

Ward 5 NPA steering committee meeting 4/26/2018, 7:30pm. Queen City Brewery,
703-B Pine St, Burlington, VT 05401

Draft Agenda

- City Market as Meeting Location
- Live Streaming
- Steering Committee Roles
- Scheduling Future Meetings



NPA Steering Committee Minutes

NPA:
(choose one)

Wards 1 & 8	Wards 2 & 3	Wards 4 & 7	Ward 5	Ward 6

Date of Assembly : **04 / 26/ 2018**

Start Time: (Commence): **7:00 PM**

Location: **Queen City Tavern, Pine St.** Finish Time: (Adjourn): **8:00 PM**

Notetaker: **Nate Orshan**

Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Joe Dery
Joanna Grossman
Bill Keogh
Nate Orshan
Andy Simon
Ben Traverse

Discussion Topics and Action Items:

- Determined the following agenda for the upcoming May 17 NPA meeting:

Joe chairs, Alec moderates, Nate brings snack

- Councilors Chip Mason &/or Joan Shannon
- Mayor Miro Weinberger (maybe)
- Legislative wrap-up with any of our available legislators (maybe)
- Green Mountain Transit (maybe)
- Russ Scully re The Surf Club (maybe)

- Discussion:

- Reviewed some issues with City Market re their expectations for signage and having a person stand at the base of the stairs to direct incoming attendees upstairs. All present agreed we should try to have the community room open for us at 6:15 or 6:00. Andy volunteered to be our official City Market liaison, and all agreed.
- Discussed a proposed resolution introduced at the April 17, 2018, All-Wards NPA meeting that would ask the City to increase the annual NPA budget to \$2,000 per Ward. Pros include having more money for better audiovisual equipment for live streaming; being able to deepen community engagement by giving microgrants. Cons include having to vet the microgrant applications carefully; not having a specific justification for increasing the budget. Ben suggested we bring the issue up with Mayor Weinberger if he attended the May 17 NPA meeting. Resolution tabled for the time being.
- Discussed dividing responsibility in the Steering Committee. All present agreed to continue rotating responsibilities, especially the roles of moderator, facilitator, and snack-bringer. Joanna volunteered to manage publicizing meetings. Joanna suggested that businesses might be interested in donating for meeting snacks/food.
- Discussed May 17 agenda. Joanna was going to keep pursuing getting someone from Green Mountain Transit to come, especially re whether their mission includes creating accessibility to

affordable houses, but they didn't respond to a request to come talk. Bill suggested trying to get Russ Scully to talk about the May debut of The Surf Club.

- Discussed future NPAs. Andy suggested getting a substantive speaker for the June end-of-year meeting and was also exploring inviting Assistant City Clerk Amy Bovee for the fall to discuss voting matters. ("She's got her finger on the pulse.") Joanna said that the Burlington High School bond is going to be on the ballot in November.