



Wards 2 and 3 Neighborhood Planning Assembly

Thursday February 13, 2020, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Old North End Community Center, 20 Allen Street

wards2and3npa.weebly.com

Community Dinner at 5:30pm (by donation)

<http://onecommunitydinner.weebly.com>

NPA Announcements | 10 minutes

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Public Forum | 15 minutes (one minute per speaker)

Share your announcements, comments, issues, or suggestions

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Brian Pine

Door Prize Drawing | 5 minutes

Zabby & Elf's Stone Soup gift card (\$25)

Adjourn

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....

Current NPA 2/3 Steering Committee:

Andrew Champagne	Ward 2	802-540-0717
Patrick Johnson	Ward 2	superdogirie@gmail.com
Tony Redington	Ward 2	TonyRVT99@gmail.com
Francesca Enzler	Ward 2	enzlerf@gmail.com
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Charlie Giannoni	Ward 3	charliecpg@gmail.com
Barbara McGrew	Ward 3	bmcgrew@aol.com
Kevin Deutermann	Ward 3	kdootz@gmail.com

Burlington City Elected Officials Wards 2 and 3

Mayor Miro Weinberger	Democrat	802-865-7272	mayor@BurlingtonVT.gov
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City Councilors:

Central District (Wards 2 & 3)	Perri Freeman	Progressive	203-623-9490	pfreeman@burlingtonvt.gov
Ward 2	Max Tracy	Progressive	802-373-1968	mtracy@burlingtonvt.gov
Ward 3	Brian Pine	Progressive		bpine@burlingtonvt.gov

School Board Members:

Central District (Wards 2 & 3)	Jean Waltz		355-7856	jwaltz@bsdvt.org
Ward 2	Stephen Carey			scarey@bsdvt.org
Ward 3	Liz Curry		578-5793	lcurry@bsdvt.org

Vermont State House Representatives

Chittenden-6-3	Jill Krowinski	Democrat	802.363.3907	jkrowinski@leg.state.vt.us
Chittenden-6-3	Curt McCormack	Democrat	802.318.2585	cmccormack@leg.state.vt.us
Chittenden-6-4	Brian Cina	Progressive/ Democrat	802.448.2178	bcina@leg.state.vt.us
Chittenden-6-4	Selene Colburn	Progressive/ Democrat	802.540.0546	scolburn@leg.state.vt.us
Chittenden-6-2	Jean O'Sullivan	Democrat	802.658.0492	josullivan@leg.state.vt.us

Vermont State Senators (Chittenden County)

Tim Ashe	Progressive/Democrat	802.318.0903	tashe@leg.state.vt.us
Philip Baruth	Progressive/Democrat	802.503.5266	pbaruth@leg.state.vt.us
Debbie Ingram	Democrat	802.879.0054	dingram@leg.state.vt.us
Ginny Lyons	Democrat	802.863.6129	vlyons@leg.state.vt.us
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Neighborhood Planning Assembly Draft Minutes

NPA:
(choose one)

Wards 1 & 8	Wards 2 & 3	Wards 4 & 7	Ward 5	Ward 6
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Date of Assembly : 02 / 13 / 2020 Start Time: (Commence): 6:30

Location: ONE Community Center Finish Time: (Adjourn): 8:30

Note taker: Sydney Hinckley Please forward these official minutes to: Phet Keomanyvanh

Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Francesca Enzler
Patrick Johnson
Tony Redington
Charlie Giannoni
Barbara McGrew
Kevin Deutermann

Discussion Topics

- *These can be copied from agenda items*
- *Content of discussion not required*

Actions Taken / Decisions Made

- *Immediately following Agenda Item*
- *Generally includes: electing a new steering committee member, voting as a body to send a formal communication to the City, decisions to spend money.*

Agenda Items and Actions:

Please Remember to Enter Adjournment Time!

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6:40 Public Forum | 15 minutes (one minute per speaker)

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- Alyssa from Ward 2 discusses the new co-op where the former Chubby Muffin resided, named Oak Street. Restaurant business downstairs, apartment upstairs and they are looking for community members to invest in coop.
- Community member invites members to people to dinner next Thursday to speak about community engagement at the Root. You can look at Seven Days for information.

- Jen mentions a project she is launching, received community fund art grant mural project in ONE. Nominate neighbors to be painted in the mural at whoarethepeople2020.weebly.com
- Jacob gives update about Winooski Avenue Corridor and supplies full print out of study, but mentions that it is accessible online. Talk to Jacob or Alyssa for a synopsis. Big Highlights: study focuses on making intersections safer and especially on Riverside. Jacob continues to talk about the process and emphasize to talk to your city council members about what you think.
- Community member discusses fear free transit and Winooski corridor study's timeline.
- Melissa mentions the raffle prize, as well as selling her Iceburg Consulting postcards, stickers, and poster.
- Community member discusses accessibility concerns with wheelchair and the quality of the streets in the ONE. Discusses walkways, and trying to make them safe and accessible.

6:50 Public Safety Tax | Presentation and Q&A | 10 minutes

(Kyle Blake and Chief Locke, Burlington Fire Department and Mayor Weinberger)

The Mayor thanks community for meal and begins talking about Public Safety Tax. He discusses ambulance services for the City of Burlington. Discusses adding nine new firefighters, increase in fire department, and tax bill information.

Kevin asks question about an article on WCAX about the Public Safety Tax and the north beach lifeguards. Mayor Weinberger answers that, of the proposed tax, the majority of it goes to the Fire Department but also goes to increasing the number of paramedics, new fire department expenses, and existing expenses.

Patrick asks about data collection and the Mayor and Chief Locke respond with numbers on calls, resources, and ambulance accessibility.

Perry asks for access to an itemized sheet of these expenses. The Mayor responds that the city website will have public information about this and what will be on the ballot. It will be listed on a FAQ document as well as on a memo.

7:08 School Board Commissioners on School Budget for FY21 | Presentation and Q&A | 20 minutes

Liz Curry, Jeannie Waltz

Discusses Superintendent Search and that on March 5th, there will be community forums with finalists and gives location and time. They discuss the school budget and fixed costs associated with new contract unions, health insurance, and \$1 million dollar in cuts. They further discuss the percentages, tax rate increases, and per pupil cost. Liz Curry will be moving on after this term with the School Board and Jeannie gives a commemorative speech for Liz's service over the last seven years.

7:19 Inspector of Elections Candidates | Statements and Q&A | 15 minutes

Khalid Almubarak (absent), Barbara Halsop, Charlie Giannoni, Andrew Champagne

Charlie gives update about Ward 3 polling changes while he's been Inspector of Elections. He discusses introducing the bake sale and waiting outside, as well as working with the principals and using greeters to welcome voters.

Barbara speaks about her experience with early voting instead of attending on Town Meeting Day and wanting Ward 3 to be the best ward in the city. She talks about working with the Progressive Party for a long time, as well as the safety and protection of the ballot.

Francesca reads Khalid's letter in his absence. Khalid discusses that he is Arabic American and that he wants to get involved with government. He discusses the importance of not using apps and that this will be the first time he votes.

Polly Vanderputten and Stephen Carey are both not here today. Steering committee member reads letters from both candidates.

7:32 Ward 2 City Councilor Candidates | Debate and Q&A | 30 minutes

Max Tracy & Ryan Nick

Ryan Nick: He discusses how he grew up in Chittenden County and he is motivated to run for city councilor due to housing costs and environmental change. Discusses affordable housing and holding landlords accountable. North Winooski Avenue needs to be done well and we need to think about parking management plan. Ryan talks about disconnects between the city council and city government and to be more transparent and clearer with our processes and decisions.

Max Tracy: Max has been on the City Council for 8 years and discussed climate actions and sustainability. He is currently the lead sponsor on BTV Bike Plan and led implementation of it. One of the most pressing challenges we have is the climate crisis and we need to do everything we can to reduce the carbon footprint and improve transit system. Making buses free and weatherizing apartment units are important issues. Wants to continue to pursue district energy system and thinking big about the climate crisis. Affordable housing with inclusionary zoning and discusses the mall project, as well as development.

- Community member asks about Winooski Avenue project and where the candidate stands on these issues.
- Brian Pine asks question about the definition of affordability and policy changes.
- Community members asks question about real estate and how both candidates see downtown and development.
- Kevin, (steering committee), asks about public private partnerships and where each candidate lies.
- Community member asks about participation in Ward 2 through committees, public service, and boards.
- Community member asks question about Burlington Police Department, police brutality, and internet trolling.
- Brian Pine asks question about systemic racism and asks for candidates for definition of systemic racism.

Candidates make closing statements.

8:36 Ward 3 City Councillor Candidates | Statements and Q&A | 10 minutes

Brian Pine

Running unopposed and talks about his commitment to Ward 3. As a city council, our role is to make it as inclusive as possible, and to not leave anyone behind. Would be happy to answer any questions afterwards.

- Community member asks question about accessory dwelling units

Brian discusses about storm water and run off water with lot coverage. Storm water mitigation fund exists and community member continues talking about this issue.

- Community member asks questions about phone and reinvesting phones from the Burlington Telecom Sale.

Discusses investing shares and how lucrative it can be per year, and addressing the balance between Moran, Memorial, and High School.

- Public Safety Tax: asks questions about sharing across towns
- Asks questions about using money for public safety tax?
- Do all firefighter have to be EMT too? Is there a logical explanation for not doing that?

8:43 Door Prize Drawing | 5 minutes

8:45 Adjourn