



Ward 4/7 Neighborhood Planning Assembly
July 22, 6:30-9:00 pm
Miller Center, 130 Gosse Court

AGENDA

Speak Out

Slide presentation, discussion of contaminated soil stored in Leddy Park.

Discussion of City issues with elected and appointed officials

Public Hearing: 451 Ethan Allen Parkway proposed project *see below

Discussion with North Avenue Corridor Task Force and Bike/Walk Plan representatives

*PUBLIC NOTICE Re: 451 Ethan Allen Parkway

Adjoining landowners are hereby notified of a public meeting before the Ward 4 & 7 Neighborhood Planning Assembly at the above time and place regarding a proposed project, located at 451 Ethan Allen Parkway, Burlington, VT 05408, that has been submitted to the Burlington Department of Planning and Zoning for approval.

Proposed Project Information: Landowners are seeking zoning approval for a nine-unit planned residential development in three buildings on a 7.16-acre parcel of land located between 437 and 463 Ethan Allen Parkway. The complete zoning application is available for review at the Burlington Department of Planning and Zoning (149 Church Street, Burlington, VT 05401) and the law offices of Burak Anderson & Melloni, plc, (30 Main Street, Burlington, VT 05402).

Information materials will be available for review in the atrium of the Miller Center from 6:30-7pm. A preview of the project will be part of the regular NPA agenda.

<http://wards4and7npa.blogspot.com/>

W4/7 Neighborhood Planning Assembly Minutes
July 22, 7-9 pm
Miller Center

The meeting commenced at 7:00 pm.

During introductions and announcements, Martha Molpus made a statement about soil in Leddy Park on behalf of Save Open Space. Donna Waldron shared concerns raised about dissolution of the Cemetery Commission. Theresa Lefebvre gave an update on the Farrington Park and housing cooperative. Questions were raised about the permitting process for development proposals.

A discussion of the soil pile in Leddy Park took place. Robert Bristow-Johnson expressed desire to see non-toxic dirt put into a road project. A video of the dirt pile and surrounding area was shown. Joanna Cole gave an update on legislative work related to urban soils. Jim Holway conveyed that the City, the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, and the EPA would be willing to hold a forum on this issue to have more comprehensive information shared and encouraged people to read the letter from Jesse Bridges. Michael Watson suggested it is poor policy to put a potentially dangerous pile of dirt near a park where children play with downhill drainage to the lake.

Theresa Lefebvre made a motion that the discussion be tabled until experts can be brought to a meeting on this subject. Linda Deliduka seconded. The motion passed with a majority of members present.

During Speak Out, Lea Terhune informed group of Emily Lyman Foundation fundraiser to help children with leukemia. Michael McGarghan expressed concern about bike safety. Jim Holway mentioned Contois Auditorium chair sponsorship opportunities and playground construction in Starr Farm Park.

Public Official Updates

School Commissioner Anne Judson

- Superintendent-Select Yaw Obeng had visa sent back for more information. He has been working unpaid to be prepared to start.
- Kindergarten classes will have potentially higher student-to-teacher ratios with no paraeducators. Schools are discussing having interns and other professionals as well as volunteers to help support.

Representative Jean O'Sullivan

- Vermont Gas/BT neighborhood hookup getting close, signing up indicates interest and helps advance timeline.
- Encouraged people to give at a weekend blood drive.

Representative/Councilor Kurt Wright

- Update on dirt pile with accompanying statement.
- Thoughts on Brandon del Pozo, Uber, sidewalk disrepair.
- Gun issues were raised.

Councilor Dave Hartnett

- Update on Waterfront: Sailing Center breaking ground in fall, new private marina being developed by 2018, Moran Plant past deadline, explicit public shared use plan.
- Discussion of firing range.
- Answered questions about safety conversations, three more to follow.

Representative Joanna Cole

- Campaign finance update on web portal, candidate forms.
- Update on professional licensure, notaries.

Councilor Tom Ayres

- CDNR Committee is focusing on Housing Action Plan.
- Burlington College property meeting on August 11.

A presentation was made regarding a proposed development at 451 Ethan Allen Parkway. John Anderson led the discussion as attorney for the project. Sketch plan review is complete with current filing for preliminary approval. Location is close to Ethan Allen Parkway with rest of site as designated wetlands, open space, possible park space.

There was question of the notice of withdrawal for the project from 2013 and the reason for lack of public notice of the permit request. Anderson stated project was withdrawn at that time and is now moving forward. Reason for no notice is that proceedings have not begun and notice will occur for hearing on project approval. There was an additional question about the type of housing being proposed. They are advertised and designed as middle class units with one being permanently affordable. Total cost of construction is \$1.7 million.

The North Avenue Corridor Task Force update was presented by Pat Kearney and RJ Lalumiere. Traffic and parking count is being conducted on North Avenue until late September. Intersection and traffic light designs will take into account delay, traffic timing, national standards. Finished product will be two traffic lanes and one center turn lane.

The Walk Bike Plan agenda item was postponed due to time.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.



MEMO

Date: July 16, 2015
To: Burlington Residents
From: Jesse Bridges, Director Burlington Parks, Recreation & Waterfront (BPRW)
Chuck Schwer, Director Vermont Waste Management and Prevention Division
Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)
RE: Update on Temporarily Stockpiled Soils at Leddy Park
Cc: Councilors Ayers, Hartnett and Wright

This update on the Bike Path Rehabilitation project, and the temporary stockpiled soils at Leddy Park, comes jointly from BPRW and VT DEC in a cooperative effort to keep the community informed of the current project status. For several months, both BPRW and VTDEC have been working together to coordinate the storage and security of the temporarily stockpiled soils from the bike path project at Leddy and potential options for reuse and/or disposal of these soils. BPRW and the VTDEC are unified in their approach to manage the soils in the best interests of the community and the environment with health, security and transparency at the forefront. Livability projects, like the Burlington Bike Path Rehabilitation, are shared priorities that support the quality of life in our great city, and in our amazing state of Vermont. Recent updates and clarifications follow:

➤ Soil Management

- Per the bike path project's Soil Management Plan, the stockpiled soils are encapsulated in plastic to exclude direct soil contact.
- The soils present a direct contact risk to humans, which is managed by the proper plastic cover described below, pending disposal decisions.
- Because the stockpile is exposed to the elements, occasional tears in the plastic may occur. The stockpile is monitored regularly by staff and supporting contractors so that minor tears are quickly repaired and do not pose a long term risk.
- Staff and contractors who manage the stockpile wear protective clothing to limit direct contact with the soil when inspecting and making repairs and to limit the spread of any of the soil outside of the protected areas.
- Piles are inspected weekly with repairs completed when necessary. An inspection checklist and photo log is created each week and issued to DEC.
 - Because of exposure to sunlight and moisture, vegetation growth is a normal occurrence in stockpiled soils such as this. An additional dark tarp cover will be installed to deter further plant growth. This is to stop the likelihood of rips in the tarp, due to vegetative growth.
 - BPRW is in the process of hiring an additional consultant to perform weekly inspections and execute emergent repairs.

The Ward 4 and 7 Neighborhood planning Assemblies request that the stockpiled soils be removed from Leddy Park. The NPA's recognize that additional testing must first occur before the soils can be removed. To that end, we urge in the strongest possible terms, that the BPRW, the DEC AND THE EPA collaborate to ensure that the timeline for testing of the soil is significantly shortened, thus expediting the process for removal of the soil from Leddy Park as soon as possible