

Ward 4/7 NPA Community Meeting May 27, 2020

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6:45-7:00 - Doors Open & Technology Checks

7:00-7:10 - Ground Rules, Introductions and Announcements

7:10-7:50 - Elected Officials (School, City, State)

7:50-8:10 - Voting Discussion - Jim Condos

8:10-8:30 - Parks Rec Waterfront - Cindi Wight

8:30-8:50 - DPW Construction Season - Robert Goulding

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NPA Meeting:

You are invited to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Wards 4 & 7 NPA Meeting

Time: May 27, 2020 06:45 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Minutes

6:45-7:00 - Doors Open & Technology Checks

7:00-7:10 - Ground Rules, Introductions

Steering Committee Members Present: Matt Hulburt, Linda Deliduka, Eric Corbman, Jeff Clark, Erik Monson, Jeff Comstock

Announcements

Martine - Announcing as a citizen, our North End Book Group will be meeting at the end of June and Reading *A Long Petal of the Sea*. Look on FaceBook and other platforms for more information. We may try to meet in person, but will see.

Linda – Looking for Steering Committee Members

Sarah – North End Food Pantry will have a grocery bag pick up, this time Saturday at the Flynn School. On June 2nd at 6:30 Ali, Franklin, and I have made a meeting with Locomotion who have a few thoughts of things they'd like to see on North Avenue. You will see a notice for the Zoom Meeting posted.

Jeff – Have concerns about that and would request that the sponsors of that proposal file a request for the June NPA meetings.

Sarah – That's fine and Locomotion contacted each of the city councilors. We would like to invite others to talk about it but it is not yet a formal proposal.

Linda – If they would like to sign up, they can go to the city website to make a request.

7:10-7:50 - Elected Officials (School, City, State)

Bob Hooper – Suggest watching legislators on YouTube, it is easier. Discussed the train, transfer of money, and other projects.

Carol Ode – Jean, Bob, and I are created the legislative assistance team. More and more people are getting assistance from the state, and the federal government added \$600 to that. Please email Jean, Carol, or Bob for any problems

Jean Sullivan – It is important to contact us and we have been successful with the legislative team. Talks about grants to businesses to support small businesses. Restart Vermont Recovery plan, if you are a small business you will get legal advice, CPA, and more. Money will be allocated to support for stress/mental health. We are giving money to renters and landlords for relief.

Martine – Post a link below, BHS, CVOEO, and Essex HS are partnering for seed give away. Great opportunity to get vegetable plants and plant seeds, all free.

https://www.cvoeo.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=menus&menu_id=219&pId=219

Kendra – 2 new hires in the BSD and summer maintenance projects at BHS, Hunt, and other schools. Small capital improvements and BSD has set a tentative school calendar for next year. First day of school is August 26th which is subject to change. Virtual graduation on June 12th to celebrate seniors, as well as other supports for graduating seniors.

Monika – We had our DEI meeting with DEALT about equity in Distance Learning. Multilingual Liaisons have been working 60 hour weeks to support translating, interpreting, and liaising with community members. Reaching out students and taking attendance, teachers, paraeducators, and more are reaching out students. Options for school in the fall: online learning (would be more robust), small groups of students in school, and having all students wear masks while attending school. Teachers have expressed interest in COVID 19 trauma training. Ali Dieng invited us to the first DEI meeting with the city and we are looking forward to a collaboration. Big disparity of hiring of representation compared to population of students in BSD.

Franklin – Discussing city budget and how to keep as many people employed as possible, while recognizing we will be down in budget due to lack of taxes and other factors. Champlain parkway amendment to allow the next step, engineering phase, of the parkway. We are giving authority to city to spend money and they will be looking for bids to start by May 2021. Discussed the details of the parkway.

Sarah – Discussed updates in plans with Cambrian Rise and City Place. This June is when we accept applications about commissions and boards. If you are interested, please follow up by looking at the city website.

Ali – City Budget: Revenue budget, experiencing increasing in expenses. The city is waiting to hear back from the Federal Government to see if we will be receiving any money, but nothing is sure yet. If you go to Board of Finance, all this information is available on the website. Mural removal by August 2022 and had a plan to move forward, and city councilors found a way to do it faster. Some confusion on cost, we don't know. There has been speculation. Exploring partnership between BSD and City of Burlington with the DEI team.

7:50 – 8:10 – Voting Discussion – Jim Condos

Carol, Jean, and Bob – VT COVID 19 is one of the best in the country, but there is predicted for a resurgence. We are thinking of ways for voting in November. A mail in ballot is safer and better, voter turnout might be greater. Not a new method, and a great deal of faith that Jim will get the job done. No one is talking about fraud, except those that have nothing to talk about.

Jim Condos – It is important that we address poll workers' health, voters' health, and spreading the virus. We do not want what happened in Wisconsin. They went from 180 polling stations to 5, with hours of long lines and social distancing not happening. In previous primaries, less than 100K people opted in by voting in by mail, but much more are opting in now. We have about 3.5 weeks to get our ballots created, printed, and delivered to the Town Clerks. The primary is different than the general elections. Pretty lengthy process. And even if we don't go forward, we still will have to have an increase by vote in mail. Working with Clerks around the state.

8:10-8:30 - Parks Rec Waterfront - Cindi Wight

Cindi – still delivering meals, BPRW are not able to hire as much staff as we do usually during the summer. Updates about summer programming, staff safety, and events. We were still able to pull together 23 different camps this summer (Champ Camp). Waterfront events: festivals and fairs are canceled for the summer. Leddy Beach Bites are not able to be held the same this year, but we are thinking of different ways to do it. Please go to enjoyburlington.com. Talks about the bike path, 127 path, and other BPRW projects.

8:30-8:50 - DPW Construction Season - Robert Goulding and Chapin Spencer

Give a quick overview: working behind the scenes. We have started on Howard Street. This is the fourth year about sustainable systems program. Please visit Burlingtonvt.gov/construction for more information. We heard feedback over the last year about rehabilitation. Discusses paving, delays, availability, questions/concerns. Mentions VT Alert about public safety hazards like water main breaks, accidents, etc. SeeClickFix is a way to report any concerns you may have. Did apply for grant and received it! Questions about potholes and North Avenue.

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