

Wards 1&8 July NPA Meeting 7/8/2020

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Actual Time (YouTube Time)

7:02PM (12:00) **Meeting Opening**

7:04PM **Speakout**

Erhard Mahnke: Running for State Senate

Tom Derenthal: Budget questions for City Councilors to answer in their reports

Maddy: Concerns about COVID-19 transmission in Burlington with focus on mask use and large group gatherings with regard to students, On-campus management is easier than off-campus; Can the Mayor/CC consider mandatory mask use?

Bill Church: Agrees with Mary; Vermont was for a time in the top 10 for COVID per capita deaths (in the world!); There is a disconnect between how students behave on and off campus. Feelings of invincibility; Leadership should make behavior mandatory

Angie Chapple-Sokol: Folks feel vulnerable; seeing younger people without masks is frustrating; there is a 'benign disregard' for others; "I was young once, but not during a pandemic". Call for better City/UVM leadership

Barbara Rachelson: Has spoken to many 6-6 folks; researched best practices; Concerns about not following best practices on and off campus

Miro Weinberger: (7:19PM, (29:00) on YouTube recording) There is general agreement on the level of concern about pandemic, need for State and local action to fight the virus, and to work on behaviors, activities, parties, gatherings; Mayor lives in a neighborhood with many student rentals; Focus on the high risk areas, "Three Cs" – Closed spaces, Close contact settings, Crowds; Spreading events are most probable at the overlap. Bars; Local action is critical; Reflection on influenza pandemic history; <http://covidactnow.org> ; Vermonters have been properly careful; There was a coordinated plan (City, State, UVM, Champlain College) for June 1 student return; First coordination meeting for the Fall will be 7/9; City will look for UVM to take responsibility on and off campus. City/UVM collaboration is a tug-of-war; things have been relative good up until pandemic, but City needs UVM's help in an unprecedented way. Urge NPA, Community to tell UVM we expect it as well.

Barbara Rachelson: Johns Hopkins Document "OpenSmartEDU (pdf with minutes) - planning document/self assessment; see p. 71 for off-campus housing (Frats, Large apartments).

Maddy: Thanks to Mayor; burden is on University; questions for University: if folks are asymptomatic, how beyond initial screening will students be screened, and are they going to monitor student behavior

Mayor Weinberger: Many students are in compliance with quarantine services. We can get through this together

7:34PM (48:35) **City Council Update**

Jack Hanson Suggested Mayor describe the budget

Miro Weinberger Unique budgeting experience; \$10M shortfall ->\$8M shortfall; No increased taxes; no layoffs or furloughs of employees; all services retained with some diminution; moving forward with

infrastructure investments; New funding for racial justice; climate emergency work; pandemic response; hope for congressional relief; much thanks to historic righting of financial ship

Jack Hanson Annual appointments for boards and commissions – congratulations!; Rank Choice Voting passed Charter Change Committee → Full Council → November ballot (if passed by Council); Getting buildings off fossil fuels – hearing last night, discussion of new building ban, old building retrofits; City Budget is a full year budget

Zoraya Hightower Racial Justice Resolution: Reduction of Police Force; Racism as a citywide health crisis; Reallocation of funding; Calling into question need for SROs; Provide definition for what an assessment might look like; Mandated trainings for all city staff, not just PD, on systemic oppression; Apology and reparations taskforce; Additional authority to Police Commission; 8/4 Public Safety Committee: Police alternatives, body cameras; CDNR next week: Just Cause Evictions; Ordinance: Just Economy Charter Change Resolution; Parking ordinance; Bowling

Jane Stromberg Check-in on the health of the community; Approved common area fees for Church Street Marketplace; Organic materials into landfills; UVM Updates: 7/17 deadline for decision on online vs in-person classes; Health situation on UVM emergency housing folks; UVM canceled additional patrols – conflicted feelings on resident behavior and police behavior

7:59PM (1:09:00) **Burlington School District update**

Kathy Olwell MOU; resolution retains budget for FY'21; Task Force to examine role of SRO, functions, who needs and should be serving those functions; Restorative practice model;

Aden Haji Per Resolution -grateful for all who came out and spoke, including students

8:04PM (1:14:30) **BSD Superintendent Tom Flanagan**

Appreciates Haji's focus on thinking about student voice; Introduction, history, family; 100 Day Entry Plan; Pride in schools, pride in diversity, commitment to public education and equity and dismantling systems of oppression; Community desire to make schools stronger – folks can be served better. Work on trust and collaboration;

100 Day Entry plan: 1) Equity: Race/Equity workshop; Special Ed programs; Restorative practices; Book study with students; Create an Equity Office; 2) Engagement: Relationship-building; "Livingroom" chats; Go to where people feel safe and Admin might feel vulnerable; Work with Union; 3) Deep Learning: Place-based learning; Culturally responsible; Quality of materials. Current focus is on safe opening, followed by Strategic Plan;

Carol Livingston Local piece of AOE guidelines? We want 'definitive' but it's not always straightforward; State wants to provide guidance that can be adjusted with changing environment; The big question is Six Feet (not possible with everyone in school)

Martha Lang Don't let PreK fall off the agenda

8:21PM (1:31:00) **Tom Peterson, Burlington High School Renovation Plan**

In Design Development Stage; See charts along with minutes

8:40PM Q&A (1:50:00) Multimodal Access? Electric plugins, Net loss of parking, improved bike access

Alexander Lavin Energy Efficiency: Lots of glass? PCB mitigation; Security considerations without SROs – total site protocols?; Crime Prevention through Environmental Design

8:47PM (1:57:00) **Jenna Olson, DPW Water Resources**

Integrated Water Quality Plan (see presentation with minutes); Safe Water Act = Drinking; Clean Water Act = Waste/Storm; Goal is resiliency in our combined sewer system; Phosphorus challenge; Required to reduce by 63% by 2036. Late August Community Meetings to review portfolio of projects and choose what work should be done. Community Feedback is needed!

Q&A Zoning Enforcement to bring back green space; Planters as raingardens? Yes

9:06PM

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