

Ward 5 NPA steering committee meeting 5/24/2018, 7:30pm. Queen City Brewery,
703-B Pine St, Burlington, VT 05401

Draft Agenda

- Determined the following agenda for the upcoming June 21 NPA meeting
- Action Items
- Discussion



NPA Steering Committee Minutes

NPA:
(choose one)

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Date of Assembly : **05 / 24/ 2018**

Start Time: (Commence): **7:40 PM**

Location: **Queen City Tavern, Pine St.** Finish Time: (Adjourn): **9:00 PM**

Notetaker: **Nate Orshan**

Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Joe Dery
Nate Orshan
Andy Simon
Ben Traverse

Discussion Topics and Action Items:

- Determined the following agenda for the upcoming June 21 NPA meeting:

Ben chairs, Joanna moderates, catered food (?)

- Greenride Bikeshare (unconfirmed)
- School Board Commissioners Jeff Wick and/or Mike Fisher (unconfirmed)
- Legislative wrap-up with any of our available legislators, i.e., Mary Sullivan, Joey Leddy Donovan, State Senators (unconfirmed)
- Social gathering with food
- Action Items:
 - Reserve St. John's Club – Ben emailed Bill to ask him to contact the Club.
 - Get food – Nate to contact Alec to get leads for catering, ideas
 - Contact legislators – Mary, Joanna, Reach out to the Senators... -- Ben says, get it on the calendar first, THEN extend the invitation... Andy will then contact the legislators.
 - Joe to contact the Bike people re save the date: 6/24.
 - Ben to email Joanna to ask our School Board Commissioners to come.
 - Andy to contact Charles Simpson to ask about the results of the Ward 6 NPA in c
- Discussion:
 - Joe created a Slack venue and spot for the NPA as an easier-to-use alternative to the Google Group. For future meeting: Consider the public-records implications of using Slack vs. Google Groups.
 - There's interest in using our remaining budget for a "summer social" meeting on June 21.
 - Discussed Charles Simpson's proposed resolution for having NPAs become more involved in Boards and Commissions appointments re being notified about vacancies, publicizing vacancies, and evaluating candidates. Text of resolution:

Proposal for Advisory Vote at NPA 6, June 7, 2018

The City of Burlington presently relies on resident volunteers to fill the seats on 42 Boards and Commissions, typically for three year terms. In order to enhance diversity, including geographic diversity, Ward 6 NPA petitions the Burlington City Council to make changes in the appointment process according to the following procedure:

1. The City notifies the public and each Ward NPA Steering Committee in a timely fashion about impending vacancies on Boards and Commissions.
2. The City and the NPAs publicize these vacancies, including at NPA meetings.
3. Self-nominating applicants complete the form presently available from the City.
4. A Joint Council/Ward Committee on Board and Commission Nominations evaluates each application and forwards the top candidates to the Council, the Mayor participating, in public session, for final selection. The Joint Council/Ward Committee on Board and Commission Nominations shall be composed of 8 City Council Members and 8 members of the public residing in and affirmed by vote at their respective Ward in regularly scheduled NPA meetings.

Yes _____

No _____

Per Andy, the idea would be that NPAs become an interim step in the process, helping it become less partisan-driven. Ben's sense was, "...a lot of it is patronage. People who know people get recruited; you don't otherwise hear about these things." However, he raised a point that Alec had made previously, that there are currently a significant amount of unfilled positions, and so it might not make sense to introduce additional procedures that might act as disincentives to applying. Andy said we would ask resolution proponent Charles Simpson (from the Ward 6 NPA Steering Committee) about how their recent discussion of it went and how other NPAs are following up about this.