

Wards 2 and 3 Neighborhood Planning Assemblies

Thursday June 11, 2020, 7:00pm-8:30pm

Meeting Via Zoom

wards2and3npa.weebly.com

Moderator: Patrick Johnson

NPA Announcements – 10 minutes (7:00-7:10)

Public Forum– 15 minutes (7:10-7:25)

Elected Officials—15 minutes (7:25 pm-7:40 pm)

Department of Public Works 2020 Construction Program—15 minutes (7:40-7:55)

City Appropriation—NPA 2 \$2,500 and NPA 3 \$2,500 in the City Budget—35 minutes (7:55-8:30)

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ONE Community Dinner, Janet Carscadden onecommunitydinnerbtv@gmail.com

NPA 2 Operations

NPA 3 Operations

Adjourn 8:30 pm

You are invited to the NPA 2 and NPA 3 Zoom webinar.

When: Jun 11, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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A section of Burlington City Council resolution first adopted in 1982 establishing provisions for a Neighborhood Planning Assembly in each City ward.

...Neighborhood Planning Assemblies shall... help provide citizens with information concerning city programs and activities; help obtain citizen views of city needs; help provide citizens with the opportunity to participate in making recommendations with respect to governmental decisions including the allocation of revenues.

...Assemblies shall also be encouraged to provide advice to the appropriate commission or this council with respect to community development, housing programs, this City's Comprehensive Plan and its waterfront planning activities, and the city's budget among other issues....

Current NPA 2/3 Steering Committee:

Andrew Champagne	Ward 2	802-540-0717
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Patrick Johnson	Ward 2	superdogirie@gmail.com
Tony Redington	Ward 2	TonyRVT99@gmail.com
Kevin Deuterman		kdootz@gmail.com
Barbara McGrew	Ward 3	bmcgrew@aol.com

Burlington City Elected Officials Wards 2 and 3

Mayor Miro Weinberger	Democrat	802-865-7272	Mayor@BurlingtonVT.gov
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City Councilors:

Central District (Wards 2 and 3)	Perri Freeman	Progressive		PFreeman@BurlingtonVT.gov
Ward 2	Max Tracy	Progressive	373-1968	mtracy@burlingtonvt.gov
Ward 3	Brian Pine	Progressive		bpine@burlingtonvt.gov

School Board Members:

Central District (Wards 2 and 3)	Jean Waltz		355-7856	jwaltz@bsdvt.org
Ward 2	Stephen Carey			scarey@bsdvt.org
Ward 3	Polly Vanderputten			pollyvanderputten@gmail.com

Vermont State House Representatives

Chittenden-6-3	Jill Krowinski	Democrat	802.363.3907	jkrowinski@leg.state.vt.us
Chittenden-6-3	Curt McCormack	Democrat		cmccormack@leg.state.vt.us
Chittenden-6-4	Brian Cina	Progressive/ Democrat	802.448-2178	bcina@leg.state.vt.us

Chittenden-6-4	Selene Colburn	Progressive/ Democrat	802.540.0546	scolburn@leg.state.vt.us
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Vermont State Senators (Chittenden County)

Tim Ashe	Progressive/Democrat	802.318.0903	tashe@leg.state.vt.us
Philip Baruth	Progressive/Democrat	802.503.5266	pbaruth@leg.state.vt.us
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Ginny Lyons	Democrat	802.863.6129	vlyons@leg.state.vt.us
Chris Pearson	Progressive/Democrat	802.860.3933	cpearson@leg.state.vt.us
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Thursday June 11, 2020, 7:00pm-9:20pm
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Moderator: Tony Redington

NPA Announcements and Public Forum – (7:00-7:25)

Tony – Discusses July NPA Meeting and Candidate forum

Jenn- Shared about Mural Project and gave update: collecting images, ideas, and thoughts through google form to incorporate ideas.

Tony – Looking for SC Members

Ben – Discusses Ramble and North End Studios

Emma – Running for state representative and shared platform, interests, and how to contact her.

Melissa – Thanks for NPA support. Discusses website: www.newamericansinvermont.com and translations. The Ramble will be at the end of July on your own porch, not in person and the same as last year. Look on Facebook and FPF for more information.

Jess – Let folks know that there are really good resources for renters and owners on our website, cvoeo.org. The ONE Challenge will be happening in July, go to ONEaben.org/challenge to look at challenge.

Andrew – can request an early ballot and will start June 26th and will have a full 30 days to vote in the primary. You can register to vote the same day, as well. Give me a call if you'd like to register to vote, (802) 540 – 0717, or if you have any questions.

Elected Officials - (7:26- 7:59)

Chris Pearson: If anyone is experiencing trouble with accessing unemployment benefits, please contact me through email or phone. You can find this on the website. Overall, trying to figure out the best way to help people. Have federal money that we must spend by the end of the year. Upwards of \$400 million deficit in tax revenue and challenges with that. As we spend COVID relief money, trying to find ways to make money be meaningful and impactful long term. Criminal Justice Reform and please reach out with suggestions.

Brian Cina: Remind people to mute themselves and gave brief update on Use of Force Policy. Two bills were moving and got stalled when the pandemic hit, but the recent uprising has reignited interest in these bills. There is a lot of discussion going on and looking at police interventions, training, body cameras, and more. Keep an eye on the press and will be moving very fast. All called for defunding % of police and reinvesting into mental health services, migrant workers, and people of color led orgs. Working Vermonter's Caucus, looking at policies that get attached to relief money for workers. Please reach out to me if you have questions or are interested.

Curt McCormack: Transportation Bill, T Bill, and what applies in that bill to Burlington in particular. One of the two bills for transportation and is \$649 billion dollars. Will use money for Memorial Valley Rail Trail and Rail Yard in Burlington. Fair Free Transit, the state received \$21 million for transit and the goal is to be Fair Free, due to lack of income and barriers to money and transportation. Going Fair Free statewide until the end of the year and I hope that Fair Free will become a state policy after people see how good of an idea it is.

Brian Pine: Discusses the issue of the appropriate role of police in our society and explains what *defunding* the police means. Defunding doesn't mean eliminate all police funding, but does mean police will be funded, but not over funded. Police should focus on crimes and criminals, not trained or equipped to play the role of social workers, medical professionals, education specialists, or mental health workers. Would love to hear from constituents about this.

Max Tracy: We've heard public comment during City Council meeting about truancy checks, 30 % reduction of funding, firing the three police officers, and other demands in the Racial Justice Alliance. The city is in the process of forming the budget. This call to reassess the police budget has come and the outreach I've heard from the public, especially our wards, is that reforms have not work, therefore, to me, we want to enact them. There are challenges, like the Police Union and contracts. Discussed vacant positions in the police department and the number of police officers. We do not have the Mayor's recommended budget yet and will give it on Monday.

Barbara – questions on what you think about the Mayor's Box It In Strategy for the college students? Asked about the efficacy of this method and has a lot of concerns about it.

Brian – Box It In Strategy has its limitation for sure. Students were not actually concerning and heard from constituents and carrying on as there is no need. If you are a worker in VT, it becomes a double standard when you must go home and quarantine.

Max – Continuing to talk to the university about what their plans are and it is their responsibility. I hear your concern and many of them are out of state students, I had suggested that if the student didn't have a need to come back, to not come back until school starts. We need to continue to advocate and push harder for resources and falls to the VDOH. Has been offering testing at the ONE center and should offer extended testing times.

Curt – Discusses quarantine policies for those out of state

Tony – discusses expense of masks and barriers to buy masks and have masks accessible.

Patrick – discusses college students and safety.

Melissa – Discusses the mask distribution and taking 80 masks and dropped some off locally, but there hasn't been much of a distribution in the Old North End. Were able to distribute 180 masks during a food distribution last week, but still not a lot available in this area.

Department of Public Works 2020 Construction Program - (8:00 pm-8:25 pm)

Robert Goulding – Discusses Public Health and Risk Management with city projects and discussed sustainable infrastructure plan. Shows slide show about information about Sidewalk Reconstruction project and Clean Water project. Covers short runs, paving, water man upgrades, clean water resiliency plan, transportation and quick builds, city hall park, consolidated curbside collection, and SeeClickFix.

City Appropriation—NPA 2 \$2,500 and NPA 3 \$2,500 in the City Budget - (8:25-9:18)

** Summary: Each requester for funding took turns to provide an update on their project, and how much they are requesting. This was logged, questions were asked, and then someone from each ward volunteered to propose an allocation for all applications. This was then voted on, and the appropriation was set. This took two attempts.*

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** Seeking same amount or more for kitchen equipment and food.*

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** The NPA was going to be allocated funds for advertising (signage, flyers, etc) but was decided against. Also, it was revealed that there was a request from Ben Bergstein to purchase some equipment and pay for labor. There was a break in communication, so most of the Steering Committee was unaware of the request.*

New applicants:

Mellisa Heather Cain NewAmericansInVermont.com (marketing)

** Seeking funding for purchasing masks to provide to those who want them, and to market the new americans in vermont website.*

No longer seeking funding this year:

The Ramble, Jess Hyman and Jean Waltz jwaltz@rockpoint.org

* Not happening as planned

Neighborhood Toy Share

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Please feel free to check out the attached excel sheet for more detailed information about funding.

Adjourn – 9:19 PM