

Ward 5 NPA
February 20, 2020
703 Pine Street, Queen City Brewery/Pizza 44

6:00-6:30-pm FREE DINNER

MEETING AGENDA

6:30-6:45 - Open Forum

6:45-7:00 - School Board Candidate Forum (Mike Fisher & Jeff Wick)

7:00-7:25 - Q&A on Ballot Measures (Miro Weinberger, Joan Shannon, Steven Locke, & Kyle Blake)

7:25-8:10 - City Council Candidate Forum (Nate Lantieri & Chip Mason)

8:10-8:30 - NARCAN Training (Jess Kirby & Scott Pavsek)

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For more information about Wards 5 NPA visit their CEDO webpage

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/Neighborhood-Services/NPAs/Ward-5-NPA>

Keep Current on their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Ward5NPA>

In collaboration with Channel 17 cctv.org, we will also now be live streaming our meetings on YouTube, which will permit the submission of online comments during Q&A portions of the meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/channel17townmeetingtv>

Ward 5 NPA
Thursday February 20th, 2020
6:30 – 8:30 PM
Queen City Brewery/Pizza 44 Event Space, Pine St

Moderator: Scott Pavek

Steering Committee Members Andy Simon, Mohamed Jafar, Lucia Campriello, Ashley Dembinski & Ben Traverse also in attendance

Pizza Dinner sponsored by Ward 5 NPA served, general arrivals & mingling

Meeting starts at 6:30 PM

Open Forum:

- 2 community members spoke against the city's decision on Burlington Telecom
- An announcement on the upcoming census

School Board: Mike Fisher

- General explanation of goals and values, experience over tenure thus far and some items to work towards
- Explanation of the upcoming budget vote
- Questions from the community included one on the project at the high school (possible construction complications & delays), and on the district addressing in school bullying

Q&A on Ballot measures: Miro Weinberger, Joan Shannon, Steven Locke, Kyle Blake

- Ballot Item 4- Proposed Charter Change RE Changes to Local Election Dates
- Questions from the Community clarifying the purpose of this measure
- Ballot Item 2- Increase in Public Safety Tax Rate- several factors, including age and population increasing ambulance use. Already have a vehicle- most of this cost coming from staffing. 28 years since last add. All personnel are firefighter/EMT, so equipped and trained to deal with many types of emergencies.
- Questions from the community about other alternatives explored, the UVM ambulance, volunteer firefighters, the existing unstaffed ambulance
- Ballot Item 3- Proposed Charter Change RE Housing Trust Fund- explanation of use, including examples of it being used, its ability to leverage other money from developers, and tying it to correct with inflation, which has devalued the fund over time. Clarification from Councilor Shannon that this will be impacted by the city-wide reassessment.
- Questions from the community about the limitations on how the money is used, clarifications on statements made by the Mayor
- Ballot Item 1- Approval of School Budget for Fiscal Year 2021- previously covered

City Council Candidate Forum: Chip Mason & Nate Lanitieri

Questions Covered:

1. What role do you see for NPAs in city governance?
2. What is Burlington currently doing to address the climate emergency? What should we be doing?
3. Do you support any form of rent control and, if so, do you think it should be applied citywide to all rental units?
4. What do you foresee being the city's biggest challenges in the next 1-3 years?
5. What unique perspective or voice would you add to the city council if elected or re-elected?
6. Should a sufficient number of voters be able to directly place binding questions on the ballot?
7. Do you support the completion of the Champlain Parkway as currently designed? Why or why not?

Narcan Training: Jess Kirby & Scott Pavek

- How to determine if someone needs Narcan
- How to safely administer Narcan
- How it works and what it does
- Where to get Narcan & its expiration timeline/shelf life
- Info about other services available through Safe Harbor & explanation on the sources of funding to it

Free Narcan distributed to community members present

Meeting Ends at 8:30 PM

Minutes by Ashley Dembinski

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ANDY SIMON
Carolyn Zotes
Dave Hartnett
Renée Hamblin
Spencer Smith
Ashley Dembinski
Shaegna McMahon
ROBERT STEPHENSON
Jillian + Scott Kirby
Andy Vota
Pat + Terry Rivers
Megan Owens
Roland Garofalo
Drew A. / S

Donna Walters
Linda Tersing
Scott PAUEK
KAREN PAUEK
Joe Dery
Linda Sheridan
Debra Blumberg
Jeannie Bartlett
Michael Healy
DOUG LYNCH
Mike Fisher
Shari Trombley
Kyle Plunk
Mohamed Istar
Neb + John Caul
Bryce Healy