges are, from the perspective of students. Committee will sift thru old work, reassess present state. What will be the future demographics, etc. Will likely be a big ask for the community, will be a public process, engage the community to find interest. Community engagement, pass to superintendent, goes to board, then board asks for funding. From BHS school webpage, about our school, renovation page there where you can add your name, etc. Lots of details/data on present work. OR: nextgenbhs.org

Q: are teachers on planning committee?

A: yes, and other parts of the process will involve teaching staff directly...this is just initial signup

Q: are students involved?

A: yes, student involvement in video, talking to 1st generation to middle school students (those who will be affected during the changeover)

Q: possible funding sources?

A: state of VT not taking applications/inquiries for such infrastructure work, not sure about federal sources yet

Q: all high schools will end football pgm, maybe the field will be available?

A: football field is a recent build, plus is used for other sports (soccer/etc.)...are talking about how to shift athletic fields around, that should be part of the plan

6) Anne Judson / Jeff Wick, School Board Update

(Judson) Teachers have decided to strike on Wed a.m. Started negotiating last October, did not get serious interaction until august. Salary, healthcare, operations were main points of discussion

Salary was going to be 2.4%/2.9% over 2 years

Healthcare: offer was 80%

Operations: elementary teachers need a breathing space, less lunch/front door duty...principals not so keen on this, want teachers involved at these times. High schools, wanted teachers to go to 53% classroom time (from 47%), could not come to an agreement here.

Open invitation to BTV BEA, not heard that this will be accepted

Q: (Linda Higgins) appears that board and BEA talking past each other, need facilitated conversation? Involve teachers, admin, staff, students? School has achievement gap that might be underpinning some of the disagreement. Need community level conversation?

A: (Anne) board has been trying to do this during the year

Q: board and bea close on salary/healthcare, but operations the main sticking point? Especially at the high school? Does imposing a contract undermine this process?

A: board is still open to negotiation, and operations is indeed a sticking point. Anne thinks they are close. Been at it for 10 months, other contracts to negotiate also, must get on with the budgets, can't change what has been offered.

Q: Dave Hartnett, Anne's ward...any talk of having open negotiations, open to the public?

A: this was asked, but not accepted by BEA

(Wick) Jeff was the one vote against imposition of contract. Just got on the board in April. There is a culture problem in the district, not listening to each other, not being collaborative. Extra time being asked of teachers is 3.75hrs/week by fiat, not collaborative. Propose admin/teacher process to come to these types of decisions. Need more face-to-face time with elementary teachers. Not being handled well, not a healthy process, need more collaborative approach.

Comment: maybe have BEA representation at next NPA

7) Joan Shannon, city council report

City hall park, on parks/arts/culture committee, agree to fund next phase of design. Not a 'road' in front of city hall, just an access path. Central fountain, part of historic nature of the park, maybe not that present fountain, splash jets may not quite cut it. Maybe something you could use to fill your water bottle, something sculptural. Did not put forward; that whole thing needs redesign. All NPAs have had meetings, have gathered input, so quite a lot of public input.

Two resolutions on quality of life issues. Mental health issues downtown very challenging, small number of people using police resources several times daily.

BT: have been lobbied by many with regards to Keep BT Local. City council has NDA, cannot discuss the offers.

What Joan can tell people is that there are criteria for sale that came from the public input, and that is what is being used to judge offers. 8 original submissions to BTAB, 4 put forward to City Council. BTAB is made up of citizens,

have good expertise available. Clem Nilan /David Provost went to visit some of the candidates. Joan has the criteria for sale, it can be found online (BT criteria for sale).

8) Sandy Yusen, Champlain College

Introduced SGA lead, Matt and Kyle AV support

Students back last Friday, convocation honored Tiffany Blumely “change the story VT”, economic opportunity for women

Thanks to neighbors for understanding during move-in day

Enrollment: 600 1st year, 69 xfer, 2100 students total (plus a few in Montreal, Dublin)

Housing options; leasing at 158 South Willard (29 students, one coordinator/staff), also 315 main street (7 students)...no longer at Bayberry place location...250 at Spinner Place in Winooski

Eagles Landing: on track for move-in fall 2018 (310-314 students). Weekly updates on website. Road closure week of Sep18 (Burlington Electric). Also waterline on St Paul this week

Some renovations/updates during the summer

Crosswalk safety: rainbow crosswalk faded, working with dpw on next steps, other safety measures possible. VTrans does not support custom crosswalks, so might have to standardize. But will be repainted...liked the rainbow message as a message of inclusion, might have to re-create somewhere else.

SGA (Christa Bennett) Cars don't always see students, students are getting bumped/etc., ask residents to have some awareness.

Comment: appreciate Champlain support of artist work on Haiti

9) Lisa Kingsbury UVM, Joe Sidell

(Lisa) Capital projects: large STEM discovery hall opened in spring, 2nd phase deconstruction of Cook science, new construction will continue to 2019

699 beds in new campus residence, has opened, 500 seat dining hall

Hospital building bed replacement as well

Slade hall, 29 bed residence on S. Prospect, under construction since spring, finish in next couple weeks

Athletic multi-purpose center, will go to board next month

(Joe) students, highest SAT/GPA ever in entering class, 13% students of color, 41 green+gold scholars, catamount commitment students, largest class ever

Neighborhoods: sending letters to students on quality of life issues, welcome bags to new renters, reminders about being good neighbors. Holding off campus workshops on city ordinances, landlord issues, etc. sending off-campus newsletter as well. Joint patrols with BPD Thurs-Sat night. Funding some BPD patrols for quality of life issues (overtime). Tracking where things happen in neighborhoods, will try to nip things in the bud. Also following up with landlords. Holding students responsible for off-campus issues...46 students suspended/dismissed last year for such issues. This works, not many repeat offenders. Please call with issues.

Comment: impressed with community work from colleges

A: thank you, are trying to work together

Comment: slade hall – any work on cooperative living ventures?

A: there were issues with maintenance, rodents, etc. res-life is looking to have more programmed housing on campus, however. Healthy lifestyle housing, commit to avoid substances, etc. hope that will help with retention.