

Wards 2 and 3 Neighborhood Planning Assembly



Thursday, February 8, 2024, 6:30-8:30pm

Join in person: ONE Community Center, 20 Allen St.

Join virtually: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85860854764>

Community dinner: 5:30-6:30pm | Moroccan Feast: Harira Soup, Chermoula Roasted Vegetables, Quinoa Tabbouleh w/Fresh Herbs, Khobz, and Orange Olive Oil Cake

Music: Mardi Gras Band with Brian Perkins

Special Activity: FREE Make-Your-Own Valentines table with HoneyBee Heather

Moderator: Lauren Ebersol Notetaker: Mollie Flanigan

6:30 pm Introductions & Announcements | 10 min

1. Adopt the agenda
2. NPA member introductions
3. Announcements: Looking for a Ward 2 rep for the [N. Winooski Ave transportation demand management \(TDM\) plan](#)
4. Annual City Election and Presidential Primary Election are on March 5.
 - a. The **City ballot** will be mailed to all active registered voters by Feb 14.
 - b. The **Presidential Primary ballot** will be mailed to voters **by request only**.
 - c. The recent redistricting will be in effect. [Check to see what ward you're in.](#)
 - d. [Get more info about the election on the City's website.](#)

6:40 pm Public Forum | 10 min (2 minutes max per person)

Please state your full name, pronouns, street, and ward, and follow the NPA ground rules.

6:50 pm Vote on new Ward 3 Steering Committee member | 5 min

Jessy Robbins

6:55 pm CEDO Consolidated Plan | 15 min

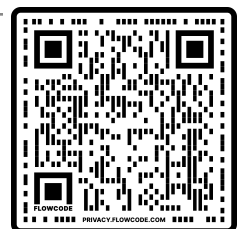
Fosca Bechthold and Scott Rogers, Community and Economic Development Office

Come share what you think are Burlington's greatest housing and community development needs to inform the new survey: [City of Burlington Open Town Hall - Burlington's Five-Year Plan for Housing and Community Needs - Issue \(opengov.com\)](#)

7:10 pm Ballot questions | 20 min

- [Fiscal Year 25 Burlington School District Budget](#)
- [Burlington Electric Department Credit Limit](#), *Emily Stebbins-Wheelock, BED Chief Financial Officer*

Use the QR code to go to any of these links: [Email us](#) • Go to [our website](#) • Watch meeting recordings on [CCTV's website](#) • Connect with us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) • Request a time slot with [CEDO's request form](#) • Links from this agenda



- [Public Safety Tax](#)

7:30 pm Uncontested Races Candidate Statements | 5 min

2 minute statements

Ward 2 City Council Candidate: Gene Bergman, Progressive

Ward 3 School Commissioner Candidate: Saja Almogalli

Saja is unable to attend this meeting, but please [reach out](#) to her with any questions

Ward 2 School Commissioner Candidate: Polly Vanderputten

7:35 pm Ward 3 City Council Forum | 60 min

Candidates:

- [Malik Mines](#), Democrat
- [Joe Kane](#), Progressive
- [Christopher Aaron-Felker](#), Republican

8:35 pm Adjourn - thank you for coming!

Our next meeting is Thursday, March 14.

Recorded Mayoral Race Debates:

Burlington Unified Parent Teacher Organization: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFwr1sOrh80>

Burlington Mayoral Candidate Forum (CCTV): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WD6xgKUT9zQ>

APPENDIX

Information to join virtually (via Zoom)

Note: The webinar information is the same for every meeting.

Webinar link	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85860854764
Webinar ID	858 6085 4764
Or iPhone one-tap	US: +19292056099,,85860854764#
Or telephone	+1 929 205 6099 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 669 900 6833

Wards 2 and 3 NPA Steering Committee

To email the full steering committee: wards2and3npa@googlegroups.com

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About Neighborhood Planning Assemblies (NPAs)

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....

NPA GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- Operate through democratic principles and democratic procedures;
- Provide a safe and welcoming forum where residents can actively share their voices about issues that matter to them, and where they can learn from the voices of others;
- Cultivate involvement by a diverse spectrum of community members through active outreach and through eliminating barriers to participation;
- Operate in a manner that models respectful, inclusive, culturally, and economically aware practices; and
- Be a fun, creative, and vital organization that provides value and benefit through the multitude of perspectives shared by those who participate.

NPA GROUND RULES:

- Meetings should have clearly defined Agenda & Roles.
- Honor Time limits: A best effort must be made to start on time, follow the agenda, and finish on time.
- Listen to others: Make efforts to be an open-minded member of the group.
- Respect the agenda and the process: Try to remain focused on the issue at hand.
- Share your opinion respectfully: Speak out, but not over, others' comments.
- Treat people how you would like to be treated: Be respectful of everyone, including guests.

Elected officials representing Wards 2 and 3

Mayor:

Mayor Miro Weinberger	Democrat	802-865-7272	mayor@BurlingtonVT.gov
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City Councilors:

Central District (Wards 2 & 3)	Melo Grant	Progressive	megrant@burlingtonvt.gov	802-310-0962
Ward 2	Gene Bergman	Progressive	gbergman@burlingtonvt.gov	802-598-3602
Ward 3	Joe Magee	Progressive	jmagee@burlingtonvt.gov	802-279-5513

School Board Members:

Central District (Wards 2 & 3)	Jean Waltz		jwaltz@bsdvt.org	802-355-7856
Ward 2	Faizo Hassan		hassanfaizo@gmail.com	802-578-1259
Ward 3	Polly Vanderputten		pvanderputten@bsdvt.org	802-578-8653

Vermont State House Representatives:

Chittenden-15	Troy Headrick	Progressive/Democrat	theadrick@leg.state.vt.us	
Chittenden-15	Brian Cina	Progressive/Democrat	bcina@leg.state.vt.us	(802) 828-2228
Chittenden-16	Kate Logan	Progressive/Democrat	klogan@leg.state.vt.us	(802) 828-2228
Chittenden-16	Jill Krowinski	Democrat	jkrowinski@leg.state.vt.us	(802) 828-2228
Chittenden-17	Emma Mulvaney-Stanak	Progressive/Democrat	emulvaneystanak@leg.state.vt.us	(802) 828-2228

Vermont State Senators:

Chittenden-Central	Tanya Vyhovsky	Progressive/Democrat	ltvyhovsky@leg.state.vt.us	(802) 828-2228
Chittenden-Central	Martine Gulick	Democrat	mgulick@leg.state.vt.us	(802) 828-2228
Chittenden-Central	Philip Baruth	Democrat/Progressive	pbaruth@leg.state.vt.us	(802) 503-5266