



Neighborhood Planning Assembly Draft Minutes

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Date of Assembly : 7/22/20 Start Time: (Commence): 7:00 PM

Location: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8028715104> Finish Time: (Adjourn): 8:56 PM

Note taker: Liam Daugherty

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Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Ward 4: Eric Corbman, Jeff Clark

Ward 7: Linda Deliduka, Matt Hurlburt, Jeff Comstock

Discussion Topics

- **7:00 - 7:10** Security/Participation Instructions, Ground Rules, Introductions and Announcements
- **7:10 - 7:40** Elected Officials - School Board & City Council (Legislative Reps to be part of Candidates Forum)
- **7:40 - 8:00** (New) BSD
Superintendent Thomas Flanagan
Superintendent's 100 Day Entry Plan and School Reopening Plans for Fall 2020
- **8:00 - 9:00** Candidates Forum for August 11th Primary Election House Representatives for Wards 3 (partial), 4 and 7 Chittenden District 6-1 (2 Seats) and Chittenden District 6-2 (1 Seat) Senate - Chittenden District (6 Seats)

Actions Taken / Decisions Made

Attendees:

Jeff Clark	Robert Brittow-Johnson	Louis Myers
Martha Molpus	Linda Deliduka	Chris Pearson
Mary Chaffee	Sarah Carpenter	Kesha Ram
Carol Ode	Jean O'Sullivan	Adam Roof
Matt Hurlburt	Tom Chittenden	David Cherr
Erhard Mahnke	Emma Mulvaney-Stanek	Michael Sirotkin
Ericka Redic	Phil Baruth	Ginny Lyons
June Heston	Dylan Giambatista	Robert Brittow-Johnson
Kendra Sowers	June Heston	Linda Deliduka
Steven Hamlin	Ali Dieng	Sylvia Knight

Agenda Items and Actions:

7:10 - 7:40 Elected Officials - School Board & City Council (Legislative Reps to be part of Candidates Forum)

Kendra Stewart: Schools will be open in the Fall, but we're still trying to figure out how. A re-opening task force has been created, and all of the information is on the BSDVT.org website. Summer program has been successful, especially with being a trial run before school this fall. Served over 100,000 meals this summer to students and homeless population.

Sarah Carpenter: At the last meeting there was the passage of the budget, with an eight and a half million-dollar deficit. Tax increases were deferred as well. Most programs have been accommodated and there have been no permanent layoffs. Rank choice voting will be on the November ballot.

Ali Dieng: Confirms that rank choice voting is on the ballot. Voting will be at CP Smith Middle School on August 11th, for those in Ward 7. Believes there was a mistake in reducing the police department capacity by 30% through attrition.

Monika Ivancic: There is a new super-intendent. The city declared racism as a public health crisis, and the school has joined with them designing new programs and spaces for discussions, education, and resolutions on racism.

Erika: Concerned about the direction of the elected officials specifically regarding rank choice voting and keeping people out of the process for voting on legislation.

Jeff: Reminds participants while ranked choice voting will be on the ballot it will still need approval by the legislature when they convene in 2021.

Sarah: Did not support putting rank choice voting on this upcoming ballot as there was not enough time to discuss it. Suggests the NPA devotes a large amount of time to discuss it. Questions if it's the right choice for their community as many of the elections are non-partisan.

Ali: Explains that this ballot item is not necessarily new as it was voted down before, and understands the concern for putting in on the ballot and why it would cost \$50,000. Has a neutral position on rank choice voting.

Carol: Is not clear about what exactly is being put on the ballot, but is open to learning more. Has not had great experiences with rank choice voting in the past.

Bob: Concurs with Carol generally speaking. Disappointed that the proposal is essentially what was voted down before. Hopes that there is more thought put into it.

Jean O'Sullivan: States that with the non-partisan local races ranked choice voting would work well, and supports the idea that the NPA should spend time discussing this.

Ali: Agrees with Jean O'Sullivan.

7:40 - 8:00 (New) BSD Superintendent Thomas Flanagan Superintendent's 100 Day Entry Plan and School Reopening Plans for Fall 2020

Tom: The 100-day plan is designed to set out priorities for education in Burlington. Equity, engagement, and deep learning are the top priorities. Has listened directly to many people from Burlington, and has strengthened engagement activities to promote interaction. Equity is integral in everything the school system does and is deeply connected to the student's well-being. Learning experiences are very powerful when students are connected to it. The 100 days report will lead into a 5-year strategic planning process. Safely re-opening schools is the number one priority, and the how to re-open is based on the Agency of Education. Recommends a 6-foot physical distancing, starting in a hybrid alternating day, health screenings before school, and wearing masks. A hybrid alternating day will mean half the students will be in school each day, and half will be distanced learning. Ensuring education is deep, meaningful, and rigorous.

Robert: Expresses concerns regarding the guidance department.

Tom: Speaks on how committed the staff is throughout the school district to providing the best education experience. Has created a cabinet to delegate decisions further.

Franklin Polino: Asks what a hypothetical day will look like for a child going to school.

Tom: Starts with a health screening done at home or school. Then there is a touchless thermometer. Then they head to their classroom with desks spaced apart. Outdoor learning will also be promoted. Lunch will be in the classroom. The goal is to get back into school full time.

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Bob: Running again. Asks for support and discusses his, and other representatives, actions recently with regards to climate, racial, and economic matters. Also spoke about meeting John Lewis.

Carol Ode: Spoke about her history living in Burlington, and focused on fixing issues within the economy to alleviate poverty, environmental degradation, and racism.

Emma Mulvaney-Stanek: Spoke about her history of fighting for economic justice as a labor organizer and previous city councilor. Passionate about supporting those involved in child care from worker to families. Focuses on economic justice, workers' rights, food security, and equitable school and finding funding solutions.

Jean O'Sullivan: Discussed her history with public office, experience in retail and small business ownership, and economic governance and how she applied it to alleviating some of the worst economic effects of COVID 19 along with generating new businesses, particularly from women and minorities.

Phil Baruth: Spoke on his work with the administration regarding the needs of his community and the state during this global pandemic. Discussed specifically trying to get aid to families with children in special education and fixing HVAC and AC systems in schools to help curb the spread of COVID.

Tom Chittenden: Discussed his work on the South Burlington City Council including the Regional Dispatch Initiative, updating ordinances, the city center and his work as the president of the faculty at UVM. Spoke about his role as the chair of the Green Mountain Transit organization. Is concerned about the declining population and coordinating services across population centers.

Dylan Giambatista: State rep in Essex Jct. Spoke on his unusual background coming to politics, and his mentors at the Community College of Vermont that helped get him out of a difficult time. Discussed the

needs for systemic reforms regarding several issues like mental health, climate change, and economic reform among others. Focused on giving Vermonters a fair shot.

June Heston: Spoke on her families' history in Vermont and how that informed her career in non-profit work. It also developed her passion for working with children for the Make-A-Wish foundation in Vermont, and for helping veterans and members of the military. She brings a perspective that represents the challenges Vermonters are facing now as she has faced those as well.

Ginny Lyons: Chair of the health and welfare committee, and has worked constantly from the start of the pandemic to find out its effects on the business of healthcare. Spoke on the importance of childcare, both inherently and the relationship to the economy. Also discussed climate change, mental health, housing, and other social services.

Erhard Monkhe: Has dedicated many years to community service, including being a city council member during Bernie's administration. Energy independence, affordable housing, non-profit work, and a broad range of municipal issues are his interests and skills. Plans to make environmental issues, climate change, and economic issues the most pressing in office.

Louis Myers: Is running because he is concerned about the health care system in Vermont, particularly after COVID. Wants to challenge the aspects of monopolization of healthcare, and being a physician, he can bring a unique voice to the senate.

Chris Pearson: Spoke on his career in public service in the house and senate, along with pushing minimum wage increases, climate change, pro-choice legislation, and pro-labor decisions.

Kesha Ram: Discussed projects related to economic advancement and advancing social, economic, and racial justice.

Ericka Redic: Spoke about economic insecurity on a statewide scale for Vermont, and the debts the state has.

Adam Roof: Talked about personal work ethic, family history, commitment to service and pointed people towards his website for more information.

David Cherr: Discussed formative professional experience as a public defender and his perspective on mental health disorders, and fixing the ills of the criminal justice system through providing economic and housing opportunities.

Michael Sirotkin: Spoke about being an advocate for underdogs, minimum wage, paid family leave, expanding unemployment insurance, and other economic issues.

8:57 Adjourn

4/7 NPA Community Meeting July 22, 2020

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Online Zoom Format

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8028715104>

Meeting ID: 802 871 5104

6:45 - 7:00 Online Sign In, Participant Recognition and Socializing

NOTE: The Steering Committee requests that participants sign in with full name and Ward affiliation.
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