

Ward 6 NPA March 6 2014 meeting Minutes- Prepared by Mary Esther Treat

Video of the meeting is available online at <http://www.cctv.org/watch-tv/programs/burlington-ward-6-mpa-meeting-36>

Agenda and Minutes approved

UVM Update: Lisa Kingsbury.

- Slade Hall on South Prospect St will be renovated next year. UVM will try to keep 25 students in the co-op environmental hall housed together in other residential halls.
- 448 South Prospect has been declared uninhabitable after a fire last year and will be torn down and the site grassed over. There are no plans for the site at this time.
- Grasse Mount – an “architecturally appropriate” fence will be installed along Main Street as a safety precaution to deter people from cutting through the parking lot.
- Davis Center – the large crane is being used for renovating space on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor for storage
- A major capital project for a new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) facility in the center of campus will include renovating Cook Hall

Champlain College: John Caulo

- Work on the CCM project along Maple Street has started
- Eagles Club is in the permit review process and will be on the March 18 Agenda at City Hall. It is hoped the building will be open as a dorm by August 2015
- Question regarding equipment deliveries blocking access to Edmunds School at the same time children are trying to get to school.

Burlington School update was not presented due to an emergency school commission meeting.

Election of NPA Steering Committee members. Neil Groberg and Mary Esther Treat will end their five year terms in April and Annika Freudenberger will leave for summer job and college in June, leaving Peter Keating as the sole member. Charles Simpson was nominated to the committee. Annika, Peter and Charles were elected to serve through April 2015

Town Meeting Election results. Andy Montroll coordinated a discussion of the election results with City Councilors Norm Blais and Karen Paul.

Dept of Public Works: Cliff Street Sidewalk, Guillermo Gomez, Engineer and Project manager, Nicole Losch, Environmental Planner, and Norm Baldwin, City Engineer. A preliminary design is available on the department’s website <http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/DPW/Transportation/Projects/New-Sidewalks/>.

Construction is planned for summer 2014. Cliff Street Mobility Study identified issues and the sidewalk is only one of them. Funding has been obtained for the sidewalk only; any other projects, such as traffic calming, need to be addressed separately.

Community Gardens, Libby Weiland. The Vermont Community Garden Network is a non-profit that works with community and school gardens around the state. There are 14 community gardens in Burlington. Two classes aimed at adult beginner gardeners start in early May with meetings twice a week and include beds, seeds, plants, water supplies, tools and the fruits of your labor. Class locations at Ethan Allen Homestead (New North End) and Tommy Thompson Community Garden (in the Intervale). More information and online registration (and a new video all about the Community Teaching Garden!) are available at <http://vcgn.org/what-we-do/community-teaching-garden/>. Registration is open now through Friday, April 18. For further questions, call Vermont Community Garden Network at (802) 861-4769 or email Libby at [libby@vcgn.org](mailto:libby@vcgn.org).