

## Ward 4/7 Neighborhood Planning Assembly Minutes

June 24, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Miller Center, 130 Gosse Court

Members Present: See separate sign-in sheets.

The meeting commenced at 7:02 pm.

Introductions were made of everyone present. There was no formal NPA business so the meeting moved to reports from appointed and elected officials.

Councilors Tom Ayres, David Hartnett, and Kurt Wright gave a City update. The topics included the North Avenue Corridor, the hiring process for the Burlington Police Department Chief, the passing of the City budget, and the Forrest Street concerns about a new CCTA bus route. Councilor Ayres discussed a proposed alternative route for the bus to turn around at Northgate Apartments. Concerns were raised about quality of life for those residents and councilors agreed to follow up.

School Board Commissioner Anne Judson gave an update on the visa status of the incoming Superintendent.

Representative Jean O'Sullivan gave an update on Vermont Natural Gas and Burlington Telecom connectivity to a North End neighborhood and then providing a legislative update on consumer protection.

Lea Terhune provided an update on the Pocket Park that is being designed for the "pork chop" where Rout 127 meets North Avenue. It will include a garden and a sign that reads "Welcome to Our Neighborhoods."

Councilor Wright gave a brief update on the Bike/Walk Plan. It is the first official pedestrian and bicycle plan for the City, and will be a new chapter of the municipal code. The first public meetings will take place July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, more information available at <http://www.planbtvwalkbike.org/>.

Jason L'Ecuyer, Paul Sisson, and RJ Lalumiere gave an update on the North Avenue Corridor Task Force. They discussed outreach and emphasized this is a data driven process where everyone can share their opinion.

Megan Moir presented on the Integrated Stormwater Management Plan. She is currently seeking input and feedback on this plan. For more information, visit <http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/DPW/Stormwater/IMSWP>

Frank Von Turkovich gave an update on the Starr Farm solar farm project under review.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.