

## **AGENDA / MINUTES**

Wards 1 & 8 NPA Steering Committee

September 15, 2021 5:15 pm

Join Zoom Meeting (Host: Jonathan)

143 N Prospect St Porch

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

Meeting ID: 243 784 0866 Passcode: 18

Facilitator: Jonathan Chapple-Sokol Recorder: Carol Livingston

Attendees: Tom Derenthal, Hannah King, Keith Pillsbury

### **Reflect on September Meeting**

Problems: having hesitant candidates but ended up with good candidates; disappointing so few.

Positives: presentations by Martha Keenan and Bob Duncan - good powerpoints, well-prepared and -presented

Wondered about cost of capital plan proposal;

Developers required to present to NPA's but just to be reviewed and inform residents;  
goal was just awareness & notice not approval

In future: it would be helpful to know the criteria for development, e.g. impact of lighting, parking, number of children residents.

### **Plan Agenda for October Meeting**

**Location:** Tom talked with Matt at YMCA, meeting with him on Friday. Should be comfortable for 20-30 people; has internet access. Tom talked with Kristen to figure out internet. CCTV can record, but would prefer to be at the meeting. Guest login so anyone can log in. Kirsten can bring projector for display. Must start at 6:45, set up at 6:30. Hard stop is 8:45. 2 hours for the meeting. Tom will check about parking and how to enter/sign in. (Jonathan will be talking with DPW about parking for the library for future meetings.) (We can spend our budget money on broadcasting equipment in order to accommodate in-person and online meetings.) Future meetings location possibilities - in UVM Davis Center; Fletcher Free Library.

**Participation:** Keith: important to provide time for participants to raise issues important to them.

Speakout has been our vehicle, but it may make sense to offer time later so people have time to get thoughts together. Perhaps set aside time after city councilors speak. Maybe have speakout after CC. Try to figure out ways to provide more time for CC - more Q/A time afterward, as well as Q/A time for school board commissioners.

At beginning of meeting, welcome participants to raise issues and speak to issues that concern them. Reminder of the mission: NPA exists for space for elected officials to hear from constituents. Important that this isn't a forum for debate; it is for sharing ideas and concerns and civil discussion as well.

Consider giving more concrete guidelines to presenters about expectations at an NPA meeting.

**AGENDA:**

Speakout - 5 minutes

City Council report and questions - 15 & 10 minutes

School Board commissioners report and questions - particularly about BHS location options - 5 & 10 min

Ward 8 Steering Committee election - Ward 8 bylaws require that 2 ward 8 residents nominate Keith Pillsbury - 5 minutes

Redistricting Discussion - update & getting input - 45 minutes

November 9 Ballot Items - City official summarize - 15 minutes                      Bond budget items & impact

Residents will be receiving ballots in October. Tom will contact City Hall tomorrow.

Darren Springer's presentation tied to ballot items. Tom will check with Darren.

Carol contact CCouncilors and school board commissioners; Kesha Ram Hinsdale to postpone

Jonathan contact Brian Cina to postpone

Tom contact city about ballot items and Darren Springer; Tom is also meeting with Matt at the Y.

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**Current Requests**

Brian Cina – More NOW (Brian is presenting to UVM Community Relations - Jonathan will ask Brian to postpone and present

Darren Springer - The Net ZERO revenue bond was recommended to the City Council by our Electric Commission on 8/11, and the Council will consider the item on September 13th. If the Council approves, there would be a ballot question in November. Tom will check in with Darren and City about how to present ballot items.

Kesha Ram - General - redistricting, energy,..... Carol ask her to come in November

**Other Possibilities**

UVM, Rotating Legislators, Lists from Prior agendas