



Wards 2 and 3 Neighborhood Planning Assembly

Thursday January 9, 2020, 6:30pm-8:00pm

Old North End Community Center, 20 Allen Street

wards2and3npa.weebly.com

Community Dinner at 5:30pm (by donation)

<http://onecommunitydinner.weebly.com>

NPA Announcements – 10 minutes

- Tonight's purpose - Prepare for March 5th Ballot (early voting starts February 13th)
- Financial Report – NPA Budget process notification, request for applications (\$2500 per ward!)
- Suggestion Box
- Introduction of Steering Committee Members
- In an effort to allow more people to participate in discussions, we ask that both questions and answers be kept as short as possible and concise (our recommendation is 1 minute questions and 2 minute answers).
- These meetings are both live streamed and available for later viewing on YouTube. The meeting videos can be found by searching YouTube for "Burlington Wards 2 & 3 NPA"

Public Forum – 15 minutes (one minute per speaker)

- Announcements / Comments / Issues / Suggestions

Town Meeting Day Ballot:

1. School Budget Approval (NOTE: on February NPA agenda)
2. Municipal Tax Rate (*charter change*)
3. Permit Reform (*charter change*)
4. Downtown Improvement District (DID) (*charter change*)
5. Business Personal Property Tax (*charter change*)
6. Single Use Plastic Reduction Policy (*advisory*)

City Councillors Q & A – 20 minutes

Max Tracy (ward 2), Brian Pine (ward 3), Perri Freeman (central district)

Mayor's Q&A – 20 minutes

Mayor Miro Weinberger

State House of Representatives Update Q & A – 15 minutes

Curt McCormack (Chittenden 6-3), Jill Krowinski (Chittenden 6-3)

Brian Cina (Chittenden 6-4), Jean O'Sullivan (Chittenden 6-2),

State Senate Update Q & A – 15 minutes

Tim Ashe (Chittenden county)

Door Prize Drawing – 5 minutes

Adjourn

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:

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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	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	802.318.2585	cmccormack@leg.state.vt.us
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Chittenden-6-2	Jean O'Sullivan	Democrat	802.658.0492	josullivan@leg.state.vt.us

Vermont State Senators (Chittenden County)

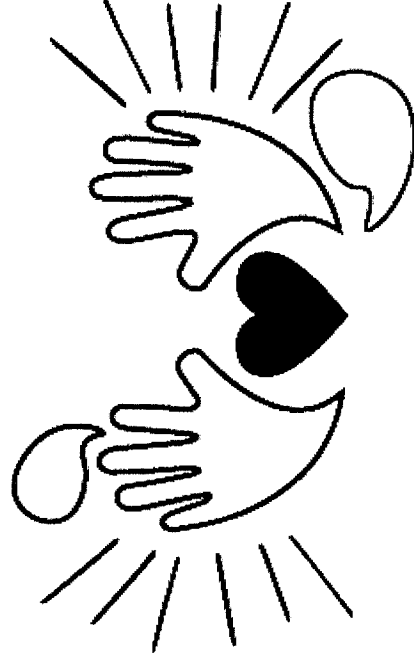
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JUSTICE FOR CHIRI!

On November 22nd, Luis (Chiri) Ulloa, a farmworker, was traveling from the farm to Burlington with friends when his car was pulled over by Deputy Jeffrey Turner. Chiri was the passenger, not the driver, but Deputy Turner demanded to see his ID and radioed Border Patrol, holding the car on the side of the interstate until agents arrived and detained Chiri.



These actions violate Deputy Turner's own department's Fair and Impartial Policing Policy (FIPP), which states that "members of Chittenden County Sheriff's Department shall not initiate or prolong stops for the purpose of enforcing civil immigration laws, such as suspicion of undocumented status, nor shall they prolong stops for the purpose of allowing federal immigration authorities to conduct such investigation."



COMMUNITY VOICES FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS

Meetings: Every other Monday, 5:30-7:30p
Every Thursday, 7:00-8:30p
241 No Winooski Ave in Burlington

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#NOMAS POLIMIGRA



STOP POLICE COLLABORATION WITH DEPORTATION AGENTS!

EVERYONE SHOULD LIVE FREE FROM FEAR, BIAS, AND DISCRIMINATION

IMPARTIAL POLICING POLICY (FIPP) IMPORTANT?

- **Human rights:** Everyone should be treated equally under the law. The process of getting a traffic ticket or a DUI should be the same for every person, regardless of outward appearances or immigration status.
- **Public safety:** the current system causes immigrant and New American communities to not trust law enforcement and not contact or work with them, which creates a less safe community for everyone
- **Resource utilization:** Spending public resources on local police officers helping to deport our undocumented neighbors means that those resources are not being spent addressing actual problems that affect the daily lives of people in our community

THE #NOMASPOLIMIGRA CAMPAIGN AIMS TO BRING AWARENESS TO THE FIPP LOOPHOLES AND TO WORK WITH CITY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND CITIZENS TO CLOSE THEM.
“POLIMIGRA” IS A COMBINATION OF THE SPANISH WORDS FOR POLICE (POLICIA) AND IMMIGRATION AGENTS (MIGRA). IT IS USED TO DESCRIBE WHEN POLICE COLLABORATE WITH IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS.

- It allows for the reporting of immigration status of victims and witnesses of crimes to deportation agents
- It evades prohibitions on asking about immigration status by allowing officers to rely on the pretext that the person is suspected of having recently crossed the border
- It allows the sharing of confidential information with immigration agents, so long as it's justified on grounds of “public safety” or “law enforcement needs”
- It grants deportation agents access to individuals in police custody, effectively turning local police stations into temporary holding cells for ICE and Border Patrol

WHAT CAN WE DO TO STRENGTHEN THE FIPP?

- Our citizen-led coalition, Community Voices for Immigrant Rights, is working with Migrant Justice to pass a city-wide resolution, in which City Council would pass a police department directive to close the loopholes.
- **WE NEED YOU** to pressure on your city councilor to support the new resolution:
 - Write them a letter or go to your NPA to ask them to support the resolution
 - Learn more at our panel discussion at **6pm on 1/21** - Fletcher Free Library, Fletcher Room
 - Come to rally and vote on the city council resolution at **6:30pm on 1/27** - steps outside Contois Auditorium

2014: Farm workers and Migrant Justice leaders and activists won passage of Act 193, mandating all police departments in the state implement Fair and Impartial Policing policies (FIPP) and gave a July 1st 2016 deadline for departments to adopt the model state policy.

2016: FIPP protected all Vermonters from biased policing based on personal characteristics (like race, gender, or sexual orientation) or immigration status and greatly limited local police from engaging in federal immigration enforcement.

2017: Due to many departments not fully implementing the policy, a law compelling all departments to implement it in full was passed. Police officials took advantage of this to reopen discussions on the model policy, in an attempt to water it down. On December 12th, 2017, a group of law enforcement officials voted to weaken Vermont's FIPP, effectively opening the door for increased discrimination and police collaboration with deportation agents.

VERMONT'S STATEWIDE POLICY IS FLOOR, NOT A CEILING. OTHER CITIES, INCLUDING WINDOSKI, ARE BUILDING ON THE STATEWIDE POLICY BY ADOPTING STRONGER LANGUAGE THAT HELPS PROTECT THEIR RESIDENTS; ITS FIPP CLOSED THE LOOPHOLES IN 2018.

Wards 2 and 3 NPA
January 9th, 2020
20 Allen Street ONE Community Center
Draft Minutes

Meeting Start 6:30pm

NPA Steering Committee Member present: Francesca Enzler-Ward 2, Patrick Johnson-Ward 2, Amanda Hannaford-Ward 3, Charlie Giannoni-Ward 3, Alex Lavin-Ward 2, Kevin Deuterman-Ward 3

NPA Announcements

Each ward has 2500.00 to spend. There is a napplication for projects and will vote in March. Reach out to Wards 2 and 3 Steering Committee members for questions.

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/Neighborhood-Services/NPAs/Wards-2-and-3-NPA>

Extra funds will go into AV and food cost.

Public forum:

Nomas Polimigra works with council to not have police work with immigration. Will be hosting 6pm on 21st in library or 6pm on the 27th at city hall

Echo Center will be having MLK Day Event on Jan. 20th

Public Works Commission meets on third 3rd wed. See handout for more info about what the commission does.

Councilor Updates:

Brian Pine-Affordable housing tax to restore back to full penny into housing trust fund. This fund will help people who need housing assistance, Home Share VT, and Habitat. The Federal Government has retreated and shrunk affordable housing funding so this is local way to help alleviate rent burden. More than half of Burlington's are rent burden which means that people are paying for over 30% of their income. On 26th will go over the ballot and Jan 27th will have final ballot hearing and anyone who want to run is due this day to. Also on the ballot is an increase to public safety tax for the fire dept. on North Ave. to have an ambulance. With this there would be staffing included.

Max Tracy- Current voting process way now is where State ballot is available 45 days out and the local is 28 days. If there is an away request for the ballots they get sent a federal ballot and then a city ballot which confuses people and then only do one. This would make City ballot be pushed back to 45 days so people would be sent both local and State at the same time. Still looking into conflict with school budget and working with city attorney to find out how this would affect the schools.

Transportation resolution is to understand the cost of subsidizing driving. So if understand the cost then can see the difference in how bikers, walkers are contributing to supporting drivers. Also will be discussing Winooski corridor that will add more bike lanes. If don't have N. Winooski as a network for bikers then can't move forward with climate commitment.

Perri Freeman-Non citizen voting, there were some concern that there will be a list but this list of non-citizens already exist. If get approved, this will expand voting rights. The language is similar to State language and is for permanent residents. The number of people that would be able to vote would be in the thousands. If this passes it would go to Montpelier to the legislator and then the Governor.

Montpelier is moving ahead with the same ballot.

Need to have a call to action for climate change and need to look at daily lifestyle and if it's sustainable. Need to move faster to reduce consumption.

Mayor Miro Weinberger:

Signed climate emergency and in agreement that this is important and urgent. Need to understand current optimism of what is being done. 2019 release Netzero plan. This plan envisions BTV that is achievable. People will still own cars just electric cars that will be charged by bed renewal energy.

Housing trust fund. The numbers are modest for property owners and will have doubling of resources of 500,000 for affordable housing to fight against homelessness. Such as in the past the fairing ton mobile park was supported by housing trust fund and saved this community to be a co-op

The number of calls in the north end for ambulance has gone up. If the city want to offer fair services to this neighborhood will need a 3rd ambulance. If calls 911 the City fire dept answers to provide rapid response. If both ambulances are busy then hospital ambulance that is staffed by students. If this ambulance is busy then other municipal ambulances respond which can take a long time. This is happening frequently and can't rely on this system. This would be a 10% increase in the fire dept.

Have started a process to find police chief. Appointed Jennifer Morrison to be Interim Police Chief. Morrison left to be police chief of Colchester and then retired and have come out of retirement to be interim BPD chief. This will be a community engaged process.

Assessable Dwelling Units (ADU). These are second home that is built on the lot of property. This could add thousands of affordable homes and can add to housing stock of BTV. Even if it's legal to build in BTV there have been little built due to parking, sprinkler and home ownership requirements.

Legislator Updates:

Jill Krowinski- Liked what the Governor said about providing child care outside of school time which is Afterschool and the summer. Didn't think the Governor's speech went that fair with climate change and heard from the speech a lack of support. In speech said want to have families have more affordable life but didn't hear any concrete way such as paid family leave. There was no point in the speech that talked about women's prison which was concerning.

Curt McCormack-Governor did not express much comments on transportation except to talk about electric Harleys, Mustang, and big pickup trucks. Need to move toward rail and transit. If Governor doesn't mention this then it makes it harder for the legislator committee to move these steps forward. There was a study done that recommended education remove stigma and more electrification of amenities on buses, expand services, fair free.

Brian Cina-Will meet with Governor's liaison to have regenerative economy discussion where can have regional assemblies to come up with recommendation to hand over to the State of what needs to be done to address equity and community. Glad that the Governor talked about Iceland Model and looked them as a model country. Iceland has universal healthcare, afterschool care, and reformed their banking system.

Selene Coburn-Was excited that statehouse was full of young people. Heard a lot of enthusiasm for efficiency VT admissions model. Heard that Governor is not going to support admission regulation and not raise rate. This was concerning and not moving the climate change movement forward. Need shift into economic justice and not pit rural and urban areas against each other. If the whole state has livable wage can improve lives for all VT. Working on sex trafficking. Working on 2 bills o protect vulnerable people in position of trafficking to de-criminalize.

Meeting End: 8:30pm

Minutes by Phet Keomanyvanh-CEDO

