



Ward 4/7 NPA Steering Committee Meeting

April 6, 7:00pm

Miller Center, 130 Gosse Court

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Meeting dates, community room reserved: Jan 27, Feb 24, Mar 23, Apr 27, May 25, June 22, July 27

## April 6, 2016

Steering Committee Members Present: Matt Cropp, Liam Griffin, Martha Molpus, Linda Deliduka

City Representative Present: Phet *Keomanyvanh - CEDO*

Admin: Aim to conclude by 8pm

### Agenda:

- April Meeting
  - Agenda
    - 7:00-7:10 - Ground-rules, introductions, announcements, and requests.
    - 7:10-7:20 - Steering Committee Elections
    - 7:20-7:35 - Open Forum
    - 7:35-7:40 - CDBG Committee Report Back - Peter Ireland and Basu Dakal
    - 7:40-8:00 - CEDO Burlington Sustainability Presentation - Jennifer Green  
[back-up: UVM Student Interviews]
    - 8:00-9:00 - Elected and Appointed Officials
      - North Ave Task Force
      - City Council
      - School Board
  - Logistics
    - Moderation - Matt can't attend this month. Will ask if Jason is available, Liam willing to be back-up
    - Time Keeper - Martha
    - Follow-up
      - Contact School Board -Linda
      - Contact City Councillors -Linda
      - Contact NA Task force to find out if presenting makes sense -Liam
      - Contact Peter and Basu -Matt
      - Contact Jennifer Green about presentation availability.  
[jgreen@burlingtonvt.gov](mailto:jgreen@burlingtonvt.gov) -Linda
      - If
        - Contact Jason -Matt
        - Contact Ward 4 current steering committee members to see who wants to run -Matt
        - Contact Ward 7 "" -Linda
- May Meeting Agenda
  - Agenda item discussion

- Aging infrastructure?
      - Liam - related to 10 year capital plan, which will impact this. Liam will ask about timeline.
    - “Partisan” discussion.
  - Social Media Committee
    - Matt to send email for meeting with committee and Lea.
  - Community Feedback, Bylaws Review & Elections Logistics
    - Feedback & Bylaws Review
      - Phet: Received a call from a resident concerned with feeling alienated, and there was a history of his feedback not being heard, including calling out specific names. Kept calling and emailing after the the meeting, particularly with feelings about his side not being represented (4 lanes, etc.). Expressed a desire to dissolve the steering committee, City not supporting that position, encouraged him to engage with the NPA. Went into bylaws, feeling like things are not being non-partisan, etc. Also pointed out open meeting law issues, which could bring financial liability.
        - Linda: It would be good to make sure the city has liability insurance coverage for NPA volunteers.
        - Liam: Explains relationship of the North Ave Task Force to the NPA and City. Also provides background on work getting the social media and blog consolidated.
        - Matt: would be useful to get project management software in place.
        - Linda: In the state open meeting law, video + sparse minutes are acceptable practice.
      - Comments from March NPA:
        - More presentations about city departments - ie. City Councillors
        - Move meeting to Thursday instead of Wednesday nights?
        - Article 2? Political issues on NPA sites
        - Elections? Supposed to be in March, need to be done in April.
        - NPA signs on the Avenue? Need to make a plan to get these out.
        - General comment that NPA needs to be non-partisan.
          - Matt: We should have a discussion about this at an upcoming NPA.
    - Elections
      - As long as there are open seats, we should hold a “formal” election each month.
      - Once per year in March we’re supposed to do an election. Should do this in April.
      - Need to contact all current steering committee member.
        - Linda & Matt to do respective wards.

Next Actions:

- Matt ask Ward 4 members if they plan on re-upping.

- Contact School Board –Linda
- Contact City Councilors-Linda
- Contact NA Task force to find out if presenting makes sense-Liam
- Contact Peter and Basu-Matt
- Contact Jennifer Green about presentation availability- [jgreen@burlingtonvt.gov](mailto:jgreen@burlingtonvt.gov)- Linda
  - If not available, UVM students as back-up
- Contact Jason-Matt
- Contact Ward 7 –Linda
- Schedule Social Media committee