



Draft Agenda

Ward 6 NPA Meeting

February 1st, 2018 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Note that this is our new location!

Greek Orthodox Church, 600 South Willard Street

The agenda is as follows:

7-7:15pm Approval of minutes, and Lisa Kingsbury (UVM) with plans for the new athletics multi-purpose facility

7:15-7:40pm School board forum (Stephanie Seguino and Clare Wool)

7:40-8:20pm city council forum (Joel Fitzgerald, Karen Paul, and Charles Simpson)

8:20-9pm mayoral forum (Infinite Culcleasure, Carina Driscoll, and Miro Weinberger)

All forums will consist of statements by the candidates, followed by direct questions for candidates from the citizens attending. All city residents (not just Ward6) are always welcome to attend any NPA meeting, so please come with your interest and questions, and bring your friends!

*Parking entrance off of Ledge Road on the east side of the Rotary. Overflow parking at foot of Willard St, or even Christ the King School, and walk up paved walkway from Willard directly to church.

Burlington NPA Ward 6 Minutes – Candidates Forum – February 1, 2018 – DRAFT –

Date of Assembly: 02/01/2018

Start Time: (Commence): 7:00 PM

Finish Time: (Adjourn): 9:00PM

Location: Greek Church at 600 South Willard Street

Note taker: Brian MacDonald

Steering Committee Members Present:

Matt Grady, Michelle Mraz, Brian MacDonald, Charles Simpson, Clare Wool

Minutes Approved

Michelle Mraz encouraged those in attendance to volunteer at polls on election day

Lisa Kingsbury of the University of Vermont Campus Planning Services introduced **Bob Vaughan**, UVM's Director of Planning and Management, to share information on the On-campus Multipurpose Center

- Currently in planning stages
- Improvements planned for sports facilities and an expanded Health and Wellness program
- If approved, the expected completion date is by the end of 2020

School Board Candidates

Claire Wool discussed her background, current activities in the Burlington school system, and the issues she sees facing the district, including: division between the Board, schools, principals and faculty; fiscal responsibility; effective district communication. She was asked a question about the current budget shortfall, and another about the Burlington High School renovation.

Stephanie Seguino (incumbent) discussed her background, and her experience with the school system and current Board membership. Her goals include: continued focus on achievement gap inequality for students and parents; continued development of restorative practices; responsible budgeting; improved school board relationships with schools. She was asked a question about district morale and teachers contracts.

Both candidates responded to a question about school board relationship-building with teachers and the community

City Council Candidates

Joel Fitzgerald discussed his residency and job experiences in Vermont, and discussed his platform and issues, which include: his history of getting things done; inclusion and accessibility for seniors; support of the F-35; lower taxes.

Charles Simpson stated his appreciation for the current City Council, and his concerns with the current Ward representative on the issues of: airport policy; Burlington Telecom; Champlain Parkway; UVM housing policy and the Housing Action Plan; the Town Center project; City Hall Park renovation; City Auditorium.

Karen Paul (incumbent) discussed her experiences with the City Council, including: her history of community involvement and giving back to the city; her leadership experiences; various constituent communications outreach within Ward 6; experience with fiscal responsibility and social needs. She responded to questions about Burlington Telecom and the Housing Action Plan.

All three candidates responded to questions about the Neighborhood Project, especially as it relates to Robinson Parkway, and the F-35 basing at Burlington International Airport.

Mayoral Candidates

Carina Driscoll spoke about her background, including her residential history and job experiences and qualifications. She discussed the reasons she's running for mayor, which include: desire for a more vibrant city; concerns about current leadership; greater transparency in use and disposition of community assets; the relationship between city government and the school district; housing affordability; priorities in who influences Burlington's development projects. She was asked questions about the Town Center project, and the role of Mayor with the School Board.

Infinite Culcleasure discussed how he was recruited to serve marginalized populations of Burlington, and discussed his issues and goals, which include: greater citizen participation in governance; greater cooperative problem-solving; development projects that include community and social benefits; affordable housing efforts coordinated with livable wage enforcement. He was asked questions about his vision for the NPA's, the Town Center project, and the F-35.

Miro Weinberger (incumbent) discussed his administration's successes, including: fiscal improvement/turnaround of the city; improved waterfront facilities; a preserved high-speed internet infrastructure; citywide approval of 17 ballot initiatives. He discussed how those were foundational for upcoming efforts, which include: preserving city affordability and inclusivity; initiatives for public investment in quality of life issues; continued fiscal responsibility; building greater public trust. He was asked a question about his top three priorities, which are housing policies, public infrastructure and environmental leadership, and a question about the F-35 basing.

Al three candidates were asked questions about their vision for the municipal auditorium, and how to reduce the city's long-term tax burden.



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 : 2-1-18 Location: _____

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- 1 Joel Fitzgerald
- 2 Lisa Thompson
- 3 Jim Barr
- 4 Rev Andreas Papayianis
- 5 Anita Rapone
- 6 Charles Simpson
- 7 Sandy Barney
- 8 Josette Zell
- 9 Mary Ellen Hancock
- 10 Seth Brownstein
- 11 Keith Pillsbury
- 12 Peter Keating
- 13 Glenn Jarrett
- 14 Karla Ferrelli
- 15 John Bortleson
- 16 Faye Baker
- 17 Bob Leidy
- 18 Jon Guyette
- 19 Gussie Guyette
- 20 Courtney Guyette

- 21 Eileen Underwood
- 22 Caroline Sabca
- 23 Karen Paul
- 24 Mark Sobc
- 25 Anna Grady
- 26 Diane Gayer
- 27 Teresa With
- 28 Amy Haulin
- 29 B. Headrick
- 30 Lisa Shelton
- 31 Mary McKearin
- 32 Bob McKearin
- 33 Dan Paul
- 34 Mark Freudenberger
- 35 Wendy Turnbull
- 36 Alan Turnbull
- 37 ANDY BARICKER
- 38 Mary Gade
- 39 Christy Gustafson
- 40 Megan Haffman
- Vanessa Berman