



Wards 2 and 3 Neighborhood Planning Assembly

Thursday January 10, 2018, 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 – 15 minutes (6:30 – 6:45):

- Salvation Farms workforce development program (Jake Kornfeld)
- Did you know these meetings are now live streamed on YouTube? November's meeting can be found here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0hLh5ACqL6c>

Public Forum– 15 minutes (6:45 – 7:00):

- Announcements / Comments / Issues / Suggestions (one minute per speaker)

CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Advisory Board Vote – 15 minutes (7:00 – 7:15)

- Background Info: Andrew Champagne, Lizzie Haskell (Current Advisory Board Members)
- Three candidates for Ward 3 representative:
 - Kevin Dentermonn, Ward 3 kdootz@gmail.com
 - Perri Freeman, Ward 3, perrienne23@gmail.com
 - Jess Hyman, Ward 3, jessicaHymanvt@gmail.com
- One candidate for Ward 2 representative:
 - Alissa Faber, Ward 2, alissafaber@gmail.com
- Here are links with more information about CDBG grants:
 - <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/Who-Decides>
 - <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/Requests-for-Funds>

Landlord / Tenant Rights and Laws – 20 minutes (7:15 – 7:35)

- Sandy Baird, Esq.

NPA Funding Request / Current Proposal – 20 minutes (7:40 – 8:00)

- Ali Dieng, Dave Hartnett, City Councilors

Door Prize – 5 minutes (8:00)

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
Perri Freeman	Ward 2	perriane23@gmail.com
Patrick Johnson	Ward 2	superdogirie@gmail.com
Emma Schoenberg	Ward 2	em.schoenberg@gmail.com
Tony Redington	Ward 2	TonyRVT99@gmail.com
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Vikas Mangipudi	Ward 3	mangipudivm@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 and 3)	Jane Knodell	Progressive	862-2469	jknodell@burlingtonvt.gov
Ward 2	Max Tracy	Progressive	373-1968	mtracy@burlingtonvt.gov
Ward 3	Brian Pine	Progressive		bpine@burlingtonvt.gov

School Board Members:

Central District (Wards 2 and 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		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
Chris Pearson	Progressive/Democrat	802.860.3933	cpearson@leg.state.vt.us
Michael Sirotkin	Democrat	802.999.4360	msirotkin@leg.state.vt.us



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Draft Meeting Notes

Steering Committee present:

Perri Freeman Ward 2

Patrick Johnson Ward 2

Emma Schoenberg Ward 2

Tony Redington Ward 2

Infinite Culcleasure Ward 3

Amanda Hannaford Ward 3

Lizzie Haskell Ward 3

Vikas Mangipudi Ward 3

Start Time: 6:30pm

NPA Announcements/ Public Forum

-Jean Bergman, Ward 2: Proposed charter change to privatize Church St marketplace is being put in front of voters in March. Learn more about it, attend event on Jan 22nd and Jan 28th when public hearings are. Council can only act if people testify at this hearing.

-Brian Cina, State Representative: 2nd day of legislative session today. Asked by citizens to look into billboards around Cityplace downtown. Asked if it was legal, billboards might be illegal.

-Perri Freeman- Running for City Council for Central District. Won endorsement of Progressive Party. Community organizer, homecare provider, renter in district. Main priorities: rising cost of housing, stagnating wages, climate impact, affordability.

-Jared Carter- Running against Perry in upcoming race. Professor at Vermont Law School. Three main points: invest in people, protect and preserve public spaces, restore balance in City Council.

-Matthew Ennis- Trying to get City Hall Park issue on the ballot. Need signatures to get the issue on the ballot. People need to contact their councilors about the issue as well. City Council has until the 28th to make a decision

-Kirsten Merriman-Shapiro, CEDO- Parks, Arts and Culture subcommittee meeting later in January. More info posted online.

- Single use plastics issue on upcoming ballot as advisory question. Opportunity to take the gauge of the public interest in an issue.
- Senior Center study committee. Lost United Way funding, committee was set up to figure out permanent sustainable solution. Many low-income seniors use center. Looking at services to make sure seniors can age in place and have a high quality of life.
- Burlington Free Press issue- Article about GMT Transit about how ridership has gone down nationally.
- Coming up in Statehouse this session: policy about renewable energy has been changed, has slowed down renewable energy in state. With lots of Progressives and Democrats in statehouse, we should change policy back to accelerate renewable energy efforts.
- Transportation issues: Fatality on North Ave at intersection of Poirier Place. Every 6.5 years, a pedestrian dies in Burlington. We need safer intersections in Burlington. the proposed solution by city is unsatisfactory, needs pedestrian refuge w curbs in the middle.
- Mayor Miro Weinberger: Pedestrian safety is improving. DPW is giving their best effort to limit pedestrian exposure at intersections.

CDBG Advisory Board Vote

- Ward 3: Kevin and Jess will be sharing the role
- Ward 2: Alyssa

Sandy Baird- Landlord/Tenant Law

- Lives on Loomis St (not in Ward 2 or 3)
- Became a lawyer through studying another lawyer, does a free legal clinic every Saturday morning. Coaches people to do their own legal cases in court- family court, landlord/tenant law
- In landlord/tenant law, landlords always have lawyers, tenants sometimes do not
- Evictions happen frequently in Burlington
- “Just Cause Eviction”- pushed for this policy, it didn’t happen. Property rights are absolutely with the landlord, many evictions are “no cause” evictions. In certain states, there are “Just Cause” laws, but they do not exist in Burlington
- Laws differ between leases/non-lease situation (i.e public housing)
- Rent controls were considered during era of Bernie as mayor. Has not been tried in Burlington

-Eviction notices must give you one month to find a new place. However, you are not required to leave until you receive a court order. Landlord does not have the right to turn off any utilities during this time.

Ali Dieng, Dave Hartnett, Mayor Weinberger- NPA Funding Request

-Councilor Dieng and Hartnett sponsored resolution to get the NPAs more funding/support

-NPAs used to have more power. Used to be funding available to put on events, support community members

-Steering committees and NPAs do a lot of hard work, but do not hold a lot of decision making power.

-Jane Knodell, Brian Pine, Max Tracy helped resolution moved forward, though it ended with 6-6 vote.

-Some City councilors felt that they did not have enough information to vote, wanted more time and warning about issue before having to vote. Steering committee members felt that they had not been informed

-Many conversations have happened within NPAs/ steering committees about need for more support. Looking to fund smaller community events, childcare during meetings. Conversations happened in June

-Not just wanting more funding, also wanting more decision-making power

-Mayor Weinberger: Some NPAs don't use all their yearly funds, which is why it didn't make sense to increase budgets at the time. Wards 2 +3 is an exception, as they usually do use all their funds to put on community dinners.

City Hall Park- Mayor Weinberger

-Very important issue through January/February is City Hall Park as potential ballot item

-Issue began back in 2011 when BCA got substantial and unusual grant to look into fixing up park, which has been talked about for some time

-“Paving over park” is political hyperbole. Proposal includes 1500 shrubs, grasses. and perennials.

-51 trees in park currently. There will be 48 in final design (some younger, new trees)

-This plan is an opportunity to make park more usable throughout year

-The issue has become larger than City Hall Park- the plan has been worked on for seven years after extensive public input. Have been trying to implement this decision for a long time.

Meeting End: 8:30pm

Minutes by Hannah Carpino, CEDO intern

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 : 1-10-19 Location: 20 Allen St. ONE

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or email to cedofd@burlingtonvt.gov

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| 3 | Carol Czina | 22 |
| 4 | Kevin Deutermann | 23 |
| 5 | Lizzie Hassell | 24 |
| 6 | Ben Dube | 25 |
| 7 | Laura Mistretta | 26 |
| 8 | ALBERT PETRARCA | 27 |
| 9 | JACK DAGGITT | 28 |
| 10 | Annie McAneny | 29 |
| 11 | Curt McCormack | 30 |
| 12 | Kenzie Hines | 31 |
| 13 | Max Tracy | 32 |
| 14 | Perri Freeman | 33 |
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