

NPA Steering Committee meeting
Wednesday, June 15, 2022
Agenda / Minutes
In-person on Tom's porch at 3:30

Attended by: Tom, Keith, Jonathan, Carol (minutes-taker)

As we began the meeting, Keith spoke about meetings he and others living in Ward 8 are having around issues of concern for their neighborhoods. They have discussed Redistricting, the impact of student housing on their neighborhoods, and UVM plans for expanding living space at Trinity campus. Keith indicated that members of the Ward 8 group were interested in separating from Ward 1 NPA and forming a Ward 8 NPA because they feel they can better focus on issues of concern for people living in Ward 8. Keith is checking with CEDO liaison Sam Heinrichs about the process for changing our NPA structure. Looking at budget expenditures (see below), only \$450 has been spent of the \$2500 budgeted for Ward 8. SC members of Ward 1 expressed concern that we are stronger advocates and have more resources when we combine our 2 wards into 1 NPA. They also were concerned that members of the NPA from Ward 8 didn't feel they could raise issues that concern them within the current NPA structure, and expressed regret that this separation was occurring.

Agenda:

1. Budget Status - [Link to Budget](#)

Of the 10 items we agreed to in April, 2022, only 2 of the items were spent. Jonathan sent \$250 to Front Porch Forum and \$250 to Town Meeting TV and is waiting for reimbursement. Ward 1 and Ward 8 each contributed \$250 to these expenditures. Jonathan also signed up for a Survey Monkey annual subscription. Ward 1 and Ward 8 each contributed \$200 towards this item.

Tom will check with CEDO liaison Sam Heinrichs to determine if it is still possible to spend budget money for 2021-22 FY or if we have reached the City's deadline. **Tom will contact Carol & Jonathan to update about the budget deadline.**

2. What to do this Summer + Next Steering Committee meeting

A. Arrange the opportunity for Ward 1 residents to have seats at a Lake Monsters Baseball game - arrange 1 night and a block of seats. Publicize on Front Porch Forum to give tickets to 50 residents.

Jonathan will check with CJ Knudsen to arrange this event.

B. Have a barbecue at Schmanska Park in July or August, with Blue Bird Restaurant catering the meal.

Tom will check with BlueBird and with the City about this event.

- C. We discussed making 12 posts on Front Porch Forum during July & August to include the By-laws draft, information about the Lake Monsters tickets, and information about the BBQ at Schmanska Park.

3. New Steering Committee Members

We briefly discussed a process for adding new Steering members - to include attendance at 2 NPA meetings, perhaps a Steering meeting as well, and then holding an election. We discussed having a vote on all SC members at our October meeting. Our By-Laws draft stipulates the time for annual elections is before April 1.

4. Ward 1 By-laws

Jonathan has created a draft of By-laws for Ward 1, using the NPA by-law template and the Ward 8 By-laws. The Ward 1 draft is very similar to other by-laws, except Jonathan changed the requirement of a quorum and the requirement of term limits for Steering Committee members.

We agreed that we would review the By-laws draft, make needed changes, and present them online through Front Porch Forum and ask residents to review them and we would present the draft at our September 14 NPA meeting for discussion and a vote.

4.Candidate Forum - we didn't get to this item.

NEXT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22 AT 4:00 AT TOM'S.