



# Neighborhood Planning Assembly Draft Minutes

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Date of Assembly : 5/8/2019 Start Time: (Commence): 7:02 PM

Location: McClure Conference Room Finish Time: (Adjourn): 9:20 PM

Note taker: Hannah Carpino

Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Jonathan Chapple-Sokol, Cindy Cook, Richard Hilyard, Carol Livingston, Linda Rizvi

Discussion Topics	Actions Taken / Decisions Made
Steering committee election <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NPA review of proposed hotel</li> <li>NPA review of proposed apartments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 new member added to Steering Committee</li> <li></li> </ul>

## Agenda Items and Actions

### Speak Out

-Noise level at SpringFest event was unacceptable, could be heard inside homes all day

-Joe Spiedel: SpringFest brought some noise to the neighborhoods. Having a meeting with police services and UVM representatives. Spring Move Out Project happening May 23<sup>rd</sup> in neighborhoods to help collect trash during move-out.

-Charles Winkleman: Proposed hotel at site of former YMCA is unnecessary. Burlington needs more housing, not another boutique hotel

-UVM SGA Chair on Community Affairs: Looking into the safety of the intersection at UHeights and Main St

-Housing Summit on June 11 from noon to 8pm at City Hall. All day event with info, meetings, break-out sessions. Focused on meeting goals of 2015 Housing Action Plan, looking forward to future plans.

### City Council Update

-Sharon Bushor:

-Members of the public expressed concern that College St shuttle would not longer be free. Spoke to Chapin Spencer from DPW, who said it will remain free for the time being. It is being expanded, so frequency of bus will change.

-Improvements of Colchester Ave and bike lanes are in planning stage. East Ave to cemetery is being worked on next, trying to accommodate bike lanes and eliminate parking on north side of street.

-Jack Hanson:

-Transportation, Energy, Utilities Committee is working to get South Burlington to contribute so that GMT routes stay free. Some bus lines will now run into surrounding towns- routes will be free within Burlington, and have some costs associated outside of Burlington

-Incidents involving use of force by Burlington Police Department, two videos have been made public. Deeply concerned and disturbed, put out a public statement. On Monday, the Chief of Police will be coming to talk to City Council, meeting is public.

-Mall redevelopment was supposed to resume today, but that is not the case.

-Chittenden Solid Waste District proposed budget for next year, which would increase tipping fees on recycling and compost without increasing fees on trash. Concerning that CSWD would incentivize waste

-Adam Roof

-Police footage that was released Friday was concerning. Looking for path forward so we can create a forum for community discussion. Proposed a joint committee between police commission and Public Safety Committee.

-Leases will begin turning over. People will start to have new neighbors, introduce yourselves

#### Vote on Olivia Pena Candidacy for Steering Committee

-Ward 1 resident since 2016, works at HungerFree Vermont in South Burlington

-Unanimous vote, **Olivia is elected to Steering Committee for Ward 1**

#### Lake Monsters Update

-Season Opener on June 14

-Weekend before that is Vermont high school baseball championships

-Looking for host families for 25-30 players for the summer

-July 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, August 24<sup>th</sup> are all firework nights

-More information on Lake Monster's website, <https://www.milb.com/vermont/schedule/2019-06>

#### Gillian Nanton, CEDO: Neighborhood Project

-Presentation will be made available on CEDO website as soon as possible

-Goal of project is to develop an action strategy and toolkit of policies for neighborhood stabilization

-Residents of neighborhoods impacted by heavy student populations

-The project included 60 interviews, hired consultants, workshops and community open houses

-Currently, 3,100 undergraduate students live in Burlington's downtown, mainly concentrated in the central downtown

- Consultants concluded that the spread of student rentals can only be permanently managed with new, dedicated student housing
- CDNR Committee will review report and talk to City Council by the end of July 2019

Responses:

- Hannah King: The language in the report is anti-student and ignores the fact that students contribute to Burlington as well. Run down conditions of housing are not the fault of the student population
- Richard Hilyard: Landlords behave with impunity in Burlington, there needs to be a discussion around landlord/tenant rights
- Betsy McGavisk: Historically, pushing towards single-family housing policies creates economic segregation. “Low density” zoning creates pockets of wealth.

NPA Review of Proposed Housing at 110 Riverside Ave

- 57 units, 14 of which are low-income and senior apartments
- Project was approved 6 years ago, permit lapsed
- Project does not affect the hillside, riverbank or salmon run below
- There will be pedestrian crossing added to allow access
- 61 total parking spaces added for building
- Building will be one and two bedroom units with balconies
- Every unit is adaptable for wheelchair accessibility

NPA Review of Proposed Hotel Project at Old YMCA Site

- YMCA has new site, which is in construction right now
- Hotel would be good for the city, as YMCA did not pay taxes and new hotel would add to the tax base.
- YMCA’s corner-facing building will remain, become front of the hotel, everything north of that block will be changed
- 142 rooms, 6 stories
- Underground parking with 77 spaces will be built
- Hotel will have outdoor terrace areas, outdoor seating at the front
- Restaurant, bar, meeting rooms inside
- The building will be built to LEED-Gold standards
- Made provisions for electric vehicle charging stations
- Concern that a hotel was approved in a time when there is such desperate need for housing, affordable living spaces

