

MINUTES

Wards 1 & 8 NPA Steering Committee

November 18, 2020 5:15 pm

Join Zoom Meeting (Host: Jonathan)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2437840866?pwd=eWdQRGNnZzhVK29ib1lnWHdRM25DUT09>

Meeting ID: 243 784 0866

Passcode: 18

Facilitator & Recorder: Carol

Attendees: Carol, Jonathan, Tom, Hannah

1. Debrief recent meeting - November 11, 2020
 - Tech piece - way to get attendees to identify selves - small mtg so everyone was on screen; knew most names so comfortable letting everyone in. 30 + is harder to track people, so we can't get everyone on the screen. May need to announce what we're doing and why. We could ask everyone to edit their name to clarify who they are (esp. us). Offer opportunity to put picture on screen.
 - Continue with introductions.
 - Be sure to budget time for people to ask councilors questions during the mtg.
 - Reminder on agenda presenters and emails the Wednesday morning that the agenda times might be flexible: "times are fluid." Also ask presenters for links to slides/presentation.

2. Discuss whether to cancel December meeting
 - We decided to cancel December meeting - we have met consistently for many months; December is a busy time for SC members, presenters, and attendees. Jonathan and Hannah will post notice about cancellation of December's meeting & post on Facebook as well. Tom will email Phet to put announcement on NPA website.

 - SC will meet December 16 to plan January 13 meeting and to start planning for February 10 candidate forum & ballot questions (charter changes) planning. Start announcing our February forum to candidates & check in with BBA (Burl. Business Asn) & AARP to avoid conflicts. Hannah volunteered to check in with BBA.
Asking mayoral candidates and East District council candidates, and School board district candidates.
Inform candidates of February forum - decide at December meeting
Upcoming issues: city budget and school budget planning; instant run-off (Tom will create a concise definition).

3. For December 16 Steering Meeting to plan January 9, 2021 meeting:

Possible January presenters:

Tom Proctor - Chittenden County community organizer for Rights and Democracy, representing a coalition of organizations (CVOEO/Legal Aid/Burlington Tenants Union) backing Just Cause Eviction & Democracy;
C: 828-289-5655 www.radvt.org

Person with different perspective on Just Cause eviction charter change.
Laura Wilson of SD Ireland? Sarah Carpenter? Joan Shannon?
Erhardt Mahnke? Hannah volunteered to check in with Sarah.

??COVID update - UVM

Riverside Micro development

CCRPC on Colchester Ave

Redstone - new apartment development in Ward 8 - (emailed Hannah)

?? GMT - Tom Derenthal: need for financial support to balance their budget.

TOPICS SUGGESTED BY 11/11/20 ATTENDEES: ??

Roles: facilitator/host: Hannah Tech/call in: Recorder:

Agenda:

Announcements - 10+ minutes
Introductions - give name & street/ward - 2 minutes
Speakout - 15 minutes

Pre-meeting tasks:

Setting agenda (create final - set items & times & roles) -
Confirmation emails to all presenters (pre-existing letter) & sending agenda to CEDO -
FPF postings: One East (Jonathan); Centennial (Jonathan); Downtown (Hannah); Hill (Hannah) - Wednesday and Sunday
Facebook & What's App? -
Wednesday morning of meeting - reminder emails to all presenters

4. Recent SC member Actions:

- Tom sent Jonathan spreadsheet of calendar planner with repeated events. Jonathan has added Tom's calendar to the Wards 1 & 8 Committee Task Spreadsheet in the Ward One and Eight NPA folder.

- Jonathan's NPA surveys - Jonathan has sent a link but information is now outdated.
- Ad-hoc committees follow-up:
Budget ideas - Haley Pero - interested in doing budget work (works in Bernie's office on tech & energy); we're looking for someone to work with Haley (Linda R. is not interested)
Development committee - role is to track Devt Review Bd meetings to see what projects are in pipeline and to follow up with project presenters, have them return to NPA to report progress - no one interested in this role at this point.
- Posting agendas to Facebook and What's App; sign in front of ONECommunity Ctr?
Hannah will post link and let people know they can call in to NPA Zoom meetings
During Zoom mtg - call-in numbers can be rewritten as people's names
Tom will look for our Facebook account & we'll look at ways to broaden its use
Hannah- try to work on using Facebook more: posting agenda and minutes, posting presenter presentations; can't run ads. \$100 would allow us to run several ads - should add this to our budget. H. posts NPA agenda on her Twitter account.
- What's App
In future: how to better engage people in all our communities? CEDO support for outreach? Morgan Doherty, Phet K., Family Room at ONE Community Ctr.
Look at ways to do Zoom meetings to different language communities.
- Front Porch Forum donation?
Jonathan will check - \$100 last year donation; want to donate to Channel 17 again. In past, SC members wrote checks personally and then sent invoices to CEDO for reimbursement.
- Caryn Long -
We have paid for stickers. SC ACTION NEEDED: confirm with Caryn to order the stickers.
- Check on sidewalk survey as potential agenda item for future

ACTION STEPS FOR 12/16 SC MEETING:

Hannah - check with BBA/AARP about possible conflict with our candidate forum 2/10 NPA meeting.

Jonathan & Hannah - post notices on FPF and Facebook about cancellation of December NPA meeting.

Tom will notify Phet of December cancellation. Tom sent language for Ranked Choice/Instant Run-off elections.

Jonathan will send link for 12/16 meeting when time comes.

Carol will revise and send updated minutes of this meeting to SC members & CEDO.