

Minutes for the Ward 5 Neighborhood Planning Assembly

January 15, 2015

7:00-7:05 Welcome and Introductions

7:05-7:20 City Council Update with Councilor Chip Mason, Ward 5 -Downtown TIF project - 10M project: main street improvements between church and pine, st. paul street, browns court remediation. Vote for this will be on the ballot. Condos, Hilton Garden Inn, Champlain College dorm. Find more information from the City Council agenda. Approved up to 30M for the downtown district. This is the first application for 10M of the 30M.

-Plan BTV South End - community workshop feb 11-14. Location TBD -Parking Task Force reports near completion (downtown parking and residential). Capacity and environmental impact.

-Proposed redevelopment of Town Center. Multi day public design workshop feb 18-21. Location TBD -For city council consideration: Parks and Rec wants a ban on smoking in public parks, city ordinance for livestock, look at restrictions for food trucks -Chip Mason running for Ward 5 City Councilor, Joan Shannon is running for the District Seat (Ward 5,6)

7:20-7:35 Donna Walters introduces Draft Resolution for City Council consideration regarding PlanBTV South End -Artists concerned about gentrification of the South End (rising rents, can no longer afford studio space) -How are we going to avoid gentrification? Avoid losing the artist population?

-Resolution written by the South End artists to city planners of BTV South End project -Concern the the draft Form Based Code in the Enterprise zone includes residential -Recommendation to find an example of another similar sized city that has zoning that protects artist space -Passing around a resolution for signatures

7:35-7:50 Nate Wildfire and/or Peter Owens introduce Public Engagement Process for the redevelopment project at Burlington Town Center -Feb 18-21 -No show

7:50-8:05 Save Open Spaces Burlington and BC/Diocese Land Deal - Presentation by Andy Simon -Burlington College Development - 700 units of residential development proposed -Would like a community-wide discussion about what to do with this space -Open Space Summit Meeting will be held on January 21 from 6:30-8:30pm at Contois Auditorium - to discuss the above parcel and open land in general

8:05-8:30 Mayoral Election Candidate: Steve Goodkind -Major issue: Southern Connector Highway - discontinue the connector as is, just use the existing highway to Home Avenue. 5 concepts - (1)city government to focus on neighborhoods -safe, affordable, diverse, good schools, parks (2) de-bulk city government to make it more efficient (3) expand arts in Burlington (4) organic development and development that creates jobs (5) workforce development Not a proponent of Form Based Code Work on progressive taxes Make government more transparent

8:30-8:45 School Board update with Commissioner Patrick Halladay -School budget will be voted on at election day -1.5% growth in spending over last year's budget -High School needs reinvestment/updates -Permanent Superintendent search is going on, narrowed down to 6 applicants. January 30th- Community forum for each of the candidates. Final decision made with first few weeks of February. Would take permanent seat July 1.

-Patrick is not running for re-election. Susie Marie is running in his place. Deadline for running in January 26. Miriam will be running for the district (5/6)

8:50-9:00 Open Forum and Agenda Suggestions -Michael Fife, running for City Council on the Progressive Ticket -City is putting together a Community Development Block Grant committee. Need participation from Ward 5 -MLK Day - Naomi Tutu speaking at City Hall at 3:30. Contact Kesha for tickets.