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New Moon, 5 pm

Present: Michelle Mraz, Ilir Hasa, Charles Simpson

Charles will pick up the video equipment for the June 1 NPA. Charles will be note taker for that meeting. Michelle will moderate. Clare, would you provide refreshments? Ilir will return the video equipment to Channel 17, 294 No. Winooski (second floor, enter through the door off of the parking lot.) Charles will bring the NPA sandwich board.

Michelle noted that Clare had begun conversations with the staff at Edmunds School to allow us the use of a room for our Sept. meeting and for the subsequent year, meaning we would leave Aiken Hall.

Would Clare finalize that conversation? It was agreed that a change of venue would boost NPA attendance. Edmunds also has more convenient parking.

Ilir will handle notifying the Ward via the Front Porch Forum system and our list serve about our June 1 meeting. We discussed the usefulness of a Facebook page. Ilir and Michelle will take photos of our next meeting for possible use on that Facebook page. We agreed to announce the NPA meetings roughly a week prior to their taking place.

Agenda for June 1:

We will announce the 45th anniversary of the NPA structures will take place in the early Fall and invite NPA members from the steering committee and others who may wish to help with the planning. We'll create a list of those interested for notification of an upcoming planning meeting.

James Lockridge and Charles will repeat their presentation of requests that 1) NPA 6 endorse a prioritization of 242 Main as an element in any rehabilitation of Memorial Auditorium as a public civic space; and 2) that NPA 6 endorse a request that All NPA take the lead in organizing public engagement in the discussions about the future of Memorial Auditorium, most immediately by sending a steering committee representative(s) to the next All NPA, June 21, Miller Center, where planning for public engagement will take place.

Charles will draft an invitation to Nicole MacKay (NMacKay@burlingtonvt.gov) inviting her to our June 1 meeting to discuss the possible relationship between rehabilitating the Moran plant as civic space and the repair and redesign of Memorial Auditorium as civic space. Such a relationship might involve the availability of funds or funding authority and the provision of space for civic activities. Ilir will make the contact with MacKay.

Charles will ask the councilors if they wish to report.

Michelle will ask the school board members if they have a report for us.

Charles will contact Green Mountain Transit to see if they'd like to report to us about the electric bus demonstration and any plans for electric buses.

Charles will ask Parks & Rec to see if they'd like to discuss the new parking system at the parks which involve a change in cost and parking availability on nearby streets.

We agreed to use the first 15 minutes of the agenda for public input about concerns they may wish to raise in discussion. It was thought that this would stimulate more attendance.

Attachment: Text of request to Nicole MacKay to address our June 1 NPA 6 meeting:

Dear Director MacKay,

There are as you know two civic spaces currently owned by the City of Burlington but inoperable due to their lack of repair or remodeling, the Moran Plant and Memorial Auditorium. Their futures appear to be linked. For example, either could be the location of our Winter Farmers' Market. Both are in TIF districts so that bonding in one, or a decision not to seek bonding, could affect the ability of the City to seek bonding in the other. As we move toward a period when the residents of Burlington will be considering the future of Memorial, it would be helpful if we had clarity on the future of New Moran. Could you attend our Ward 6 NPA, Aiken Hall, Champlain College, 7 pm, and bring the Ward up to date on any City initiatives involving each of these civic spaces?

Thank you,

Iir Hasa, for the Ward 6 Steering Committee

Notes taken by Charles Simpson, submitted May 25, 2017