

## Draft Agenda Ward 5 NPA

January 17, 2019

City Market Community Room 207 Flynn Ave 6:30pm-8:30pm

### Draft Agenda:

6:30 - 6:45 - Mix & Mingle with neighbors, enjoy a snack

6:45 - 6:55 - Open Forum

6:55 - 7:15 - Salvation Farms on its workforce development program (Jake Kornfeld)

7:15 - 7:30 - School Board Update

7:30 - 7:50 - Parks & Recreation on the bike path and other topics (Cindi Wight)

7:50 - 8:30 - Burton Snowboards on proposed zoning changes that would permit a concert venue in empty warehouse space on Industrial Parkway (Justin Worthley)

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<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>

# Neighborhood Planning Assembly Attendees



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Date of Assembly : 1-17-19 Location: City Market 207 Flynn

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2019-01-17 Ward 5 NPA meeting Draft Notes  
City Market Community Room 207 Flynn Ave 6:30pm-8:30pm

Meeting video: <https://www.cctv.org/watch-tv/programs/burlington-ward-5-npa-meeting-40>

Moderator: Bill Keogh  
Meeting called to order: 6:45pm

### **Open Forum**

Andy - voter registration materials avail, absentee ballot req

Bill - Steering committee introductions

Larry Wewack(?) - from Caroline St. Object to Downtown Improvement District charter change. Dissolve marketplace commission, fold into new private/non-profit entity. Decision making not subject to public scrutiny. Privatizing public assets. See show on ch17; <https://www.cctv.org/>

Andy Simon: this is a charter change, to be on ballot. To get this on Town Meeting Day ballot, need public hearing, Jan 22 or 28.

Joan Shannon: probably will be Jan 28

Mohamed Jafar (steering committee) - running for city council South District. Born Kenya, lived in Burlington during school years. Want to get involved on affordable housing, opioids, homelessness. City has been slow on addressing these issues.

Elisa Nelson - Ward clerk for elections running for re-election. Please sign petition to help me get on the ballot.

Community member; what is the business asset tax discussed at Burton meeting.

Joan Shannon - Tax on business machinery. Most communities have eliminated tax, BTV still has it. Think business are moving equipment and jobs outside of the city. Trying to level playing field with other cities, but city depends on funding so trying to phase out tax.

Bill; will discuss these charter changes also in Feb

Kiersten Merriman-Shapiro (ward 5 resident, CEDO employee) - has Moran plant handouts. Will having meeting devoted to Moran on January 30 6pm, Contois. Consider leaving comments on burlington city web.

Ben: how do the cost of these plans compare to the cost of demolishing the building

Kiersten; demolition/removal 4-10M. Can't build a new building of this height, or so close to water with current regs. Has several sub-basements, down to 85ft elevation (ed: champ flood stage 100ft)

TIF was setup to do a specific thing. Money is being redirected, is city exposed to lawsuits?

Kiersten: don't think so. Renovation project known as New Moran, Inc. city council shall be authorized to use TIF to pay for demolition of building and site stabilization in accordance with public trust.

Bill; have to spend 5.4M by end of 2018.

Kiersten: if not money goes back to state, likely not used to create asset in Burlington

Phet Keomanyvanh (CEDO employee, NPA coordinator): Announced MLK all-day event, no cost. Rotating loop bus transport from SA/IAA. Workshops including Abenaki, poets, BHS dance, elementary choir. Focus on Restorative Practices in schools, reducing the school-to-prison pipeline.

### **Salvation Farms - Jake Kornfeld**

Move food farmers can't sell. Surplus crop food hub. Quality assessed, repackaged. To vt food bank, food shelf

Labor force is a job training program for people with barriers to employment. In recovery, post-incarceration, single moms, looking for career change. Starting next group in 2 weeks, please pass info along to anyone who is interested. Training groups are paid. Will try to accommodate childcare needs. Great success with placing into dignified, sustainable positions. 17/22 from last group are working now. Onramp back into employment.

Connected with city market member worker program.

Online signup; [salvationfarms.org/getinvolved](https://salvationfarms.org/getinvolved)

(community member) where located. East Allen Street, up from VSAC. on #2 GMT bus line.

Andy; how big an area do you cover?

Jake - really all over state, including Pete's Greens, farms in SW VT, working in surplus volumes

### **School board - Mike Fisher, Jeff Wick**

Jeff - would like to discuss **Budget** for Fiscal Year 2020 and **BEA contract**

Current year is \$85.0M, and new budget \$88.7M, +4.36%

Board has a lot of new members. Prior year had cost limitations due to expect impact of Act 60. Admin has good process for taking input from staff, many good spending requests. Board prioritized these items, deciding to focus spending earlier in education pre-k and kinder. Focus on closing the 'achievement gap' (students having the hardest time). Noel Green suggested closing this gap before high school. Also focused on social and emotional supports. Kids need help to be ready to learn; language learners, traumas (eg opioid use in household)

Reductions; 3 FTE behavior coach; principal substitute position; admin proj coordinator, \$500k non-instructional spending

Additions; total 21 instructional positions

9 FTE k paras \$270k

2 all-day preschool - cover grant fund \$148k

+1 Middle guidance (focus ELL)

+1 middle health/ex ed

North-south bus. There is a bus from south to north, but not north to south.

+3 special educators \$270k

Security system \$168k

## Q&A

(community member) what is the PBIS/RP coach?

Mike: PBIS (champ cards, pajama days). Morning meetings. Restorative practices; build relationships and trust, with eg restorative circles. Have been contracting with Burlington Social Justice (Rachel Jolly). Think there is enough work to have someone dedicated to this.

Joan Shannon - have seen problems with teachers behaving in inappropriate ways. Can't remove teacher, because of process. Paid leave, have to pay another substitute, not enough in budget. Is there anything in budget to deal with these scenarios.

Jeff - unfortunate if there is more than one situation like this, but don't think budget can be an excuse. Do have a contingency fund ~300k. Some surplus over the past years ~1m/yr.

John Shannon - have not had problems with most of daughter's teachers, in a district this large there's a good chance to have a problem

(community member) how do we measure success? Haven't seen effective implementation of some past changes at my child's school.

Mike - superintendent provides structured reports measuring efficacy of different structures and programs. Policy governance defines which reports.

Jeff - one metric - how many kids need to be sent to office; not a good indication

Mike; have reached agreement with teacher's union BEA, 2 years. Saw strike votes for 2 years. Board did not want that conflict, worked with union without need for intervention

### **Burlington Parks/Recreation/Waterfront - Cindi Wight and John Adams-Kollitz**

Bill - intro - north end bike path is great, excited to find out about the South End!

Cindi - Bike path is cleared during winter, leaving a line to 'ski to the east'

<https://enjoyburlington.com/winter-outdoors>

Updating conditions within 48 hours, skating rink conditions each Thursday. South end skating rinks at Callahan and Lakeside

(some technical difficulties with display)

Cindi - will take a couple questions while we work on the display

Joan Shannon - what is the origin of the shed next to Callahan Park ice rink

John - this was a collaboration with the neighborhood, maybe Youth Build.

### **Burlington Greenway (bike path) Phase 3**

John Adams-Kollitz - has been the project manager since Phase 1B/2 (North end, waterfront).

Now reviewing '75% plans', bidding in February. Plan to resume construction in April or May.

Walkthrough of bike path from South to North. Bike path starts at southern border of city at Queen City Park 'segment zero'

Southern section along Parkway corridor will be grind/rebuild except near Home Ave grade will be lowered to be ADA-compliant.

Follows Home Ave to back entrance of Oakledge. Street was repaved in 2018.

Overlay/pavement markings planned for beginning of 2019 construction season.

Oakledge Park section rebuild in Summer 2020. Proctor Place rebuild early 2019, building a narrow street so path/street are distinct. Harrison, behind homes, Blodgett, Barge Canal.

'Pause place' at Roundhouse Park.

Cindi - recap construction plan for 2019?

John - construction is from Proctor Place (Oakledge bridge at north) to Perkins Pier

(community member) which Perkins walkways?

John - the outer pier which are in poor condition

Bill - will anything be done with Blodgett property?

John - HULA project is approved, this has a spur bikepath between two buildings, but project is separate from Greenway

Bill - access/easement?

Cindi - City retained the path easement through sale

Andy Simon - during next summer, what part of bikepath will be closed

John - During next construction season Proctor/Lakeside to Perkins will be closed, will determine exact dates after bid review

Cindi - depending on (bid) prices, may try to complete southern section in this fiscal year

(community member) - will walkway flooding at Perkins Pier be addressed?

John - not elevating walkways, only improving safety. We replaced a section of seawall at Perkins, at that point elevated a section to 103.6 new floodproof elevation

(community member) - where will the path be detoured?

John - Likely Pine Street, haven't looked at all details of detour signage

Donna Walters - grassy area that juts out at Perkins, is this part of bikepath?

John - because of wastewater facility development, not sure where bikepath can be placed. Move walkways to higher elevation, leave path to continue use, but not rebuild until plans coordinated with wastewater.

Cindi - we will be improving walkways there, but this isn't the bikepath

(community member) will improvements be made in narrow stretch near Blodgett?

John - wherever possible, path will be 2ft gravel each side of 11ft paved  
Near Barge canal, make improvement to revetment wall to further isolate canal from lake

Andy Simon - is Parks looking at e-bikes on bike path

Cindi - actively discussed in Parks commission. Had article in paper about e-bikes. 80% of input based on article in favor of e-bikes as long as there were controls (speed limit). Personally never had issue with e-bike. Use of path as training zone on road bike or long pet leashes are more common problems.

(community member) was hit by someone wearing headphones

(community member) are there plans for more fitness stations?

John/Cindi - no fitness station at Round Point. 2 more fitness stations planned at Oakledge and Leddy

(community member) Detailed plan available?

John - not yet, this is the 75% plan but will contact web manager about posting plans. Specific page providing updated ski and ice rink conditions. <https://enjoyburlington.com/winter-outdoors/>

(community member) where are Ice rinks:

Outdoor at Lakeside, Battery, Calahan, Roosevelt, and Starr Farm. Leddy is indoor.

### **Burton development proposal at 152 Industrial - Justin Worthley and John Kallo**

Justin - official title SVP HR, also work on facilities.

Burton in 80 Industrial since 1992. 150ksf. Mfg moved to SB in 1996-2010.

Purchase 152 industrial in 2007. Action sports huge growth in early 2000s, 2008 downturn.

R&D facility, tours daily, all prototyping. Dealer sales showroom, photo studio, Chill Foundation.

2014 GD left to Maine. 2018 ~20 employees moved to 80 Industrial. ~12ksf past gf space 40ft ceiling, about 25ksf is underutilized. ~700k costs to maintain building, looking for tenants to offset costs. 2018 looked with CEDO, did not find tenant. Parkway is coming in, buildings will be more accessible. Business had been wholesale oriented, now adding more burton.com and retail stores.

2018 article on Higher Ground 20-anniv, seeing another venue. High-bay space is well positioned for venue. Talent skate park closed 2018, pushed out by building owners. Back area of building could be a fit.

Not expanding space, maybe build more of an entrance.

Plan;

- +higher ground stage

- +mad Taco, other food vendors

- (tbd) taproom/distillery

- +talent skatepark (5013c nonprofit) - back corner, additional entrance

Refit flagship store, expand tour - factory/museum

No deals with partners are signed yet

Going through zoning since >5000sf redevelopment

Need Traffic impact. 12-15-24 months

(community member) - what about QCP traffic. Connector will impact bridge traffic.

Justin - talking to city regularly about QCP traffic, 1-lane bridge is sketchy, but don't expect

(community member) - how many cars in parking lots? Hours of operation?

Justin - HG currently has 2 rooms, capacity 700/300. About 500 spaces in Burton lot. Unsure of current time.

(community member) - concern about noise, how late will concerts be going

John K - HG would design to keep outside noise out, and building would contain concert noise.

(community member) - noise level during yearly sale is a problem

(community member) - this is a night club, cannot underestimate that, it will be noisy. Need to understand HG relationship with SB police, how many incidents

(community member) - GMT providing shuttles, this is necessary to reduce noise after events

Justin - GMT is interested in providing service, no commitment yet

(community member) - undecided, but first reaction is 'no thank you'. Very concerned about noise after events.

(community member) - zoning change is up in the air. Should be a planning process with community, and not developer asking for zoning to be fixed on behalf of the project.

(community member) - encourage people to go to planning commission and get involved with the process

Justin - be mindful of dynamic in south end. There has been pressure from city to get manufacturer into space, but no success. Consider changes at Specialty filaments (Dealer), Blodgett. 500ksf mfg has left city and mostly replaced by office and mixed use. No success finding manufacturers, so now looking for other complimentary uses

(community member) - live in QCP/South Burlington. Do we have standing in planning commission

Justin - please talk to us about concerns also

Ben Traverse - thanks for meeting with us, community engagement is important here. City Market did a lot of work to engage community. First stage with Planning Commission is determining if this is an appropriate use for this neighborhood. If zoning is changed, wonder if this opens the door to other similar projects. Some burden on City's end to demonstrate that this is an appropriate use

Harris Roen - came to represent Planning Commission. This is a tough balance, this is an enterprise zone, want this to remain part of the city. Meetings are 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

Meeting adjourned 8:35pm

Notes by Joe Dery