



Neighborhood Planning Assembly Agenda for the Wards 2 and 3  
Thursday, April 14, 2016  
McClure Multi-Generational Center/Champlain Senior Center,  
241 N. Winooski Ave  
Draft

Start time is 6:35pm

Steering Committee members present: Andrew Champagne, Ryan McLaren

**Welcome, Introductions and Comments:**

Burlington City Arts (BCA) Community Fund grant and BCA looking for panelist for Community Fund Grant process. For more information visit

<http://burlingtoncityarts.org/BCA-Community-Fund>

City of Burlington has many Boards and Commission openings. For more information visit <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CityCouncil/Public-Board-Members>

NPA Wards 2/3 has \$800.00 in annual fund. Looking for ideas of presenters. Historically split between senior center and dinner, some go to Front Porch Forum and speakers.

Next May NPA meeting will have a discussion and people can propose what to spend money on. The budget expenditure will be on agenda at the next NPA will vote. Need to be specific as who to fund and pay so there's no confusion.

**Let's Grow Kids Presentation:**

**Jessica Barquist, Training Coordinator**

Over 71% of Vermont's Children under the age of 6 have all their parents in the workforce so early childcare is a big need. Ensuring quality childcare that supports social interaction is important to building connection, trust and self-esteem for development.

Two problems identified. Lack of quality and the cost of quality. Parents can't afford to pay and providers can't afford to provide quality resources for staff and facilities.

State has Blue Ribbon Commission-Meets once a month. 2016 there is a plan for providers to provide high quality childcare. Looking at how quality childcare can stay open and support accreditation and training.

80% of children's brain develops in the first 3 year of life.

Serve and Return Model-Babies coo and adults respond. This interaction helps with building developmental foundation of social and emotional health. Children that have high serve and return experiences develop better connections.

Research shows that children not experiencing high Serve and Return have higher learning and behavior issues compared to those who experience high Serve and Return in their early years.

Currently paying for high quality childcare is expensive and hard to come by. There is a subsidy provided by the State but underfunded.

For more information: (802) 448-0483 or visit <http://www.letsgrowkids.org/>

### **H.O.P.E. Works:**

#### **Sarah Mell-April is Sexual Violence Awareness Month**

H.O.P.E Works provides support and advocacy for survivors' of sexual abuse and their loved ones. This past year worked with 868 survivors and their loved ones. And over 500 was directly affected by sexual violence. Age group ranges from 14-24. Provide advocacy, legal, economic, physical impacts

This past year 54% were youth. 84 woman 14 men, 3 non binary.

Usually people who experience sexual violence experience it from someone they know. Best way to prevent is to know your neighbors and hold them accountable to behaviors that don't feel good. Finding ways to talk about health relationships, exploring power and privilege. Create safer spaces. Lots of good events happening. Take Back the Night march on 4/28. 2 Groups will gather; starting 5pm at UVM campus and outside of McClure Multi-Generation Space. Both groups will meet at Contois Hall. Speakers will speak at 6pm.

For more information about H.O.P.E Works call 864.0555 or Statewide VT 800.489.7273

24 hour hotline 802.863.1236 or visit <http://www.hopeworksvt.org/contact.html>

### **HomeShare Vermont:**

#### **Kirby Dunn-Executive Director**

HomeShare Vermont provides screening and matching of the right companionship for shared living. HomeShare negotiates the term of the match. HomeShare started 35yrs ago first helping seniors move in with other seniors. Later seniors wanted to stay in their own home which opened an intergeneration approach to match younger adult to seniors in homes. This exchange helped younger adults find reasonable rent while also providing seniors extra help with household chores. Now there's not an age restriction. HomeShare Vermont to help anyone find the right shared living situation.

The term used for the home owner is; Host and the roommate is; Guest. Moving in to an establish home doesn't affect zoning or permits because it's a roommate situation. 90% become roommates from the initial arrange meeting.

**For more information: Telephone:** (802) 863-5625  
<https://www.homesharevermont.org/>

### **Public Officials Report:**

#### **Representative Curt McCormack**

Legislative session is winding down. Early may.

Marijuana Bill Passed 6/5 vote and bill is sent to Ways and Means

Saliva test-now police can add this test to their tool kit if thinking someone is driving impaired.

Opiate bill-weak on physicians to overprescribe

Education bill-equalize income. Will benefit Burlington because English

Language Learners students

S 20 bill to provide to license for dental assistance to do what they couldn't do before which will lower bill for patients

Low Income Weatherization-been around for years. Helps low income insulate homes and rent too. It also goes to Vermonters to do the weatherization. Need quarter of 1% to fund this weatherized. Increase \$3 in household to put 1.4 millions dollars into the program.

Independent Contractors- New economy based on consultants. Trying to avoid downward pressure in business. Still in the house.

Transportation-4.3 million increase 3 million. Motorist need to be 4 ft. Bikers will have a right of way when turning right.

#### **Representative Chris Pierson**

Property taxes public concerns of School Budget.

There's a burden of middle class 60-120k are paying bulk of property.

Act 60 in 90's property is regressive. Created income sensitivity rebate that no one roughly pay no more than 3% of income. Affected up to 90%

Now everyone is eligible for income sensitivity. Problem is the very wealthy get taxed higher. Now wouldn't be tied to property. Moving forward on senate.

Passed the house.

Automatic voter registration-when go get license need to opt out of registration.

Passed both houses.

Pharmaceuticals transparency bill. Why do our meds cost 3x more than Canada's?

Excuses are because of research. Pharmaceuticals transparency bill will require Pharmaceutical companies to show the research.

#### **City Councilor Max Tracy-Ward 2**

Mall project has initial plans but there's conflict mix use.

Macy is not included and separately owned.  
Above retails is parking. Above that is housing and office space. Mall height is 14 stories. Form Based Code will not be passed before this development.  
Form Based Code is very descriptive and if development meets all the criteria developer doesn't have to go through the DRB.  
Councilors working with Devon Wood on a Development Agreement and agreement will be out April 20<sup>th</sup> and voted in May meeting  
Architectural images available on website.  
Also pushing for a 3D model to be at City Hall so public can get a better conceptual image

Burlington Telecom is doing very well and signing up people at fastest rate in history. This was the right investment but unfortunately not managed and this is why the City needs to sell.

Some Top criteria's.  
-Top-local ownership  
-Affordability  
-Customer service  
-Public access

Next step is adopt criteria's as public standards to factor into the selling of Burlington Telecom.

**Burlington School Board:**  
**Brian Cina, District Central and Liz Curry, Ward 3**  
Multiyear strategic public planning process

Thursday, April 28th, 6:30-8:30PM  
Integrated Arts Academy, 6 Archibald Street

Monday, May 2nd, 6:30-8:30PM  
C.P. Smith Elementary School, 332 Ethan Allen Parkway

Childcare provided.

Please RSVP if you require childcare to Maryann Kalman:

[mkalman@bsdvt.org](mailto:mkalman@bsdvt.org) or (802) 864-8474

For details on translation services at the event, contact Miriam Ehtesham-Cating:

[mcating@bsdvt.org](mailto:mcating@bsdvt.org) or (802) 343-3775

Meeting adjourned 9:03pm  
Meeting minutes submitted by Phet Keomanyvanh, CEDO Community Development Specialist-Public Engagement





