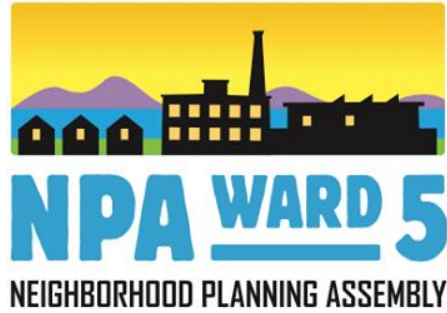




Meeting Agenda
Thursday, 3/16/2022
7:00 – 8:30 PM

In person @ DPW, 645 Pine Street & via Zoom

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I. Agenda

- 7 PM -- Public Forum (your ideas, announcements, questions or gripes)
- 7:20 -- Join the Steering Committee! (announcement of upcoming elections)
- 7:30 -- Conserve and Remediate the Pine St. Barge Canal
(Andy Simon/Ruby Perry, Save Open Space-Burlington)
- 7:50 -- Enterprise-Innovation Rezoning Proposal
(Samantha Dunn, CEDO)
- 8:20 -- Meet your new City Councilor (Ben Traverse, Councilor-elect)
- 8:35 -- Under the Golden Dome Legislative Update
(Tiff Bluemle, Gabrielle Stebbins, State Reps, Chittenden 6-5)
- 8:55 -- Drawing for St. Patrick's Day Gift Cards

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Participants - Billy CLark, Nate Lanterini, Joe Dery, Andy Simon
Approx 20 Attendees

7 PM

Public Forum

Joe Dery - who is the new supervisor for the NPAs, now that Phet has a new position?
Sam - the position is open

Andy Simon - if you're wearing green you'll be entered into a drawing for 2 \$25 City Market gift cards

Nate Lanterini -
significant benefits for housing costs:
VRAP for renters, <https://erap.vsha.org/>
Homeowners Assistance Program, <https://www.vhfa.org/news/HAP>
If you are behind on payments or rent, you can apply.

7:20

Join the Steering Committee!

Elections are next month
Email the steering committee google group ward5npa_btv@googlegroups.com
Info at npa5.org

7:30

Conserve and Remediate the Pine St. Barge Canal

Andy Simon/Ruby Perry, Save Open Space-Burlington

Barge Canal
Pre 1850 - wetlands, used for fishing
Railroad cut off wetlands from lake
Barge canal polluted by gas manufacturing
EPA declared it a superfund site in 1970's

City owns 11 acres of land
Private land near the railroad is already under conservation

Next steps

Citizen science projects during April

Clean up - May 7th

Envisions a larger area of conserved land

Save Open Space / Barge Canal Conservation contact info

email: sosburlington@gmail.com

website: bargecanal.weebly.com

FB: @BargeCanalConservation

Billy asks - what is your vision for the pieces of land for sale

Andy - those parcels are under negotiation, but the hole is that if a sale doesn't go through they would be able to acquire them through land trusts etc

Joe Dery - are these potential uses for housing on these lots

Andy - the parcels are restricted from having residential or childcare facilities

Ruby - the canal affects the way the City manages stormwater

Billy - would it make sense to refill the canal?

Andy - the coal tar has been capped, but generally should be left alone

Anne - Would someone have to build on pile-ons?

Andy - Yes, and there have been plans to do just this, including a plan for a supermarket or an office building

7:50

Enterprise-Innovation Rezoning Proposal

Samantha Dunn, CEDO and Meagan Tuttle, Planning

South End Innovation District

- neighboring properties to Barge Canal
- From the 10 point plan for housing, exploring how to allow housing in mixed use developments
- How to better utilize open spaces//surface lots in the South End

Innovation district - west of pine, from Howard to Sears lane

- Focused on the surface parking lots

The innovation district is within the Enterprise Light Manufacturing along Pine St, down past Flynn and Home Ave.

- Zoning changes would potentially allow housing

Lakeside ave feasibility study - looking at the parcels that make up the large Lakeside surface lot and the land by Sears Ln

Lots along the Barge canal and near it require institutional controls before being developed, they may be develop-able, but would have to follow restrictions

The actual Barge canal parcels would likely be conserved, the other parcels further away, although they have building restrictions, could potentially be developed with clean up.

- The City owns some of the parcels, but not all

Andy - what about other housing options in the south end or center city? Why is a hotel going in the old YMCA?

- What about dealer.com? Will it be occupied as an office again?

Meagan - the City is not a housing developer, but is a facilitator. Their aim is to get the policy right so that housing development is possible.

Samantha Dunn - the City is actively working with non-profit and private housing developers to get possible housing units in the old YMCA building

Steve Conant - What is the Lakeside Feasibility Study

Meagan - the plan to study a transportation hub off of lakeside in the surface lot. The study is from the regional planning commission and would explore different zoning options.

Andy - what is the timeline for public input in the zoning changes?

Meagan - Next few months

Billy - does "underutilized" include the green space that Andy spoketo

Meagan - yes, the two parcels along Pine st are open to development, and have been expected to be developed.

John Kahlo - underutilized could include parcels with structures, like warehouses on the south side of Sears Ln

Billy - how to create inclusive housing?

Meagan - Inclusionary zoning - some percent of new units need to be affordable

8:20

Meet your new City Councilor!

Ben Traverse, Councilor-elect

btraverse@burlingtonvt.gov

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Concerns going into his work as councilor -

- How will we pay for a high school?
- How is the city going to respond to the failed budget

Other issues that he sees in coming to the council -

- Housing, zoning, and shelter for houseless

Nate - Will you have a certain focus in the first year?

Ben - South end zoning and housing, NPAs, and the parks

Jane - What is the city doing to address climate change??

Ben - The capital bond has funds for improving the water system, along with sidewalks and streets. Great Streets on Main St will improve stormwater.

8:35

Under the Golden Dome Legislative Update

Tiff Bluemle, Gabrielle Stebbins, State Reps, Chittenden 6-5

8:55

Gift Card Drawing!

winners

Christy Rivers

Ruby Perry

Next meeting - Third Thursday in April (21)