



Neighborhood Planning Assembly Minutes

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Date of Assembly: 9/8/2021 Start Time: (Commence): 7:00 PM

Location: Zoom and Sharon Bushor Conference Room, City Hall

Finish Time: (Adjourn): 9:02 PM

Note taker: Tom Derenthal, reformatted and revised by Kirsten Wilson, CEDO

Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Carol Livingston (Ward 1), Hannah King (Ward 8), Jonathan Chapple-Sokol (Ward 1), and Tom Derenthal (Ward 1)

Discussion Topics

- 7:00PM Announcements, Introductions
- 7:05PM Speakout
- 7:15PM Appointment of Ward Representatives to Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting
 - Overview and Expectations – Tom Derenthal
 - 'Self-nominations' and nominations
 - Nominee introductions and statements with NPA Q&A
 - Election
- 7:45PM Burlington's Capital Plan, November Ballot Items – Martha Keenan, Capital & Special Projects Director, Clerk & Treasurer's Office
- 8:10PM Addition, COTS Family Shelter at 278 Main Street – Bob Duncan, Duncan Wisniewski Architecture
- 8:25PM City Council Reports
- 8:50PM School Commissioner Reports
- 9:00PM Adjourn

Actions Taken / Decisions Made

- Richard Hillyard was nominated and appointed to represent W1 on the Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee [unanimous decision]
- Anne Brena was nominated and appointed to represent W8 on the Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee [unanimous decision]

Zoom Attendance:

Anne Brena MD	Gail Champnois	Keith Pillsbury
Arthur Chukhman, Duncan Wisniewski Architecture	Hannah King	Martha Keenan
Rep. Brian Cina	Councilor Jack Hanson (he/him)	Town Meeting TV
Caryn Long	Councilor Jane Stromberg	Councilor Zoraya Hightower (she/her)
Bob Duncan, Duncan Wisniewski Architecture	Jean Hopkins	
Fletcher Pratt	Jonathan Farrell, COTS	

In- Person Attendance:

Angie Chapple-Sokol	Kirsten Wilson (CEDO)	Richard Hillyard
Carol Livingston	Jonathan Chapple-Sokol	Tom Derenthal

Agenda Items and Actions:

Announcements, Introductions

Speakout

Brian Cina

- Proposed a non-police group to patrol neighborhoods and address issues where the police are not trained on or are inappropriate. The proposal is for active patrolling.
- Expects the patrols to have a regular engagement with NPAs.
- The rollout would start as a pilot project, followed by review and expansion as appropriate.
- Comment / Caryn Long - Something like this has been tried and it was a good idea.

Richard Hillyard

- Agreed with Jane Knodell regarding policing as posted on FPF.
 - o Trash pickup – there are scalable examples in central NY State on how to handle trash and recyclables – it's a simple solution.

Appointment of Ward Representatives to Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting

Overview and Expectations – Tom Derenthal

- Tom discussed the Ad Hoc Committee. More information can be found here → <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/sites/default/files/Agendas/SupportingDocuments/City%20of%20Burlington%20Ad%20Hoc%20Committee%20on%20Redistricting.pdf>

Nominations

- Richard Hillyard was nominated and appointed to represent W1 [unanimous decision]
- Keith Pillsbury nominated by Ann Brena but was disqualified due to being a prior school board member
- Anne Brena was nominated and appointed to represent W8 [unanimous decision]

Burlington's Capital Plan, November Ballot Items

- Martha Keenan presented a short history and overview of the Burlington capital plan.
- The plan includes \$27.5M that will be on the Nov 2021 ballot.
- The complete presentation can be found here → [https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/sites/default/files/Agendas/SupportingDocuments/Continuing the City of Burlingtons Capital Infrastructure Plan 090821.pdf](https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/sites/default/files/Agendas/SupportingDocuments/Continuing%20the%20City%20of%20Burlingtons%20Capital%20Infrastructure%20Plan%20090821.pdf)

Addition, COTS Family Shelter at 278 Main Street

- Bob Duncan presented the proposed addition to 278 Main St. The addition adds 16 permanent family units.
- The complete proposal can be found here →
 - o https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/sites/default/files/Agendas/SupportingDocuments/278Main_210831_Perspectives.pdf
 - o https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/sites/default/files/Agendas/SupportingDocuments/278Main_210831_Plans%26Elevation.pdf
 - o <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/sites/default/files/Agendas/SupportingDocuments/210908%20COTS%20Facility%20Addition%20Electrical%20Site%20Photometric%20Plan.pdf>

City Council Reports

Councilor Jane Stromberg

- Divestment of fossil fuel investments is being considered. The pension fund, controlled by the Retirement

board, currently has ~\$4.5M in these investments.

- Sex work resolution designed to decriminalize sex work passed CC unanimously.
- Divestment of nuclear weapon mfg'er investments is being considered.
 - o Waste Consolidation for residences with less than 4 units [single truck for trash / compost / recycling] is currently being debated. Options include a city or private hauler model, each with a possible opt out. This will be discussed at the Oct 27th meeting.

Councilor Jack Hanson

- Policing / staffing levels – Council split the vote on increasing the uniformed officer cap. Community service roles [to address mental health calls] were approved.
- Burlington Electric – Is seeking money for infrastructure and to further net zero initiatives. Voter approval will be required.
- Legal resident voting resolution – expect to see Council address and if approved, will be a March 2022 ballot item. T
- New development – Parking requirements vs. sustainable transportation is being discussed. Expect the conversation to include the entire City [not just downtown].
- Re-appraisal – There was acknowledgement the re-appraisal could have gone better. Council is interested in making the process better. There may be potential relief for those with unexpected and unaffordable increases.

Councilor Zoraya Hightower

- The second report on policing, this one from CNA, is due soon [maybe tonight].
- Emergency Council meeting has been called to address whether the Director of the Airport will be terminated.

Questions & Comments for City Councilors

Richard Hillyard

- Questions regarding the Airport Director termination, and county-wide solutions for waste consolidation and social workers.

Jonathan Chapple-Sokol

- When will the public see the CNA report?
 - o Zoraya Hightower → Public safety committee will see first, then general public → maybe next week

Jack Hanson

- Crime statistics – Jack shared statistics on FPF. Those numbers aren't everything, but gives a look at high level crime.

School Commissioner Reports

- Cancelled - No school commissioners were in attendance

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM