



Neighborhood Planning Assembly Agenda for the Wards 2 and 3

Thursday February 8, 2018
FREE Community Dinner at 5:30 pm
St. Joseph's School Community Center,
20 Allen St

2018 Candidate Forum Format

Candidates:

1. 2 Minute Opening statements from each candidate
2. Q & A, including audience questions
3. 1 Minute Closing Statements

Attendees:

- Please write questions on the papers hanging up around the room
 - Add stickers to questions you want answered
- Keep live questions to less than 1 minute

6:20 pm – **Welcome and Introduction**

Public Announcements (no candidates please)

6:30 pm – **City Council: Ward 3**

Elizabeth "Lizzie" Haskell (Democrat)
James Lockridge (Independent)
Brian Pine (Progressive)

7:10 pm – **City Council: Ward 2**

5 minutes for statements + Q&A
Max Tracy (Progressive)

7:20 pm – **School Commission: Wards 2 + 3**

Ibnar Avilix (Ward 3)
Liz Curry (Ward 3)
Stephen M. Carey (Ward 2)

7:50 pm – **Mayoral Candidates**

Infinite Culcleasure (Independent)
Carina Driscoll (Independent)
Miro Weinberger (Democrat)

8:40 pm – **Adjourn**

Please talk to a Steering Committee member if you're interested in joining!

Current NPA 2/3 Steering Committee:

Andrew Champagne	Ward 2	802-540-0717
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Ryan McLaren	Ward 3	ryan.d.mclaren@gmail.com

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....

Burlington City Elected Officials Wards 2 and 3

Mayor:

Miro Weinberger Democrat 802-865-7272 Mayor@BurlingtonVT.gov

City Councilors:

Central District (Wards 2 and 3)	Jane Knodell	Progressive	862-2469	JKnodell@BurlingtonVT.gov
Ward 2	Max Tracy	Progressive	373-1968	MTracy@BurlingtonVT.gov
Ward 3	Sara Moore	Progressive	540-1711	SMoore@BurlingtonVT.gov

School Board Members:

Central District (Wards 2 and 3)	Ryan McLaren		ryan.d.mclaren@gmail.com
Ward 2	Kat Kleman	222-1259	Kkleman@bsdvt.org
Ward 3	Liz Curry	864-5067	Lcurry@bsdvt.org



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 : _____ Location: _____

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

- 1 April Werner
- 2 Debra Clemmer
- 3 Sarah Shaw
- 4 Nathan Bacon
- 5 Carol Czina
- 6 Susan Reif
- 7 Martha Molpas - Ward 7
- 8 Myra Timmins Ward 3
- 9 Glenn James Ward 3
- 10 Mary Mangis Ward 3
- 11 Katie Jickling
- 12 Thea Wurzburg
- 13 FELIPE MORAS
- 14 Katy Hellman Ward 3
- 15 I. Culbreath
- 16 Sephora Feinberg
- 17 DREW BROOKS
- 18 EMILY T. HARRINGTON
- 19 Emma Redden
- 20 CARYN FEINBERG

Ando Chang

- 21 JESSE TAYLOR
- 22 July Sanders
- 23 Shawn Parker
- 24 Megan J. Humphrey
- 25 Max Tracy
- 26 Janet Hicks (conceal)
- 27 Barb Price Ward 3
- 28 Sara Moore
- 29 Isaac Zakayo
- 30 Timothy Instasi
- 31 Trish Denton
- 32 Elango Dev
- 33 R Brian Perkins Jr
- 34 Jane Knodell
- 35 Stephen Carey
- 36 JEFFREY PHUA SONN
- 37 Escher Lee
- 38 Noah Gibbs
- 39 Charlotte Glickman
- 40 Jeanne BACERVING

Eric maier

41 Harry Martin
42 Pete Sullivan
43 Vere Koplinka-Coehr
44 Susan Smerekca
45 Liz Curry
46 Sue & Pete Sullivan
47 Alexander Hunsinger
48 Kenneth Martel
49 Joe Gleidel
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Wards 2/3 NPA
20 Allen Street
February 8, 2018 from 6:30-8:30 pm
St. Joseph's School Community Center, 20 Allen St
Draft Minutes

Steering Committee member present: Amanda Hannaford-Ward 3, Ward 2, Vikas Mangipudi-Ward 2, Infinite Culcleasure, Ward 3, Andrew Champagne, Ward 2, Patrick Johnson, Ward 2

Start: 6:35pm

City Council Debate:

Lizzie Haskell-Currently serve at the Democrat Chair. Serve on the CDBG Advisory board. Would support the NPAs to give more powerful say. Think wording of F-35 is misleading but it's the people's will to get on through a petition and should be on the ballot. Paying people to be on commissions will allow more people to participate. Think that increasing housing will increase affordable housing and drive down cost. Will make self-available at different times and improve engagement. Hope to see the increase of bike lanes and better sidewalks. Think the bike pedestrian plan is very forward thinking and would want this to get resourced and executed. Feel that there would be negative impact on local business if the City implemented livable wage but Burlington should be pushing Montpelier to have a state wide livable wage. Need to have better implicit bias training.

James Lockridge-Stand up for community values and active participation. Stood up for preservation for the City's teen center and champion of democracy. Will support the NPAs and revamp NPA to have more effective power and say. If don't modernize commission process, then will continue to have the same people be encumbered. Need to question the current affordable housing model to be more inclusive and equitable. The quality of public process that the City uses is not represented and transparent. There need to be a blue print model of engagement that engages youth and new Americans. Must invest in transportation that is human powered and not in transportation that is polluting. Think that need to do better as a City to be fair and inclusive.

Brian Pine-Involved in NPA from the beginning, Worked in City government to improve affordable housing, protecting tenants. If have real issues such as selecting commissioners that will have say then people will show up. Support the F-35 on how it's worded on the ballot. Need to remove barrier for people to be able to be engaged. Have not solved the problem of affordable but has been leading as a City national on development of affordable housing. Think there should be bond to develop more affordable housing. Need to engage people early on in

the process and have more effect on the outcome. Need to get down to a granular level when it comes to looking at bike walk safety and transportation use. Support bike walk plan. Would support NPA to have more power and say. Need to include people who are left out and better engage everyone to be heard and feel proud of their City.

Max Tracy-Running un-opposed. The only councilor to oppose against the mall redevelopment. Voted against this because wanted to see more affordable housing and see business that would meet local community needs of Wards 2 and 3 residents. Wanted to see a better community benefits agreement. Need to improve bike and walk network system that has more protected bike lanes and pedestrian bump outs. Need to stop focusing priorities on car infrastructure and put resources into bike and sidewalks to make a safer and cleaner City.

School Board Debate:

Steven Carey-Ward 3 Retired high school teacher and current sub. As a teacher saw division that exist and feel that there needs to be more improvement in teacher board communication and relationship. Believe in the right to strike. Current board has forgotten to focus on curriculum and need to go back to providing quality education for all students.

Liz Curry-Ward 3 Have been on the board since 2013. Over the years' resources have been cut in state and City resources while student needs were raising. Over 2 years there were million dollars were lost. Believe in the right to strike. It's been challenging to be on the board because people make assumption about board members without asking the questions directly to the board. Currently districts are working under a state formula that is calculated off of equality and not equity.

Ib Nar-Ward 3 New to the discussion but can add fresh perspective and ideas. Believe in the right to strike. Looking to get involved and like meeting and hearing people's opinions to get better outcomes. Would like to have a chance to work with school, district, City and State.

Mayoral Debate

Miro –For the past two summers have increased community policing and foot patrols. This has been a big success and seen lower calls in crime calls. In 2016 the voter passed an infrastructure bond that has given money to fix the sidewalks and roads. Engaging voters through social media and direct outreach. This election will be the first to have same day

registration. Core value is fiscal responsibility. When became Mayor there was lack of public trust in fiscal responsibility and accountability. Also will stand up for people's rights. There hasn't been a lack of public process but what it comes down to is disagreement from the decision. The City has worked very hard to go to the public to be transparent about fiscal responsibility and major projects. Money in politics is a huge debate. Proud that all three times that ran, had hundreds that have stepped up to help. Aware that implicit bias is in people and our institution. Had a forum for all the workers in Police Department to take part in an implicit bias training. The Diversity and Equity plan still in action and meets as team and has reported out City Council of work being done. City has addressed mental health crisis by adding street outreach worker and re-training police to better respond people with mental health. The City is funding pre-k investment to benefit low income families. Affordable housing is one of the City's biggest issues. Have a long career in supporting and developing affordable housing. The City was able to work with community housing organization and residents to secure the Farrington Mobile Home Park into Coop so it's now own by the residents and they have control of affordable housing.

Carina Driscoll-Feel it's important to restore transparency and civic participation. Need to move away from trickle down housing and strengthen livable wage ordinance. Reaching out to community centers and housing community to learn from people on their experiences. Canvassing and also using phone banks. The core values of this City is vibrancy in engagement and inclusion and have always worked on these values. Feel that the people of Burlington are not getting the full benefits from the development of mall. Money in politics and parties are a problem and create divide. Committed to run local grass roots campaign and not having PAC funding. Believe that racial bias exist and have heard racist comments about New American. Want to staff CEDO with community organizers and activist to move the City forward in a new direction. Mental health is a huge issues and adding more police is not going to solve the problem. Need to address low income through both affordability and improving opportunity. CEDO also needs to stop catering to private investment and back to the public investment. Also needs to hold developers accountable to holding up their agreement for public benefit. Concerned of the quality of BHA housing for people living there. Need to explore land trust to build housings that's kept maintained and affordable.

Infinite Culcleasure -Community organizer in schools and helped identify issues to come up with solutions with the people. Will focus on community development. The City, particularly CEDO should be doing everything to build the capacity of its youth, seniors and vulnerable residents. Engaging people to vote through social media and using an app to register people to vote. The core value is nurturing people who are the most vulnerable. This campaign is not just about the election but people and taking care of each other. There hasn't been a publicly inclusive and transparent public process. Money in politics is a problem and don't believe in it. It goes against the people. Addressing supremacy and racial tension in a holistic way to not only

looking at racism to people of color but also low income white people. One idea would explore is having peace teams to do outreach to people with mental health challenges. CEDO needs to be reorganized to focus on supporting and developing small business for low income people. There used to be a statewide program The Coming Home Project helped people of color into teaching careers. Would explore having more workforce housing, housing coops, and doing a land tax to improve affordable housing.

End time: 9:10pm

Minutes taken by Phet Keomanyvanh-CEDO