



Wards 2 and 3 Neighborhood Planning Assembly

Thursday January 14, 2021, 6:30pm-8:45pm

With live music 6:20-6:30pm

Held in remote locations via Zoom

Moderator: Barbara McGrew

AGENDA UPDATED 1/13/21

6:20pm Live Music!

6:30 pm Announcements | 5 min

- Thanks to Sam Atallah for the music!
- Introduction of Steering Committee Members
- Next meeting notification
- Recordings can be found on [youtube](#) or [cctv](#)'s website
- 2021 Funding request process and application deadline
- Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee Open Seats

6:35 pm Public Forum | 10 min

NOTE: 2 minutes maximum

State and post ground rules and how to ask questions (SEE APPENDIX 2 on NEXT PAGE)

6:45 pm Central District City Council Candidate Forum | 30 min

Perri Freeman (incumbent), Tiki Archambeau

7:15 pm Burlington Mayoral Candidate Forum | 45 min

Miro Weinberger (incumbent), Max Tracy, Ali Dieng

8:00 pm Central District School Commissioner Forum | 15 min

Jean Waltz (incumbent)

8:15 pm Representative Updates | 30 min

School Commissioners (15 mins), City Councilors (5 mins), State Legislators (10 mins) - Presentations, Q&A

8:45 pm Adjourn

APPENDIX 1: ZOOM INFO

When: Jan. 14, 2021 06:20 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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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:

TO EMAIL FULL STEERING COMMITTEE: wards2and3npa@googlegroups.com

Andrew Champagne	Ward 2	802-540-0717
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Jessica Hyman	Ward 3	jessicahymanvt@gmail.com
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Barbara McGrew	Ward 3	bmcgrew@aol.com
Tony Redington	Ward 3	TonyRVT99@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	Polly Vanderputten		pvanderputten@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	Emma Mulvaney Stanak	Democrat	802.828-2228	emulvaneystanak@leg.state.vt.us

Vermont State Senators (Chittenden County)

Philip Baruth	Progressive/Democrat	802.503.5266	pbaruth@leg.state.vt.us
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Ginny Lyons	Democrat	802.863.6129	vlyons@leg.state.vt.us
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Wards 2 and 3 Neighborhood Planning Assembly

Meeting via Zoom

Thursday January 2021, 6:30pm-9pm

Moderator: Barbara McGrew

Notetaker: Jess Hyman

Watch full recording: <https://www.cctv.org/watch-tv/programs/burlington-wards-2-and-3-npa-meeting-32>

Steering Committee member present: Tony Redington, Ward 2, Barbara McGrew, Ward 3, Kevin Deutermann, Ward 3, Charlie Giannoni Ward 3, Jessica Hyman Ward 3, Mollie Flanigan Ward 3, Patrick Johnson, Ward 2.

Meeting start time 6:34pm

Announcements

- Thank you to Sam Atallah for the music!
- Introduction of Steering Committee Members
- Next meeting notification: Thursday, Feb. 11
- Recordings can be found on [youtube](#) or [cctv](#)'s website
- 2021 Funding request process and application deadline – Mollie Flanigan
 - The Wards 2 & 3 NPA is receiving \$2,500 for each ward for NPA operating expenses and community projects. The recipients for the community funding will be democratically decided by the attendees of the March 11 Wards 2/3 NPA meeting.
 - Ward 2 and 3 residents and business owners are invited to apply for an NPA grant. Projects should be community oriented, support the operation and/or purpose of the NPA, and benefit the wards! (examples: organizing a neighborhood celebration, an initiative to improve engagement or accessibility of the NPA meetings, community gardens, public art, etc.) Please keep in mind that all applications must be in-line with state and local public health regulations regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.\
 - Application deadline is Feb. 15 (submit online, via email, or on paper)
 - Applications will be posted for community review and voted on at the March 11 NPA meeting.
 - Application form: <https://forms.gle/xf4yNfhHEndmgVqN8>, or download from <http://wards2and3npa.weebly.com/community-grants.html> and email to the Steering Committee at wards2and3npa@googlegroups.com.
 - Please reach out to the Steering Committee with questions about the application and process at wards2and3npa@googlegroups.com.
- Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee Open Seats – Kevin Deuterman
 - Ward 2/3 is looking for civic-minded volunteers to represent us on the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Advisory Committee beginning February 2021.
 - More information about CDBG and the Advisory Board may be found here. <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/CDBG-Program-Overview>
 - If you are interested in servig on the CDBG review committee, email wards2and3npa@googlegroups.com.

For clarity and length, candidates' responses have been omitted from the minutes. Time stamps are listed below for each section and the recording can be found on [CCTVs](#) website or [YouTube](#).

I. Central District City Council Candidate Forum: Perri Freeman (incumbent), Tiki Archambeau

- a. Video Timestamp: [18:00 – 57:00](#)
- b. Opening statements and closing statements were issued by each candidate.
- c. The question topics for the candidates included police reform and accountability, the Mayor's veto of the police reform proposal, candidate visions for complete streets and improved public infrastructure, Perri's attendance at a protest, Tiki's decision to run as an Independent instead of Progressive, rent control, how the candidates check their bias and represent the whole community.

II. Burlington Mayoral Candidate Forum: Miro Weinberger (incumbent), Max Tracy, Ali Dieng

- a. Video Time Stamp: [1:00 – 1:58](#)
- b. The question topics for the candidates included Old North End safety, police oversight, police reform change proposal, structural racism, the climate crisis, fostering spaces within the city's governance for thoughtful discourse, things the candidates admire about their opponents, leadership weaknesses and the candidates envision compensating for those weaknesses, and management/leadership experience.

III. Central District School Commissioner Forum: Jean Waltz (incumbent) **UNEDITED**

- a. Video Time Stamp: [1:59 – 2:05](#)
- b. Jean is running unopposed.
- c. She discussed her history in Burlington, her work within the school system itself, and the responsibilities of the position.

Representative Updates | 30 min

School Commissioners (15 mins), City Councilors (5 mins), State Legislators (10 mins) - Presentations, Q&A

Ward 2 School Commission Stephen Carey

- It's a full-time job. It's very rewarding. It's time consuming. It's confusing. It's fascinating and it's also very difficult.

- Current issues include Principal Green's Resignation, covid, Macy's renovation, Budget, superintendent's goals, committee work

COVID: Increase in cases after Halloween. 28 covid cases associated with the schools. Followed rigorous protocol: Announced to community, followed dept. of health guidance, Superintendent shares info. Anyone associated with the outbreak is well informed. In some cases, the school is shut down, in other cases classes are quarantined. Teachers are scrambling. This is an ongoing, serious issue being dealt with in serious ways.

Q: What about fiscal belt tightening in the time of covid?

A: (Stephen) Learned on Tuesday night, Superintendent has worked hard to find reductions in expenditures. Originally looking at 13% increase in school budget based on advice from the state. Now it's 7.5% increase

(Jean): Multilingual liaisons are getting a 12-month contract instead of 9-months. This an addition to the budget - 1% increase.

Q: Have students been involved in the design of the Macy's space?

A: (Stephen): Student panel meets with Supt. Flanagan.

(Polly Vanderputten: Macy's is meant to be a temporary place. We still need input on BHS renovations. Lunch with Tom – Wednesdays at noon via Zoom is an opportunity for community input.

Chittenden-6-4 Rep. Brian Cina

- Reps are holding a forum on Sunday, Jan. 24, 4-5pm.
- Exciting start to the legislative session.
- On health care committee

Chittenden-6-2 Rep. Emma Mulvaney Stanak

- Wild start as new state legislator. Like wandering through a cave with no headlamp.
- Meeting new people, learning a lot
- Thank you Jill for leadership
- On Commerce and Economic Devel committee.
- 4 bills in the works!
- Collaboration with P and p progressives. Encourage folks to reach out.

Chittenden-6-3 Rep. Jill Krowinski

- So proud to have been elected as speaker and serving with great rep from BTV.
- Covid is a focus, plus a lot of work on things that were already working on – broadband, childcare, affordable housing, climate change, social equity and justice
- Putting health and safety first.
- We are here for you
- Chittenden-6-3 Rep. Curt McCormack is recovering from surgery – doing well
- Working hard to get \$ for BHS in budget adjustment
- Always available by email or by phone

Chittenden-6-4 Rep. Selene Colburn

- Rep Chitt 6-4 (live in Ward 1)
- Focused on what an equitable covid response looks like, not just take us back to status quo - What are the systems of oppression or injustice and inequity that got us there.
- There's at tension between wanting to be cautious and recognize hard times to govern. Need to commit to big changes – livable wages, family leave, reparative work to address deep inequities.
- Roll up sleeves and try to change the world we live in because for a lot of folks it's just not working.

City Councilor Brian Pine:

- Whole community facing tough decisions around public safety. City Council/police commission/Police union looking at issues.
- Re: Mailing by police union is misleading. Violent crime is not increasing. Data shows steady

decline in calls for service 2016-2019.

- Stay informed, stay open minded.
- One area with sig. increase: mental health crises. The one area that law enforcement says they are least equipped to deal with.

City Councilor Perri Freeman

- Status about assessment of BPD. We are looking to finalize contract on community engagement. Also have a contract for the audit.
- Re: Why proposal on charter change had a new body instead of the police commission. Adding additional tasks to the police commission would be overwhelming. So having a body only dedicated to oversight would give it the capacity to do the work. Also because of the selection process. The need to create a body that could effectively complete the tasks.
- Next steps on oversight issue: Continuing to work on issue, reach out to stakeholders. City leadership is working on next steps

City Councilor Max Tracy

- Trying to address concerns in a collaborative way.
- ONE councilors met with neighbors dealing with residents – clear that an enforcement-based approach to strategy to substance- based issues is not enough. There's a lot of unmet need. We need to do more to build out those positions.
- Talked with a Community Support Officer – part of the proposal. Have not seen a fully fleshed out proposal from the Mayor's office. (unarmed members of the dept.)
- Crucial to build out unarmed roles within and outside the department to address needs we see to address needs in the community.
- We don't need to go back on the commitment – need to make more of these positions. CSO - one month to bring on vs. 14 months to bring in officer.
- There are public hearings on City Council on Monday re: Charter Changes Ranked Choice Voting, Just Cause, thermal energy

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