



Wards 2 and 3 Neighborhood Planning Assembly

Thursday, June 9, 2022, 6:30-8:30pm

HYBRID MEETING! In person at **Burlington City Hall/Sharon Bushor Room***

and via Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85860854764>

***JOIN YOUR DOWNTOWN WARD 3 NEIGHBORS FOR PIZZA** at 6pm

RSVP required for Pizza: <http://onecommunitydinner.weebly.com/rsvp-for-june-9-pizza.html>

Moderator: Chris Haessly

Notetaker: Tony Redington

6:30 pm Announcements | 10 min

- Introduction of Steering Committee Members
- Agenda suggestions/ Request time slot via [CEDO's submission form](#)
- **Next meeting:** July 14
- Recordings can be found on [youtube](#) or [cctv's](#) website
- **NPA Community Input Survey:** Please fill out this survey to share your thoughts on the role of the Ward 2&3 NPA: <https://forms.gle/9QDyEhx7kY8uZzxU7>
- **New Steering Committee member vote:** Roxanne Meuse (Ward 3)

6:40 pm Public Forum | 10 min

NOTE: 2 minutes maximum

6:50 pm City Place Update | 30 mins

Catherine Lange, Freeman French Freeman

Learn more about the proposed redevelopment of the existing Burlington Town Center mall, from LL Bean (future St. Paul St extension) to Church Street as retail, hotel, and apartments in a ~330,000 sf building.

** Latest news on the project: vtdigger.org/2022/05/27/burlington-developers-take-full-control-of-cityplace-buying-out-don-sinex/*

7:20 pm Special Town Meeting on Downtown

This is an opportunity for downtown residents and workers to discuss current affairs in downtown Burlington and share concerns with City leaders. Topics to be addressed include Public Safety, Sidewalks, Parking, Snow Removal, Litter, Graffiti, Retail Theft... *More info about panelists coming soon!*

8:10 pm City Councilor, School Board, State representatives, Senators Updates | 20 mins

5 mins each group

8:30 pm Adjourn

***LOCATION CHANGE:**

**Please note that this special NPA meeting will be held at City Hall,
NOT at the ONE Community Center**

APPENDIX 1: ZOOM INFO

When: June 9, 2022 6:30 PM

Join the webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85860854764>

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About the NPAs:

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....

Wards 2 and 3 NPA Steering Committee:

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Ward 2	Gene Bergman	Progressive		gbergman@burlingtonvt.gov
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Central District (Wards 2 & 3)	Jean Waltz	802-355-7856	jwaltz@bsdvt.org
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Wards 2 and 3 Neighborhood Planning Assembly Notes

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Notetaker: Jess Hyman

Attendees:

- **Steering Committee:** Chris Haessley, Charlie Gianoni, Jess Hyman, Patrick Johnson
- **In Person:** Yishai Ribon, Erhard Mahnke, Catherine Lange, Barak Stevensen, Hayden Booska, Nicholas Parrish, Jacob Flanigan, Jean Waltz, Ann Simello, Christopher Aaron Felker, David Roche, Sean Conners, Bob Kiernan, Rozanne Meuse, Ted Kenny, Natalie Anstatt, Ryan Addario, Jon Murad, Helen Reid, Dave Farrington, Tim Farbisz, Jill Krowinski, Brian Pine, Debra Clemmer, Colin Hilliard, Katie Powell, Meg McGovern, Kate Logan, Emma Mulvaney-Stanak, Brian Cina, Daniel Montneau, Grace Grundhauser
- **Zoom:** ??

Announcements

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- **New Steering Committee member vote:** Roxanne Meuse (Ward 3)
 - Intro: Hase lived in Ward 3 for 7 years. Interested in joining the Steering Committee to help facilitate communication between people and the city. Is thoughtful, organized, and methodical and has experience in communications, engineering, and more. Now works as a technical writer. Looking forward to helping make sure NPA goals are met and excited to get creative and problem solve.
 - Approved by voice vote at the end of the meeting.

Public Forum

- **Sam Heinrichs, CEDO:** Virtual Community Meeting on Trinity Campus Re-Zoning. The Office of City Planning and Community & Economic Development Office (CEDO), in partnership with the University of Vermont (UVM) would like to invite you to attend a virtual community meeting 6-7:30pm June 23 to discuss the new on-campus UVM student housing opportunities through zoning changes for UVM's Trinity Campus. Learn more here: <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/plan/trinitycampus>
- **Ryan Addario:** Candidate for Vermont House in Chittenden 16.
- **Erhard Mahnke:** Candidate for State Senate Chittenden. <https://www.erhardforsenate.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/people/Erhard-Mahnke-for-VT-State-Senate/100058298640612/>

- **Kate Logan:** Candidate for Vermont House in Chittenden 16. www.kateloganforhouse.com
- **Jean Waltz:** Ramble planning is underway for Saturday, July 30. Need volunteer to manage social media. Contact jwaltz@rockpoint.org.
- **Brian Cina:** ISGOOD call to action to engage in city-wide mass gardening initiative.
- **Charlie Messing:** Concerned about police capacity and inaction.
- **Melo Grant:** Police staffing is a national and Vermont issue. Call for community to be eyes and ears for police dept. Be mindful of crimes of opportunity, lock doors, get motion lights, etc.
- **Shaun Connors (Burton store employee):** Need to fix problem of people in City Hall Park. Help people get out of their situations instead of using fire dept/police response.
- **Rachel B. (Burton store manager):** Increase in people and illegal activity in the park. Need more public resources and support like safe injection sites, more social service workers to free up police for other issues.
- **Meg McGovern (manages property on Church street):** Staff feel unsafe leaving work at night, suggests that City Hall Park have closing hours.
- **Tim Farbisz (Spring Street resident):** Neighborhood is Feeling more lawless. Friend hit by stray bullet, people don't obey traffic rules, people stealing from porches in daylight. Police don't have enough resources to investigate.

City Place Update: Catherine Lange, Freeman French Freeman; Jesse Beck, architect; William Fellows, Devonwood, Dave Farrington, City Place Partners

- Presentation on City Place Phase 2 - proposed redevelopment of the existing Burlington Town Center mall, from LL Bean (future St. Paul St extension) to Church Street as retail, hotel, and apartments in a ~330,000 sf building. **ADD LINK TO SLIDE DECK**
 - Basement (existing downstairs of mall): 103-spot parking accessed by St. Paul with elevators & stairs.
 - Ground: New St. Paul to Church walkway, access to apartments, 2 retail stores on Church St, entrance to pedestrian arcade; large retailer, hotel entrance, restaurant, loading dock, bike storage
 - Level 2: Hotel conference center, outdoor deck, and hotel amenities on west side; 4 residential units on east side
 - Level 3: 40-ft stepback from St. Paul with green roof for hotel guests; 4 apartments on west side
 - Levels 3-8: Hotel on west side; 2 levels of apartments
 - Level 10-11: Hotel suites
 - Level 12: Restaurant, bar, rooftop deck
 - LLBean building to be removed and replaced with hotel tower.
 - Exterior materials: Mix of brick limestone, granite

Questions:

- Q: Is walkway public? A: Not really. Connector between hotel and Church and fire egress for residential. Banquet facility to hold 900-1000. Access to Church Street.
- Q: Who is parking for? A: Parking in basement is primarily for hotel use. (103 spots for 250 hotel rooms) No parking requirements for residential use for downtown.
- Q: Will the arcade connect phase 1 with Church St or is it just for the hotel use? A: Arcade is Church St to new St. Paul, hotel may restrict access. No physical connection

between Phase 2 and phase 1.

- Q: Number of affordable units? A: 88 in phase 1 based on 20% negotiated with the city, working with CHT. Total residential units in Phase 1=426, Phase 2=15

Special Town Meeting on Downtown

Police Chief Jon Murad:

- See Burlington Police Department Priority Response Plan:
<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/sites/default/files/20220601%20Priority%20Response%20Plan%20UPDATE.pdf>
- Hate hearing that we aren't able to respond to as people want us to respond
- June 2020: 91 total officers with authorized count of 105, including detectives, admins, airport, etc
- City Council ordered reduction to 73; at 64 now, City Council authorized increase to 84
- Added new community support liaisons
- Will take 3 to 4 years to get back up to high 80s with 50% increase in new recruits & retention and 100% increase in laterals (already trained officers from other regions)
- Calls for non-priority service are down 50% - mostly due to reduction in officer proactivity (ie. fewer car stops and food patrol)
- Calls for priority have ben increasing every year and at highest rate since 2016 - resources are stretched
- Currently 7 CSOs - trying to get to 10 or 12 (no enforcement, can write tickets, but can't arrest or use force or threat of force)
- CSLs up to 5 or 6
- Howard Street outreach dwindling
- City "Cahoots" plan - crisis team; adding patrols to City Center Area. When there is a full shift, 2 officers and CSOs downtown, one in the North End and one in the South

Rob Goulding, Department of Public Works

- **Link to slide deck**
- DPW has an active presence in downtown, funding dictates projects, always a resource struggle
- 20 person street maintenance team (trash, snow, recycling, storm drains, sidewalks, patch paving, etc.)
- Staff members walk downtown core everyday to manage trash on roads/right of way (city hall park & marketplace have different staff)
- Graffiti: DPW role - parking signs, parking structures, signal boxes - 700/year for signs; permitting & inspections handle rest of sites
- Parking Changes: Increased budget for security, 24/7 cameras, enhanced lighting; DPW has authority to make changes based on recommendations to commission
- Snow operations: Public lots, top of garages, streets; once every 6-8 hours depending on conditions, less in heavy storms

QUESTIONS:

- Jess H: With reduced police capacity, increased crime, and lack of police response to and acknowledgement of ongoing drug and quality of life issues, what should people do?
 - Chief Murad: Need people to continue to report issues. BPD is working on getting better at

acknowledging tips/complaints. If it's not in the priority response model, calls are stacked. Be out in public spheres, an eyes and ears neighborhood watch is OK, but don't confronting people who appear to be doing criminal acts. BPD and city are planning more events in the downtown get people out and owning our public spaces.

- Ann C.: SeeClickFix is very responsive. There was significant drug activity in the neighborhood, neighbors spoke to people and asked them not to do it/confronted people directly. Also contacted officer Beal (one of 2 drug officers), but did not receive a response. Drug activity has been reduced.
- Amanda H: Lived on church street 2005-2020. Agree with Ann that DPW is responsive to SeeClickFix. Situation with police not following up was the case pre-pandemic, not just with reduction in force; we would put issues on SeeClickFix and tried to follow up with officers. Is there an option like See Click Fix for policing? Can resource officers help with follow up?
 - A: CSO, CSLs, etc. do follow ups
- Christopher Aaron Felker: Uptick in number of needles. Can we put out more sharps bins in the parks to contain?
 - A: DPI manages needle removal program, will also raise it with Parks dept.
- Chris H.: Snow removal for marketplace vs rest of city?
 - A: Church Street Marketplace has own snow removal (as does UVM). Matter of resources, target schools and road sidewalks. Use SeeClickFix and join DPW meetings with public comment.

City Councilor, School Board, State representatives, Senators Updates

- **Councilor Joe Magee:** Public safety - advocating for BPD to use carry forward to hire max number of CSOs and CSLs; city council passed hazard pay for service staff.
- **Councilor Gene Bergman:** Drug activity is on people's minds, but this is more than a policing problem, huge social problem, police are not the primary resource that we can use... looking at other investments in public safety. City redistricting and the relationship between the ONE and NNE and the way that a downtown district fits. A September proposal is in the works. Council will be voting on Short Term Rental ordinance on June 20th.
- **State Rep Emma Mulvaney-Stanak:** Redistricting shifted Chittenden 17 slightly. Session ended 3-4 weeks ago. All the city charter changes except Just Cause passed. S.11 workforce and economic development - July 1 new covid relief worker program for employers (employer has to initiate program), loan forgiveness and scholarships for healthcare workers, increasing max weekly wage for unemployment recipients.
- **State Rep Brian Cina:** Gov. signed S210 and S226 housing bills that include incentives to increase homeownership, missing middle, inclusive community pilot, land access and opportunity board with expanded power (don't have money, but can weigh in on issues and policy), Rental Housing Safety bill.
- **School Commissioner Jean Waltz:** Moving forward with BHS design that may include moving tech center to airport. There's a \$15-35million budget gap; graduation weekend; \$150 million bond is not set in stone. Proposal needs to be ready in August. Trying to stay in window to keep healthy bond rating.

8:45 pm Adjourn