

# Wards 2 and 3 Neighborhood Planning Assembly Minutes

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

In person at ONE Community Center, 20 Allen St. and  
virtually via Zoom



Attendees: see following pages

Moderator: Lauren Ebersol Notetaker: Mollie Flanigan

## 6:34 pm Introductions & Announcements

1. Adopt the agenda, Mollie moved to adopt the agenda and David seconded
2. Announcements: Looking for a Ward 2 rep for the [N. Winooski Ave transportation demand management \(TDM\) plan](#)
3. 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.](#)

## 6:38 pm Public Forum

- Solvey Overby - Explained ranked choice voting
- Will Emmons - Introduced himself as a mayoral candidate
- Chris Hassel - Introduced himself as a mayoral candidate
- Charlie Messing - Spoke to downtown representation concerns within Ward and Council on Aging and advocacy of fixing sidewalks
- Melo Grant - Encouraged everyone to vote on town meeting day

## 6:50 pm Vote on new Ward 3 Steering Committee member Jessy Robbins

Nomination from the floor: Charlie Messing

Chris motioned voting in Jessy Robbins and Charlie Messing onto the Ward 3 Steering Committee. Michelle seconded. Ward 3 members present unanimously voted in support.

## 6:55 pm CEDO Consolidated Plan

*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 \(opengov.com\)](#)

## 6:56 pm Ballot questions

### Fiscal Year 25 Burlington School District Budget

*Russ Elek, Communication Specialist with Burlington School District gave an overview of the budget*

Contact information: [relek@bsdvt.org](mailto:relek@bsdvt.org)

- Resources:
  - [Budget One Pager Summary](#)
  - [Town Meeting Day Budget Presentation](#)
  - [Webpage](#)

### **Burlington Electric Department Credit Limit**

*Emily Stebbins-Wheelock, BED Chief Financial Officer*

- Resources:
  - [Burlington Electric Department Credit Limit FAQ](#)

### **Public Safety Tax**

*Gene Bergman, Ward 2 City Councilor, Melo Grant, Central District City Councilor*

- Resources:
  - [Public Safety Tax City Council Resolution](#)

### **7:25 pm Uncontested Races Candidate Statements**

**Ward 2 City Council Candidate:** Gene Bergman, Progressive: [Website](#)

**Ward 3 School Commissioner Candidate:** Saja Almogalli

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

*Email: [salmogalli@bsdvt.org](mailto:salmogalli@bsdvt.org)*

**Ward 2 School Commissioner Candidate:** Polly Vanderputten, Email: [pvanderputten@bsdvt.org](mailto:pvanderputten@bsdvt.org)

### **7:35 pm Ward 3 City Council Forum**

Candidates:

[Malik Mines](#), Democrat

[Joe Kane](#), Progressive

[Christopher Aaron-Felker](#), Republican

### **8:35 pm Adjourn**

Our next meeting is Thursday, March 14.

## **Mayoral Race Resources:**

### **Recorded 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>

Mayoral Matchup (Seven Days): <https://www.sevendaysvt.com>

Attendees:

First Name	Last Name
Angela	Santos
Jose	Santos II
DAVID C	CA II
Schweig	Overby
Anisa	Potvin
Kelly	Hollingsworth
Nil	Farnum-Pendino
Nancy	Haidock
Neel	Haidock
Carol	Wooster
Allie	FUTY
Ghanashyam	Rimal
Ruth	King
Liz	Geoghegan
Gina	Geoghegan
Bess	Lenkay
Karl	Lenkay
Soph	Lenkay
Chris Spak	mai
Ariel	HELMAN
Addie	HERBERT
Jam	PCAN
Amelia	MacClure
Plum	Soyun
	Keri

First Name	Last Name
MAT	NAPOLITAN
CARRIE	NAPOLITAN
Molly	Lawrence
Jacobi	Gorbesky-Hood
ANNA	KREMER
THEO	SOUCY
ABBIE	MORIN
Sara	lyser
Tina	Hubbard
S	Feinberg
Des	Wien
Colin	Butterly
Emily	Metzalte
Tana	Paddock
Hayden	Boska
Mollie	Flanigan
Jeanne	Wattz
Robin	Burnett
scheller	Windle
Gillian	Hasan
Mazhar	Quraishi
JP	Wade
Gene	BERGMAN
Lynne	Allen

First Name	Last Name
Maizie	Arnold
Jaden	Hill
Olivia	Pintail
Maria	Sauer
Sue	Sullivan
Pete	Sullivan
Megan	Ozog
Julia	DiVietro
ALEX	Linsbach
Lawren	Edersol
Nate	DelPrete
Raul	Samuel
MIKE	CHAMBERS
Helen	Rortvedt
Will	Verman
Jacob	Flanigan
Philip	Kiefer
Indri	Schoenherr
Aurora	McLellan
Mart	Killing
SVO	DECKER
FRAV	FRYER
Diane	Byrnes
John	Byrnes
Maya	Amma

First Name	Last Name
Triston	Sarg
Korinn	Zigler
Amy	Prexovitz
Brian	Pine
Si-Yol	Yi
Sidney	Durmick
Lee	Boer
Noah	O'Leary
Catherine	Wessel
Sarah	Morris
Will	Durkin
CLIFFORD	RANSOM
Ben	Gordesky
Malik	Mines
Victor	Dovira
Kira	Capaldi
Will	Emmons
Jacob	Nicks
Charlie	Messing

First Name	Last Name	
Melo	Grant	me
Polly	Vanderputten	prawn
Emily	Stebbins-Wheelock	
IVAN	Kipstein	biff