



Wards 4 & 7 Meeting
Wednesday, February 22, 2017 6:45-9pm
The Miller Center, 130 Gosse Court, Burlington

- 6:45 - 7:00 Snacks and socializing
- 7:00 - 7:10 Ground rules, Introductions, Nominations, Announcements, and Requests.
- 7:10 - 7:20 Open Forum
- 7:20 - 7:40 School Budget Proposals
Yaw Obeng, Superintendent & BSD Representative
- 7:40 - 7:50 Candidates for Ward Clerks & Inspector of Elections
Jim Holway, Thom Fleury and Alan Sousie
- 7:50 - 8:00 Candidate for North District City Councilor
Dave Hartnett, running unopposed
- 8:00 - 8:20 Candidates for North District City School Board
Mark Barlow and Helen Hossley
- 8:20 - 8:30 City Councilors speak specific to Ballot items
- 8:30 - 9:00 Reports from Elected Officials

Ward 4 Steering Committee

Matt Cropp, Green Acres Dr., 338-1002
Eric Corbman, Northshore Dr., 399-2602
Jim Holway, Loaldo Dr., 865-4471

Ward 7 Steering Committee

Liam Griffin, Billings Ct, (347) 647-0371
Martha Molpus, Heineberg Rd., 652-0323
Michael McGarghan, Birch Ct., 233-1238
Linda Deliduka, Village Green, 864-5114
Chris Trombly, Sandy Lane, 238-1158

GROUND RULES

Listen to others speaking
Respect the agenda and process
Share your opinion politely
Treat people respectfully

For more information about Wards 4 and 7 NPA visit their CEDO webpage
<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/Neighborhood-Services/NPAs/Wards-4-and-7-NPA>



Welcome to the Wards 4 & 7 NPA Ballot Issues and Candidate Q & A Night. This your opportunity to pose a question to a candidate, elected official and/or speaking on behalf of an item on the Ballot in the upcoming election.

YOUR NAME: _____ STREET ADDRESS: _____

Email address to be added to the follow-up email list: _____

To whom would you like to direct your Question: *Check All that apply*

___ Superintendent Yaw Obeng , School related Ballot Items	___ Ward Clerk(s) Candidates - Jim Holway (4) and Thom Fleury (7)	___ Inspector of Elections Candidates Tony Bell (4) and Alan Sousie (7)	___ City Councilor Candidate (N District) David Hartnett
___ School Board Candidate (N District) Mark Barlow	___ School Board Candidate (N District) Helen Hossley	___ Current City Councilor(s) David Harnett, Kurt Wright and/or Tom Ayers	___ Current School Board member - Mark Barlow, Anne Judson and/or David Kirk
___ State Legislator Kurt Wright, Jean O'Sullivan and Carol Ode	___ Ward 4 & 7 NPA Steering Committee Members	___ Other (Specify)	

Please state your question: _____

We will do the best we can to get as many questions answered as possible. However, we will present unasked questions to the appropriate person(s) and combine all answers into an email that will be sent to you and others who provide their email for this purpose.



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Draft Minutes

Meeting Start: 7:05

Steering Committee members present: Linda Deliduka-Ward 4, Eric Corbman-Ward 4, Jim Holaway-Ward 4, Chris Trombly-Ward 7, Linda Deliduka, Liam Griffin-Ward 7

Open Forum

Liam Griffin First time Ward 4/7 live facebook @NorthendNPA and Channel 17/Town Meeting

Jean O'Sullivan-State Representative for 6-2. Kids are graduating without job skill readiness.

Ranking member on House Commerce Workforce Development and Economic Development.

Looking at how to give skills to young people and keep them in the State. Career Technical Education are cutting edge and this is what need world order wants. The curriculum is cutting edge with math skills, maker space and programing computer skills, speak and articulate well.

There are very low discipline program because young people are doing what they love. Once students are they graduate from tech center they get immediately hired

Phet Keomanyvanh-VT Legal Aid Immigration Information session will be held 2/23, 6pm at 20 Allen Street.

School Budget Proposals

Superintendent Yaw Obeng-Just came out of two consecutive years with a surplus and have a balance budget. For the first time can have a plan on how to invest. The budget can be seen on website to see 10 year Capital Plan. It's important to meet accessibility needs. Course selection and scheduling was a focus. Surveyed student to understand high yield of course. Scheduling has nothing to do with budget.

Director of Finance, Nate-Budget-A little over 85 million dollar. Vast is revenue from State Edu. Fund. Those are the money that drive tax rate. In addition get state and fed to use for specific purpose. This is budget is what voter will vote on. The budget driven by public process to develop strategic priorities which has three big areas of investment.

1. Inclusive teaching and learning-biggest investment will be in Preschool expansion and restore of library and academic staff support

2. Equitable climate and culture-Expanded special education support, social worker capacity through Howard Center

3. Sustainable finance and infrastructure-increase debt service for bond. Also establish a contingency fund for unexpected need of student support or infrastructure.

<http://district.bsd.schoolfusion.us/modules/cms/pages.phtml?pageid=334221>

Property Service Director, Marty Spaulding-Voters will be asked to approve 19million bond to help with deferred need that will be put towards capital needs, space constraints and programming. Came up with a 10 year Capital Plan which identified 32million dollars' worth of capital needs for Middle and Elementary School. Currently have capacity to bond out 2million a year but this does not address the 32million need. This is why going to voters to approve 19 million. Projects will be phased over 10years so won't be borrowing full 19million in one year. Once fully borrow 19million over 10 years the impact on the average median income house hold is \$91 a year or \$8 dollars a month.

<http://district.bsd.schoolfusion.us/modules/cms/pages.phtml?pageid=335192>

Candidates for Ward Clerks & Inspector of Elections

Jim Holway-Running for Ward Clerk for Ward 4. Election happens every three years. This will be the first election that will have same day registration in effect. Documentation and process is still the same as City Hall.

Thom Fleury- Ward Clerk for Ward 7. Seeking third term. Want to make sure that staff workers is diverse, welcoming and fair. Also Coordinator for North End Food Bank.

Tony Bell-Running for Inspector of Elections for Ward 4 running for 2 year. There are three positions total for Inspector of Elections

Candidate for North District City Councilor- Dave Hartnett, running unopposed

Running to continue to be on City Council. Schools are going through some tough challenges and admire the work of School Board. The proposed budget is responsible and support the budget and the bond because it's an investment in infrastructure which improves accessibility and learning environment.

Candidates for North District City School Board

Helen Hossley-Ward 7. Running for school board because want to improve integrity and transparency. Feel that can do things better. There's not enough disclosure.

Upset that money was used for contractors to get answers that were already knew instead of put into learning. Had two daughters' that went to Burlington schools. First got involved by fundraising for CP Smith for new playground and was President of PTO. Feel that there should not be a change in collective bargaining. Also feel that loss of Para-Educators and Librarian impacted test scores. Will continue to ask the tough questions regardless if get on the board or not.

Mark Barlow-running to stay on. Have been on 2 yrs. Now the District is in a place where we can grow programs. The consultants need to be hired to do updated inventory cost. Couldn't go off 2010 data. There is a 60-page line item budget which has never been done before. Have two kids in the school district. Volunteered as a parent in the schools. Support the budget and the bond and feel that it aligns with the school's strategic plan. Collective bargaining needs to be reformed in process in a way that honors our teachers but doesn't divide our community. Burlington Tech Center (BTC) looking to align with local business for workforce development. Also, looking to align high school and BTC scheduling so high school students can take advantage of the resources of BTC. Running as an Independent and not aligned with any party.

City Councilors speak specific to Ballot items-Dave Hartnett and Curt Wright

#1 and #2 are about school budget and bond

#3 is minimum wage recommendation to \$15.

Dave, have reservation because own a store and hire high school students \$15 and don't feel that students should be paid this high and will need to hire less students.

Kurt-Oppose this higher minimum wage because this will have a negative effect on economy and jobs.

#4 City Council change of Civil Authority-Takes out of process

#5 Mayor appointing over. Dave would vote no and would not change anything

Kurt support to change

#6 Higher Councilor pay from 3 to 5k. This allow to serve without losing income and can encourage others to run. Both support

#7 Board for Registration of Voters increasing from 10 to 12 people with no more than 6 from any party.

#8 Clears up language on when the council meets.

Dave-North End have challenges but trying to get business out because it's not close to 89 or easy way to get in and out. There has been some improvements.

Reports from Elected Officials

Carol Ode-Chittenden 6-1. On Natural Resource Committee. The lake is one of our biggest draw. The EPA is requiring cleanup of lake. Working on this. Would like to see pilot funds be used in education and will explore this more with newly appointed Secretary of Education.

Curt Wright-Chittenden 6-1. -Working on a bill that don't have teacher strikes. Most states don't have strikes because it put it puts teachers in positions where they shouldn't have to be. Also State employees can't strike due to the delivery of public services is too important to interrupt. Ending funding mandates (Act 46) and relief on taxes on social security.

Meeting End: 9:05pm

Minutes taken by Phet Keomanyvanh-CEDO



Neighborhood Planning Assembly Attendees

NPA (choose one)	Wards 1 & 8	Wards 2 & 3	Wards 4 & 7	Ward 5	Ward 6
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Date of Assembly : 2/22/17 Location: Miller Center

Please return to your convenor, Phet Keomanyvanh
or email to cedofd@burlingtonvt.gov

- 1 Helen Hossley ward 7
- 2 Tony Bell ward 4
- 3 Martin Molpus ward 7
- 4 Chris Tromby Ward 7
- 5 Kaye Walsleben 4
- 6 Gabriella Kersch 4
- 7 LIAM GREEN 7
- 8 Eric Corbman 4
- 9 Karen Corbman 4
- 10 Mary Hunt 7
- 11 Thomas Flery 7
- 12 Jean O'Sullivan 7
- 13 Jeff Clark 4
- 14 YAW OBEN 6
- 15 Marky Spaulding
- 16 Ann & Giffen
- 17 Abbey Duke 7
- 18 MARK BARROW 4
- 19 RJ Lahmiere 7
- 20 Michelle Clark 4

- 21 Brian Williams Ward
- 22 Janette Williams Ward
- 23 Sue Reardon W 7
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The Oddfellows and Rebekahs Lodge of Burlington is pleased to host the:

North End Food Pantry
Saturdays from 9:00-11:00 a.m.
at the
Oddfellows and Rebekahs Lodge
1416 North Avenue (use back door)

Stop by if you need a little extra food support for yourself or your family. We have non-perishable food items, as well as a limited supply of bread, milk, and produce.

The pantry is open at other times by request. Please call or email if you need to visit the pantry at an alternative time. If you are not able to visit the pantry due to lack of transportation or a physical disability, please call or email to arrange for food to be delivered to you at your home free of charge.
(Contact: Thomas Fleury at tlfleury@aol.com or 862-7300)