

Ward 6 NPA Meeting Agenda
Thursday, April 1, 2021
6:30 - 8:30 PM
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6:30 – 6:40 Public Forum

6:40 – 6:45 Culture/Music (tentative)

6:45 – 7:25 Champlain Parkway

6:45 – 7:05 - Tony Redington, Steve Goodkind, Pine Street Coalition

7:05 – 7:25 - Chapin Spencer, Norm Baldwin, Susan Molzon, Burlington DPW

7:25 – 7:45 Shelburne Street Roundabout

Michael LaCroix, VTrans

7:45 – 8:05 Burlington Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Project Updates

Diana Woods, BPRW

8:05 – 8:25 Burlington Joint Committee Initiative Engagement Process

Karimah Edwards, Talitha Consultants

Skyler Nash, Burlington Racial Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Office

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Committee members Mraz, Martelle, Riley, Fitzgerald, Fitzgerald, Grady present.

Commence at 6:30p
Music by Ana Ruesink and Andy Barker

Public Forum

TonyR, community meals ward2+3

Christie, spoke in support of the Pine Street Committee, change.org

Mary Riley, read UVM covid-19 update (see <https://www.uvm.edu/returntocampus> for complete information)

Champlain Parkway

Tony Reddington / Steve Goodkind, Pine Street Coalition

Ring roads for interstate system were planned in the 70s/80s, southern connector is one of the last of these planned roads. Purpose was to connect to northern connector, alternative to Pine St as a north/south route, relieve traffic in neighborhoods. In the 2000s, were asked by federal authority to consider primary function as path to downtown, under threat of withholding funding. Project was then downsized to south end only. In 2015, examined again, rules for environmental justice had not been considered. Process to review that criteria is underway now. Versions of the project that take those environmental justice criteria into account can be done. Present design goes thru King/Maple neighborhood, but this could be avoided. Minimal bikeway/sidewalk improvements planned. Increase in traffic on Pine Street thru King/Maple neighborhood (>30%). Affects bipoc community disproportionately.

DPW Chapin Spencer / Susan Molzon / Norm Baldwin

DPW is actively working legacy projects, parkway part of that. Transitioned from 4-lane highway to 2-lane 25mph reduced impact road. New roadway to Lakeside, then continues north on Pine Street. (see <http://www.champlainparkway.com>). Many neighborhood meetings over the years. Maple and King street intersection has many upgrades planned, and has had other improvements in recent years. Pedestrian signalization has been added all along Pine Street, sidewalks will be rebuilt to create shared use paths. Less traffic at Champlain Elementary. Reduced truck traffic on Maple Street. Less impervious surface, better stormwater system. Lots of public engagement from 2010-2020, targeting King/Maple neighborhood. Environmental justice environmental impact statement was undertaken, no disproportionately high and adverse effects. Railyard enterprise project also being considered/advancing, separate project. Would divert 35%-59% of traffic out of King/Maple neighborhood.

Timelines:

Parkway 'record of decision' this summer, out to bid this fall, 2022

construction Railyard: permitting/engineering 2 years, underway in 3-5 years.

Railroad has been a good partner, city has a good relationship...want to make a project that is good for both the city and railroad.

Shelburne Street Roundabout

Michael LaCroix, VTrans

Construction will start this summer. Single lane roundabout, 12+ such entities in the state at present. Will be about the same footprint as the Waterbury roundabout. Will handle the vehicles per day and will reduce accidents 72% (estimated). Crosswalks will be shorter and more visible. 100% federally funded, \$7.8M total. Contractor will be determined April 2, public will be invited to meet the contractor. Some blasting will be required due to bedrock/ledge. Utility services will have some (warned) disruption. Some hazardous material management required (four former gas stations on the corners). Two years, significant project. Extensive public outreach planned throughout project (WSP Inc.), they are already involved

(see <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/projects/burlington-roundabout>)

City will be coordinating parkway/roundabout interlock, they are both happening at the same time. Shelburne St. frontage at Christ the King School is an archeological site, UVM will be doing an excavation, evidence of some tool making.

KarenP: 6 years ago the project was a bit stalled, Mike gave updates every quarter since then. Planning/negotiation with neighbors on the borders occurred, lots of utility conduit discovery.

Diana Woods, Parks and Recreation Projects

Sophie Sauve, Jon Adams-Kolitz, Max Madalinski

Many highlights from <https://enjoyburlington.com/category/planning-projects/> and more... 311 North Ave Stone House rehab, stone path will be built

ADog Skate Park repair, Appletree Park refresh

Arms Forest trail construction continuing

Baird Park picnic tables and soccer goals

Battery Park will have a master plan update, playground and plaza upgrade

Greenway construction continues, realignment near tracks/waterfront, more near

Oakledge Boathouse scoping study for best path forward for repairs/etc.

Calahan Park master plan starting (public meeting Thursday May13).

Redesign of Champlain Park ongoing

Ethan Allen Park, trail scoping / design study, playground equipment replacement

Marina; gangway lift, harbor dredging

Lakeside Park playground replacement

Leddy Park: wooden staircase replacement, master plan development, several other items(!) North Beach, many improvements planned (roadway, fencing, decks, playground)

Campground, master plan development, roadway/pumpout improvements,

Oakledge Park 50th anniversary, Oakledge for All playground

Perkins Pier undergoing public input process for improvements

Roosevelt park infield reconstruction, Schiffiliti Park pathway, softball field transition
Schmanska Park walkway improvements, Starr Farm Park dog fence replacement

Skyler Nash, BTV Public Safety Committee and Police Commission's Joint Committee Talitha Consultants, gathering community input on community public safety and policing. Has conducted workshops / town halls, several more of these upcoming. Updates go to the joint committee. The next town halls will be publicized on Front Porch Forum. Process wraps up in June, operational/functional assessment to the city committee. What do we need for police staffing, what is the community input to this process. What does the community think about police staffing levels, etc. Make your voice known. 'cna' project confined to police department, more quantitative.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30p.

Attendees:

Mary Gade
Steve Goodkind
Andy Barker
Ben Tietze
Bill Keogh
Caroline Hauser (she/her)
Chapin Spencer
Christie
Cindi Wight
connor
Dale Azaria
Diana Wood - BPRW
DPW Communications

Eileen Underwood
Gabrielle Stebbins
George Gibson
Jack Myers
Joel Fitzgerald
joey (she, her)
Jon Adams-Kollitz
Karen Paul
Laura Wheelock, DPW
Mary Riley
Matt Grady
Max Madalinski
Megan Savage
Michael LaCroix
Michael Reinhardt
Michelle
Michelle M.
Nelson Martelle
Norm Baldwin
Olivia Darisse (she/her)
Skyler Nash
Sophie Sauvé
Susan Molzon
Tom Hyde

TONY Redington
TOWN MEETING TV
WII Administrator
Zail Berry

Ward 6 community members can find the most up to date information on health and safety procedures, vaccinations, testing, and other resources at the Return to Campus webpage, located at: <https://www.uvm.edu/returntocampus>.

This Front Porch Forum post from Gail Shampnois also has a lot of information on health and safety and links to more information. Here it is:

Gail Shampnois • UVM Office of Student and Community Relations, Burlington
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Dear Neighbors,

As we head into what we hope is the home stretch of the pandemic, UVM continues to work closely with the State and the City of Burlington: sharing and responding to data, following the Vermont Department of Health and Commissioner Mark Levine's advice and guidance, and doing contingency planning as new circumstances come up.

At this time, we want to update you on our prevention measures:

- Mandatory twice weekly COVID-19 testing will continue through April 3 when it will be re-evaluated.
- Stricter gathering guidelines apply to UVM students. UVM requires that students do not gather indoors or outdoors with anyone other than the people they live with in their household for the following reasons: 1. Concern about the increased off-campus cases and 2. The Vermont Health Department report of more contagious strains being found in the State from the United Kingdom and California.
- Regular communications with students and families.
- Outlining concerns about the recent increase in COVID-19 cases and the steps we are taking to reduce them (<https://www.uvm.edu/returntocampus/return-campus-updates>). Our messages echo the prevention advice of Commissioner Levine: 1) Don't let your guard down now in this home stretch. Keep up with masking and keep your distance and avoid crowds. 2) Get tested if you find you have been in a risky situation or think you may have even mild symptoms (note: students with any symptom can get a rapid antigen test with same-day results from UVM's Student Health Services, available six days/week; <https://www.uvm.edu/health/appointments>). And 3) review the State's vaccination schedule (<https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/vaccine/getting-covid-19-vaccine>).
- Timely response to incidents reported on the Office of Student and Community Relations website (<https://www.uvm.edu/oscr>) about violations of the Green and Gold Promise. (<https://www.uvm.edu/deanofstudents/green-and-gold-promise>).
- Holding students accountable through the Center for Student Conduct's processes when the Green and Gold Promise is broken. (<https://www.uvm.edu/sconduct/covid-19-student-conduct-implications-violations-green-and-gold-promise>).
- Public health safety signage (masking, distancing) to be redistributed in the neighborhoods (now that the ground has thawed).

We are also responding to the mental health needs of our students (<https://www.uvm.edu/health/covid-19-mental-health-resources>). In our recent off-campus survey, students reported the following pandemic impacts: 1) stress or anxiety, 2) loneliness or isolation, and 3) disappointment or sadness.

As noted by state and city leaders and in e-mails and posts by neighbors, as well as demonstrated in our survey data, the vast majority of our students are showing their care for themselves, their house mates, and their community by following the Green and Gold Promise. For those who are not, the university is holding them accountable and letting them know that they put themselves and others at risk. Many have worked hard to make it through this pandemic and that is much appreciated. We also want to thank the many community members, city departments, and organizations who have supported our students in myriad ways, including neighborhood food pantries; quarantine check-ins; and up-to-date resources for rent, utilities, food support, and mental health care. It truly has taken a village.