Wards 1 & 8 Neighborhood Planning Assembly (NPA)
June 12, 2019
UVM Medical Center's McClure Lobby Conference Room

6:45 pm Snacks and Refreshments

AGENDA

Facilitator: Jonathan Chapple-Sokol
Recorder: Carol Livingston, NPA; Phet Keomanvanh and Hannah Carpino, CEDO

7:00 pm Speak-out

7:15 pm City Councilor Update
Councilors Adam Roof, Sharon Bushor, Jack Hanson

7:35 pm Sidewalks & Colchester Avenue Proposed Bike Lane and Parking Changes - Update
Carol Livingston

7:45 pm Housing - Part I - Brainstorm issues and questions, focusing on UVM and Champlain College
Jonathan Chapple-Sokol

8:05 pm Edmunds Elementary/Middle School Renovation Update, Q&A
Commissioner Keith Pillsbury

8:15 pm Fletcher Free Library Strategic Plan – Feedback & Input Requested
Mary Danko

8:25 pm Summer NPA Meeting Schedule
Jonathan Chapple-Sokol

8:30 Legislator's Summary of 2019 session
Representatives Brian Cina and Barbara Rachelson

9:00 pm Adjourn

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Wards 1 & 8 NPA Website

https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/Neighborhood-Services/NPAs/Ward-1-NPA

FAQs

May I borrow books & other resources if I am not a Burlington resident?
Yes, you may get a free card if you are a UVM or Champlain student, or if you work in Burlington. You may purchase a non-resident card for $35/year or $20/6 mos. Seniors: $15/year. A library card is not required to attend programs.

Who can participate in programming?
Everyone is welcome! Please note that some programs are designed for specific age groups.

How many items may I check out?
Patrons may have 35 items checked out, including 5 DVDs.

How long may I borrow these items?
Books & audio materials for 3 weeks; DVDs & non-traditional items for 1 week.

May I renew my items online?
Yes, or in person, or by phone, and up to 5 times! If another patron has put a hold on the item you have checked out, you will need to return it when it is due.

What if I don't return or renew on time?
A fine will be charged to your account. DVDs incur $1/day. Per day fines for books vary: 5 cents for youth books; 10 cents for adult books; 25 cents for new books, audio books, periodicals & non-traditional items. No item will incur a fine greater than $5.

If the item I want to borrow is checked out by another patron, may I put a hold on it?
Yes, you may reserve items by asking in person at the Main Desk, by phone (802.863.3403) or online.

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Your support strengthens our capacity to meet community needs.

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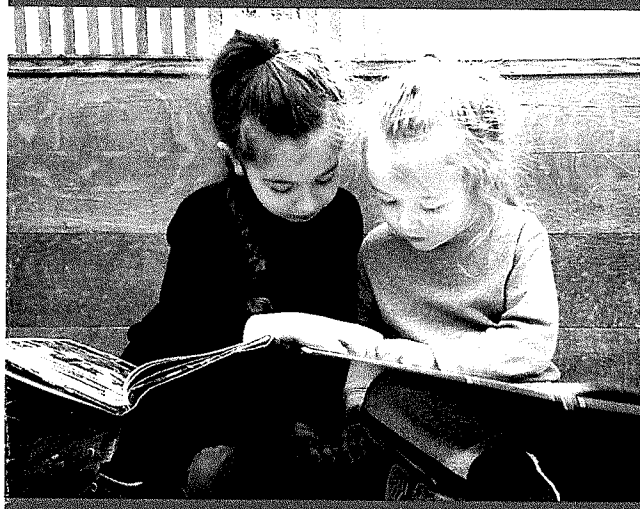


Fletcher Free Library

Knowlege for Life.
Knowlege for All.

Our Services

The Fletcher Free Library's mission is to inform, enrich, & nurture a community of lifelong learners.

Our services are free & fun!

Books & online resources

Literary & literacy programming

Cultural events & art exhibits

Language classes & conversation groups

Outreach programs & book deliveries

Technology solutions:
Public TechCenter & Wi-Fi
Computer literacy workshops

Research assistance

Interlibrary loan services

Meeting rooms:
with AV & video conferencing

Hours:

M, Th, F, Sat 10am–6pm
Tu & W 10am–8pm
Sun Noon–6pm

Sign up for email notice of Library News, Programs & Events:
fletcherfree.org/GetLibraryNews

Our Collection

Resources for all ages:

- Books, ebooks, audiobooks (CD & downloadable), large print books, foreign language books, book club kits
- Picture Book City for young children
- Online research resources
- DVDs & streaming movies & TV shows
- Music on CDs & online
- Magazines & newspapers
- Library of Non-traditional Things: gardening & cooking tools, musical instruments, games, gadgets & more!

Let us know if you want something we don't have in the collection--
ask at the Main Desk or click "CONTACT" at
www.fletcherfree.org

Your Online Account

What can I use my online account for?
Reserve or renew items, check due dates, see borrowing history, create reading lists, change your account details & preferences.

How do I access my account?

- Go to fletcherfree.org, click My Account.

Our Programming

Early Learners

Programming is designed to strengthen early literacy & prepare children for kindergarten.

- Weekly programming for children 0-5
- Outreach to home- and center-based child cares

Teens

Programs offer teens & tweens opportunities to have fun learning and creating!

- Teen computers
- Maker space

Summer Challenge Program
Innovative summer programming for early learners, K-5th graders & teens.

READ • EXPLORE • PLAY
LEARN • SHARE

Adults

- Book discussion groups, author talks, workshops & exhibits
- English language classes & conversation groups in various languages
- Computer literacy workshops
- Outreach programming & book deliveries off site for seniors

Fletcher Free Library

2020 in sight!

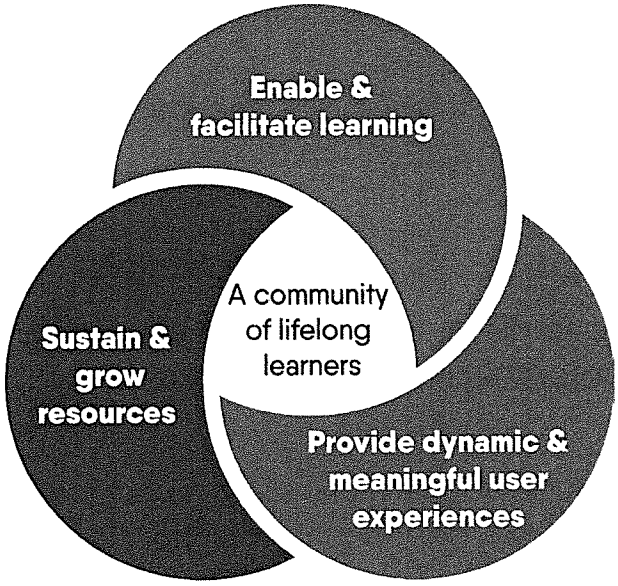
2020 Vision

Our community is engaged in lifelong learning. The Fletcher Free Library is an essentia partner in Burlington's economic, social & cultural growth.

Mission

To inform, enrich & nurture a community of lifelong learners.

Strategy



Guiding Principles

- Open to all.
- Dedicated to ensuring patronage represents the diversity of our community.
- Dedicated to personal & intellectual freedom.
- Responsive, adaptive & accountable.
- A steward of materials & spaces.
- Committed to working in partnership with the community.
- Passionate about our mission, the Fletcher Free, & Burlington.

Strategic Directions 2017-2020

Goal 1. The Fletcher Free enables & facilitates learning, empowering through knowledge.

STRATEGY 1 Provide cultural & literary enrichment opportunities.

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STRATEGY 2 Provide universally accessible literacy programs.

Objectives

1. Engage, inspire, inform & open conversation among commu members.
2. Improve connectivity & access to knowledge.
3. Prepare learners for continued growth.
4. Contribute to the academic & career success of the comm

Activities

- Develop and deliver in-library literary and literacy enrichment programming for int preschoolers, youth, tweens and teens, adults, and seniors.
- Provide literary and literacy enrichment outreach services to seniors, home-based care providers, students at summer schools and camps, homebound patrons.

STRATEGY 3 Maintain reciprocal relationships for successful learning

Objective Grow partnerships that add value to community learning opportunities, leveraging both library & partner resources.

Activities

- Collaborate to enhance learning opportunities available to the community.
- Connect patrons to learning opportunities at the library & partners organizations.
- Contribute to community cultural & educational networks.

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Goal 2. Fletcher Free patrons have meaningful & dynamic library user experiences.

STRATEGY 1 Provide useful, usable & desirable library services, resources & spaces.

Objective Ensure all services & spaces provide a solution, satisfy a need, are easy to use & are safe.

Activities

- Institute a user-focused service philosophy.
- Ensure library policies and procedures empower staff.
- Optimize points of patron interaction in the library and online.
- Ensure digital resources & their interfaces are seamless, & responsive to mobile technology.
- Upgrade public technology resources.
- Design and institute behavior reinforcing wayfinding within the Library.

STRATEGY 2 Build staffing capacity.

Objective Ensure appropriate staffing levels, skill sets and staff empowerment to meet service demands and community needs.

Activities

- Continue to build a quality staffing structure, focusing on literacy, outrech and technology.
- Institute annual evaluations for staff.
- Provide professional development opportunites for staff.
- Implement resource-saving technologies.
- Implement centralized volunteer management.

STRATEGY 3 Maintain relevant, easy-to-access collections.

Objective Patrons use collections for personal growth & lifelong learning.

Activities

- Implement user-focused access to collection.
- Maintain and evaluate centralized collection development model.

Goal 3. The Fletcher Free is positioned to sustain & grow resources.

STRATEGY 1 Maintain a strong community presence.

Objective Raise awareness of library services, their benefit & how to acces them.

Activities

- Rebrand the library and roll out the brand in the community.
- Re-develop the library website.
- Develop marketing plans & materials that meet patron needs.
- Conduct outreach to the community aimed at increasing patronage that reflects th diversity of our community.
- Promote 'library card sign up month' once a year, as well as other innovative ways to engage community members as library patrons.

STRATEGY 2 Be responsive & accountable.

Objective Ensure services, resources & spaces remain aligned with evolvi community needs & expectations.

Activities

- Develop data management solutions for tracking and analysis of service statistics.
- Measure the library's impact in the community.
- Implement a continuous improvement cycle: needs assessment; satisfaction survey evaluate data & results; design & implement service improvements.

STRATEGY 3 Build sustainability.

Objective Strengthen the library's organizational & financial foundation.

Activities

- Transition library fundraising to our Friends organization as Fletcher Free's 501(c)3.
- Fund library programming, professional development & special initiatives through t Friends 501(c)3.
- Develop and implement a capital campaign to redesign & remodel the library inter emphasizing the children's library, the teen area, meeting rooms, & a café.

The University of Vermont and Housing

UVM has a long-standing commitment to housing students.

- UVM housed 63% of undergraduate students on campus last year – significantly more than our peers, and above our goal of 60%.
- Students are required to live on campus for first two years; this promotes a connection to the University and boosts retention.
- It also keeps a large number of students from living in off-campus rentals.

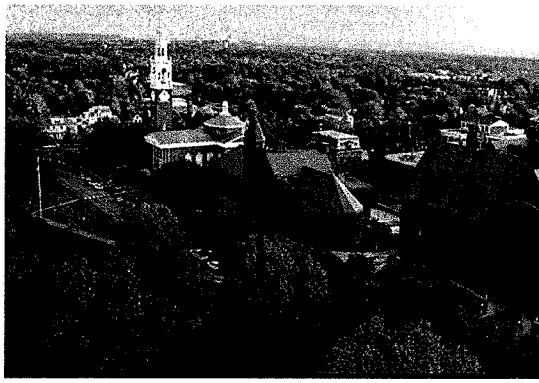
UVM has created many additional beds on campus.

- The University has added 874 beds on campus in the last ten years.
  - 163 at McAuley Hall.
  - 403 at Redstone Lofts (third-party developer project).
  - 308 net new beds at the Central Campus Residence Hall (a 699 bed project that replaced the 391 beds at Chittenden/Buckham/Wills).

Central Campus Residence Hall

An updated Student Housing Master Plan is in the works.

- Will provide information on housing needs and options, and potential areas where housing could be created.
- Undergraduate and graduate students gave feedback about their interest in living on campus, location, cost, and amenities.
- Expecting to be able to share the recommendations later this summer.
- Desirable on-campus housing may attract students to stay on campus voluntarily (including graduate students).
- New on-campus housing would face the same market challenges as any housing in Burlington – must be attractive in terms of cost, location, size, and features.



- UVM cannot force more students to live on campus – it would be a disadvantage in a highly competitive higher education market – but can explore housing options that would attract students.
- Future projects will likely be in partnership with developers due to debt capacity.
- National trends are challenging, including a decline in the number of college-aged residents and increased competition with other institutions (resulting in college closures in Vermont and nationally); overall, the future of higher education is uncertain.

Positive results from quality of life collaboration with the City.

UVM pays for Burlington Police Department patrols in neighborhoods.

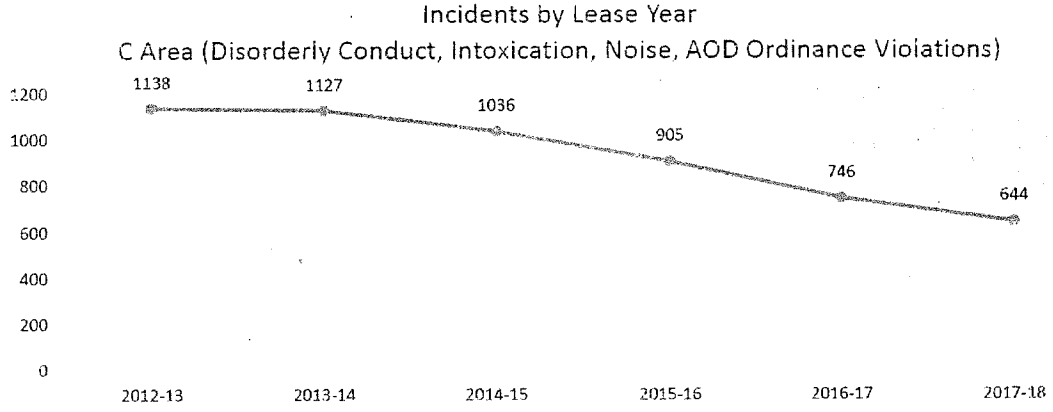
- Up to $100,000 annually for patrols focused only on quality of life issues.
- Also pay more than $1.3 million annually (Payment for Services agreement) and will contribute $7.7 million over 20 years for City capital improvements.

A group meets to intervene early when incidents occur.

- A collaboration of the Burlington Police Department, UVM, and Code Enforcement.
- Map incidents and use data to track trends.
- Address "problem properties" with a visit.
- Landlords receive calls and letters about properties where incidents occur.

The data shows positive results.

- Improvement in calls for service in area where students tend to live.
  - Disorderly conduct, intoxication, noise, AOD ordinance violations.
- C Area calls for service have dropped by 43% since 2012-13
  - A,B,D,E calls for service dropped 26%.
- Citizen-initiated responses decreased 38% since 2012 (when police officers began quality of life patrols in neighborhoods).
- Represents improvement, not victory.



The Office of Student and Community Relations and Community Coalition provide neighborhood resources.

- Letters and welcome bags to students and neighbors.
- Have a Heart program encouraging renters to respect neighbors, especially around walk-by noise.
- Mediation, assistance for renters, and community-building projects.
- As an example, this year's Spring Move Out Project kept neighborhoods clean by diverting 30 tons of furniture and household goods from the greenbelts.

Spring Move Out Project

Neighborhood Planning Assembly Attendees

NPA (choose one)		Wards 1 & 8		Wards 2 & 3		Wards 4 & 7		Ward 5		Wa 6

Date of Assembly : 6-12-19 Location: UVM Medical Ct

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or email to ***pkeomanyvanh@burlingtonvt.gov*** Hannah Carpino

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5	Carol Livingston	24	
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8	BOB BUTANI	27	
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Neighborhood Planning Assembly Draft Minutes

NPA: *(choose one)*	Wards 1 & 8	Wards 2 & 3	Wards 4 & 7	Ward 5	Ward 6

Date of Assembly : 6 /12 / 2019 Start Time: *(Commence):* 7:05 PM

Location: McClure Room, UVMMC Finish Time: *(Adjourn):* 9:10 PM

Note taker: Hannah Carpino Please forward these official minutes to: _____

Steering Committee Members in Attendance: Jonathan Chapple-Sokol, Carol Livingston, Caryn Long, Linda Rizvi	
Discussion Topics • *Fletcher Free Library* • *Housing*	Actions Taken / Decisions Made • NPA will meet in July, but not August

Agenda Items and Actions:

Please Remember to Enter Adjournment Time!

Introductions and Announcements

-Celebrating Richard Hillyard's longtime service to the NPA

-Ward 8 still needs Steering Committee members!

-Bobby Butoni: Thank you UVM for great tenants on Fletcher Place this year! Also, very concerned about proposed project on Fletcher Place- 75 units on a very small piece of land.

-Message from Jared Wood: Lighted sign that displays speed needed on N. Prospect St.

-Had a conversation with DPW employees who were working on University Terrace. They said they could not afford to live in Burlington, but want to.

-NPA will meet again in July, but will not have an August meetin

City Council Updates

-Jack Hanson, East District

-Green Mountain Transit had an issue where many students were kicked off a school bus. Parents and students were concerned there was racial bias at play. GMT came to meeting Monday to discuss it.

-New director of CEDO appointed unanimously, Luke McGowan

-Chief del Pozo was reappointed with a 10-2 vote

-Two different resolutions related to policing issues recently- one passed, one did not.

-Champlain Parkway project in the South End has been given the green light by City Council

-Expansion of current bike share program, and conversion to electric bikes has been approved. Deferred conversation around e-scooters to be followed up with by Transportation, Energy, and Utilities Committee

-Higher Ground wants to move into Burton facility and create a food space, bring in a skate park and makers space.

-Adam Roof, Ward 8

-Brought forward a resolution around policing: 15 member special committee that will do comprehensive overview of Burlington police policies, potential changes, recommendations, etc. Resolution passed, applications to join committee are now open until June 24th.

-Ordinance Committee talked about Burton property, zoning change needed for Higher Ground move.

-CDNR Committee has been meeting about the Neighborhood Project: in the process of prioritizing different policies and potential actions.

-Last year, low-barrier shelter in Burlington closed in early April. This year, city has secured $60k to extend it through June 15th. City will look at the success of this extension and analyze results

-Meeting with folks from CityPlace tomorrow. Seems like they are more engaged with the council and community

-Sharon Bushor

-No definitive start date for City Place. Rough timeline of 20 months, but others have refuted this and said it will take longer.

-Conversation around e-bikes, local bike shops are concerned around the company that will be providing e-bike expansion

-Residents in South End seem concerned about relocation of Higher Ground- noise, traffic, parking, etc.

-Request from NPAs has been honored, but it still needs to be seen in the budget.

-Funds from sale of Burlington Telecom will be used- Mayor is recommending using it to address some items in the budget.

-Housing Summit was interesting, full of debate and good ideas. Mayor is proposing meeting in September to address recommendations made during the summer.

<u>Carol Livingston- DPW Update on Colchester Ave</u>

-Upcoming meeting at DPW on 6/19 at 6:30 PM for people interested in the Colchester parking/biking project
-Landlords, business owners weighed in on elimination of street parking for additions of bike lanes
-Looking at eliminating just some sections of street parking, or moving parking into side streets
-Upcoming meeting at DPW on 6/19 at 6:30 PM for people interested in the Colchester parking/biking project

<u>Housing: Open Discussion, Brainstorm and Questions</u>

-Discussion between renters, landlords and owners in Burlington about housing issue
-Adam Roof: Resolution coming looking to the university to house more of its students

-Trinity Campus is on the list of potential locations

-Working with TJ Donovan about renters rights issues

-NPA should schedule time to generate comments, suggestions, and invite UVM people to meeting
-Neighborhood Project addresses a lot of these concerns
-Bill Ward should come to the NPAs

<u>Edmunds School Complex Renovation</u>

-Renovations to Edmunds School complex will make it more ADA accessible
-Have put it out to bid, lowest bidder was Wright & Morrissey
-Working on cafeteria, middle school building, sidewalks, entry areas, elevators
-The school will have an open house when the work is closer to being finished

<u>Mary Danko, Fletcher Free Library</u>

-2020 Strategic Plan for library is finished
-More outreach, more computer classes, more technological updates as libraries change
-More cultural and literary enrichment opportunities
-Trying to build staffing capacity

-Develop universally accessible literary programs
-The library worked as a warming center and cooling center when the weather called for it, and library staff worked the area throughout the day. Very successful effort
-Youth, teen, and adult programming attendance numbers are all up
-Pilot program called "Community Partners Desk", where Howard Center social workers staff a desk for people to ask questions

Legislative Summaries

-Barbara Rachelson, Chittenden 6-6

-Selene Colburn is away tonight, presenting at Fletcher Free Library

-Reproductive rights bill was signed into law this week.

-On the other hand, mandatory 24 hr waiting period for guns was not signed by Governor

-Introduced safe storage bill for guns, but didn't get a lot of attention

-House Judiciary worked on other bills: medical monitoring bill, fair and impartial policing bill, statute of limitations changes around certain crimes.

-Burlington charter change related to Public Works did pass

-Brian Cina, Chittenden 6-1

-Difficult to deal with some of the lack of progress on major issues like climate change, economic justice, etc.

-FY2020 budge is a balanced budget of around $6.6 billion. This is an increase over 2019 budget, significant increase in protecting environment, vulnerable Vermonters, working people.

-H3 (Act 1) passed and created a pathway for coalition on social and ethnic equity studies to develop recommended curriculum for school systems in Vermont.

-Passed a bill replacing Columbus Day with Indigenous People's Day. Vermont will be the third state to do so.

-Passed a healthcare bill that put in place a series of protections on the state level so that as court cases on federal level occur, Vermonters/the Vermont healthcare marketplace will be protected.

-Proposed that we study the affordability of healthcare in state.

-Climate Caucus has been fighting very hard, but there were very few results legislatively.