

All Wards NPA Steering Committee Meeting
October 21, 2015, 6:30-8:30 pm
294 N. Winooski Ave.

Members Present: Linda Deliduka, Charlie Giannoni, Martha Molpus, Richard Hillyard, Tony Redington, Hans Manske, Lea Terhune, Matt Cropp, Charles Simpson

Others Present: Kesha Ram (CEDO), Jess Wisloski (VT Digger), Marcy Krumbine (CEDO), Marcella Gange (CEDO)

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Meeting commenced at 6:30 pm

- Quarterly Financial Report - Kesha
 - All wards have full budget except Ward 4/7, which has \$650 left of \$800.
- Hot Topics
 - Linda: Development issues are hot right now, intensity of growth.
 - Lea: Elise Eaton asked for a session with Chapin Spencer to learn about infrastructure upgrades preceding development.
 - Kesha: Will have a new CEDO Assistant Director for Economic Development, who will want to introduce themselves.
 - Richard: Have invited Chapin to every major development discussion partially sponsored by his NPA; he has never attended.
 - Charlie: Have you asked anyone from the Public Works Commission? Answer: No.
 - Lea: Dirt Pile in Leddy Park is an issue in 4//7. Overview of development of issue. Resolution passed by NPA asking for quick removal. Test results are in, but have not been released because they need to be “checked for typos.” Lea will be issuing Freedom of Information Act request soon.
 - Linda: Public Transportation is an issue; less service than rest of the City. Have invited CCTA to come to a meeting.
 - Hans: PlanBTV South End and Champlain Parkway have been big issues. No new news about the possible St. Anthony’s development.
 - PlanBTV focused a lot of energy on the area, process was controversial, but it has brought a lot of energy to making needed infrastructure changes.
 - Parkway is two years away, as it has been for the past 40 years or so. People North of Lakeside for, South of Lakeside against.
 - Richard: Deeply embroiled in downtown parking plan. Many residents feel like the plan does not reflect public input. Public comment on Monday at City Council.
 - Sale of the Ethan Allen Club to the YMCA, uncertainty about what will happen to the current Y. Will present at the November meeting.
 - Tony: Expecting mayor and police chief at the next meeting. Major concerns around public safety, safety in general, particularly in light of recent shootings and pedestrian accidents (17 intersections with at least 1 injury per year in the district).
 - Martha Molpus: Concerns about magnitude of the Burlington College development. Density, infrastructure, air quality, water quality, etc.

- Charlie G: BSD Budget is on people's minds, especially as the state is forcing more budget cuts.
 - Moran Plant and Church Street developments
 - Public Safety.
 - City providing dumpsters for a neighborhood cleanup on Saturday.
- Charles: Chapin Spencer will be talking about the parking issues. Residents having issues with elements of parking plan, including "85% curb utilization" aim. Doesn't hold institutional parking generators to a specific plan.
 - Will be doing an update on schools, concern about the Superintendent not having had to cover the visa.
- Staffing Proposal
 - Notes from meeting involving Kesha, Matt, and Charlie.
 - Proposal discussion
 - Should be per ward, not per NPA.
 - Steering Committee should be selected by, and accountable to, the steering committee.
 - Could job description be defined by each steering committees?
 - A general job description could be sourced from City, other duties can be assigned.
 - Would be good to have Kesha involved in holding position accountable.
 - Kesha: Would be good to empower a group of members to go to the Community Development & Neighborhood Revitalization Committee to present.
 - Linda: Moves to designate Charlie, Matt, and Charles to work with City on developing a proposal/plan.
 - Second: Tony
 - Linda Calls question.
 - Passed unanimously.
- Annual Report
 - Charlie: NPAs should be included in Annual Report.
 - Kesha: They are in the organizational chart.
 - Group consensus around inclusion in the list of boards and commissions with steering committees and a short paragraph listed.
 - Kesha will take suggestion back to Clerk's Office and Mayor's Office.
- Neighborhood Improvement Night
 - BPD Chief Brandon del Pozo coming to all NPAs in November or December.
 - Each NPA inviting different community perspectives to supplement that of Chief.
 - Kesha will follow up on a request to have a press release come from BPD about the visits.
- Let's Get It Done/Public Noticing
 - Confusion expressed about public nature of meetings between City employees and community partners or private entities.
 - Tony and Linda working on drafting a resolution to request the City err on the side of Open Meeting Law when meetings affect budget outcomes.

- Public Engagement Specialist Position
 - Marcy: We will begin by looking at job description and then seek NPA input and participation.
 - Lea: Can more support go to NPAs?
 - Keshia: Other important elements of the job that include outreach to New Americans, youth, people with disabilities.
 - Marcy: Share concerns with CDNR Committee.

- Next Meeting
 - December 16 is next meeting, Ward 2/3 hosting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.