



Wards 2 and 3 Neighborhood Planning Assembly

Thursday, March 10, 2022, 6:30-8:30pm

NOTE: This is a remote meeting via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85860854764>

(in-person access at the ONE Community Center, 20 Allen St. is available as needed)

Moderator: Mollie Flanigan

Notetaker: Tony Reddington

6:30 pm Announcements | 10 min

- Introduction of Steering Committee Members
- Agenda suggestions/ Request time slot via [CEDO's submission form](#)
- Next meeting: April 14
- Recordings can be found on [youtube](#) or [cctv's](#) website
- Community Grant Awards

6:40 pm Public Forum | 10 min

NOTE: 2 minutes maximum

6:50 pm Great Streets - Main Street Concept Design Presentation & Discussion | 30 mins

Olivia Darisse, Department of Public Works

Learn more about the design, project objectives, and the public input process for this project, which was approved by city voters on Town Meeting Day.

Learn more at <http://greatstreetsbtv.com/>

7:20 pm Pine Street Barge Canal Presentation with Q&A | 25 mins

Andy Simon, Save Open Space Burlington

Hear from community members advocating for the conservation and remediation of the Pine Street Barge Canal property.

7:45 pm NPA Bylaws vote | 10 mins

Each NPA has its own set of bylaws that include a provision for joint operation. Please email any questions or comments to wards2and3npa@googlegroups.com.

WARD 2 FINAL DRAFT:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QO5c3xPUkg8pebiwYcvFwnSBMSh3uoBX/view?usp=sharing>

WARD 3 FINAL DRAFT:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13OG1J5VCWP-BCjKDmF7MrdVFuZUR-glF/view?usp=sharing>

7:55 pm Burlington Schools Update | 20 mins

8:15 pm City Councilor, State representatives, Senators Updates | 15 mins

5 mins each group

8:30 pm Adjourn

APPENDIX 1: ZOOM INFO

When: March 10, 2021 6:30 PM

Join the webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85860854764>

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APPENDIX 2: WARD 2 and WARD 3 NPA BYLAWS

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A section of Burlington City Council resolution first adopted in 1982 establishing provisions for a Neighborhood Planning Assembly in each City ward.

...Neighborhood Planning Assemblies shall... help provide citizens with information concerning city programs and activities; help obtain citizen views of city needs; help provide citizens with the opportunity to participate in making recommendations with respect to governmental decisions including the allocation of revenues.

...Assemblies shall also be encouraged to provide advice to the appropriate commission or this council with respect to community development, housing programs, this City's Comprehensive Plan and its waterfront planning activities, and the city's budget among other issues....

Wards 2 and 3 NPA Steering Committee:

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Tony Redington March 11, 2022 Draft

Draft Notes NPA 2/3 March 10, 2022

Meeting began at 6:30 pm and adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

NPA 2/3 Steering Committee members introduced—Patrick Johnson, Barbara McGrew, Mayumi Cornell, Jess Hyman, Mollie Klepack, Tony Redington. Mollie Klepack moderator and Tony Redington note taker.

Steering Committee invites anyone to email or do the City website to request ideas, proposals for subject, or actual presentation requests.

Community Grants approved and amounts were listed by Mollie.

Public Forum and Announcements

Patrick Johnson said there is a possibility of returning back to community dinner by June in some form, maybe May. One can learn more and volunteer at the Dinner website: <http://onecommunitydinner.weebly.com/> Volunteers can earn City Market Coop work credits, etc.

Redington said he has had two near serious/fatal injuries at S. Winooski intersections and personally observed two serious bicyclist crashes. Redington said there has been no safety standard for Main Street project and that the 78 injuries per decade at 3 of the 7 intersections which are on the VTrans high

crash list means “safety first” as well as addressing racial equity/low-income equity and climate change in intersection performance.

Redington read a resolution that he will submit for posting in the next NPA meeting which we can all vote on:

Resolution wording:

“Ward 3, the location of six of seven Main Street Project injury plagued intersections, three on VTrans high crash list, hereby advises the City Council “safety first” while addressing racial/low income inequality and climate heating—carry out national and Vermont proven safety countermeasures for this project cutting pedestrian injuries, overall injuries by half and serious/fatals about 90%.”

Charlie Messing spoke of double standards in police enforcement, that police refused to deal with a woman sleeping in the garden of his building. He also spoke of the Main Street project sewer in the ravine and seconded the safety.

Abbott Stark who has rental properties and makes every attempt to have it meet multiple needs of the community said he was concerned with short term rental regulation which may be imposed. He said only 2% of Burlington housing stock [it is about 10,000 rentals and 6,000 homeowner units] are short term rentals. Hew asked for a more “moderate” approach by City Council.

Mayumi Cornell commented against short term rentals saying most low income people who once predominated in ONE are now pushed out by better off tech workers.

Jacob Flanigan brought something new to our attention—window insulating inserts which can not only cut drafts and outside noises but also help your heating bill and room warmth at the same time. Volunteers did 150 inserts at workfests at Rock Point School but also plan to up production to 250 for next heating season—information of “window dressers” here: <https://windowdressers.org/>

(A check a few times during the meeting found 11-24 online participants.)

Main Street Project Department of Public Works (DPW) engineer Laura Wheelock presented the Main Street project outline. Chris Haessly (safety), Charlie Messing (the ravine sewer and safety), and Tony Redington (safety, climate change and racial injustice) criticized the project. No one spoke in favor. Haessly asked about parking loss—no answer provided.

Pine Street Barge Canal: Ruby Perry and Andy Simon leaders in Save Open Space—Burlington presented their initiating for addressing in a proactive matter the acres of land walled off now in the Barge Canal’s Environmental Protection Agency superfund site, now dating back to the 1980s.

Their presentation to be posted with these meeting minutes, outlines to review history and details.

No attention has been paid to the affected lands since the 1980s—two potential limited development sites even for office or other light use requires sinking posts down 100 feet to rock level—and no going to the ground more than five feet depth. There have been two projects considered but then dropped. Because of the contamination housing is not even a reasonable choice though that is of general strong concern of South Enders.

The objective of the Barge Canal effort for there to be a publicly adopted plan for rendition of the site and re-use of the lands and waters while meeting contamination containment.

Redington asked if a sidewalk on westside of Pine St would be valuable for low-intensity natural areas walkways, etc. — now the Champlain Parkway design has only a shared use and removes sidewalks in front of Burlington Electric. A sidewalk would be important it was stated.

Ward 2 and Ward 3 Bylaws: After a short outline by Steering Committee members Ward 2 and Ward 3 separately approved bylaws. When City Council created the NPAs in 1982, an NPA was defined as a ward organization. Six of eight wards, including NPA 2/3 operate on a joint approach the new bylaws reflect a joint operational approach while each ward on certain key items operates as individual, separate wards.

School Commissioners:

Ward 2 School Commissioner Stephen Carey expressed his thanks for the opportunity to serve the community. He wished his successor Faizo Hassan success.

School Commissioner Jean Waltz said options for the new building will be made at an April 5 meeting. The first considerations of the possible tax impacts could be made once the building options are available.

School Commissioner Polly Vanderputten calls the new school the City's "biggest existential crisis" as it is the schools and high school facilities that determine if people move into and away. She explained the only funds expended from the 2018 \$70 million school bond vote was \$4 million—that money required by the state to assess any existing high school facility contaminations—where the violations of PCBs levels was identified and the idea of using the old facilities/ upgrades was abandoned. She expressed thanks as did Carey and Waltz for community positive votes on the school budget.

Councilors. Ward 2 Max Tracy said this is his last NPA meeting as a councilor. He spoke about the difficult effort to get bike lanes developed on North Winooski.

Thanks from Ward 3 Joe Magee for his re-election as Ward 3 councilor. Thanks to Max Tracy for his 10 years of Council service—it received a rousing standing zoom ovation!

Adjournment 8:30 p.m.