

Wards 2&3 NPA

December 10, 2015

McClure Multigenerational Center, 241 North Winooski Ave.

Steering Committee Members in Attendance: Andrew Champagne, Tony Redington, Charlie Giannoni and Barbara McGrew

Note taker: Patrick Anderson

Commence: 6:48 pm

Introductions:

- Keshia Ram's last meeting

Plan BTV Walk/Bike Update:

- The plan has been narrowed down (North Champlain bike lane)
- Planning process uncovered concerns ("dirty 17" intersections)

Public Works/Parking (Chapin Spencer):

1. Downtown Parking Plan
 - a. Customers complained there was only one method of payment.
 - b. Plan offers a range of parking options.
 - c. Adds secure bike parking.
 - d. Expands payment options.
 - e. Sunday occupation is at 85% (proposal to enforce on Sundays)
 - f. Installed 280 smart meters.
2. Residential
 - a. Consultant contract has been ended, instead public works is working directly with the advisory committee.
 - b. RPP evaluation
 - c. Proposal of one "oops" pass.
 - d. 2 guest permits and 2 residential permits.
3. TDM Plan (Transportation Demand Management)

Downtown Neighborhood Association (Barbara McGrew):

- Downtown residents feel ignored.
- Residents feel they don't have a voice as to what happens in the downtown core.
- Issues:
 - City Hall Park Redevelopment:
 - Keep farmers market
 - Keep trees
 - Keep the park public
 - Noise: Ordinance often violated
 - Infrastructure: Sidewalks, intersections, uneven walkways.
 - Parking
 - "Aggressive development agenda"

- Student housing downtown

Sarah Holbrook development review #2 (Bob Duncan)

- Expansion of Sarah Holbrook center
- Increase in the number of parking spaces for employees
- Two curb cuts
- Large interior play space (gym)
- Expand from 1 story to 2 stories
- Currently licensed for 44 children, but could be licensed for approximately 100 children after expansion.

Public officials:

- Sarah Giannoni:
 - issuing a survey regarding smoking ban in public parks
 - Addressed proposal to remove political affiliation from names of city councilors
- In regard to development on land near Burlington College:
 - Zoning change proposal so tallest buildings come closer to North Avenue instead of closer to the lake.
 - Neighbors express concern about the development: erosion/elimination of trees in the area.
- Kesha Ram: Comment on legislative effort regarding gun safety (domestic violence situations)

Burlington Electric:

- BED Overview: VT's largest municipally owned electric utility
- IRP (Integrated resource plan)
 - Plan with the least cost
 - Very technical, but there will be an executive summary.
 - Resource BED uses as a business plan.
- Many changes since 2012
 - "Winooski One" purchase
 - Act 99 (net metering)
 - Act 56 (renewable energy standard)
- Proposed Topics
 - Renewable energy credits
 - Dynamic rates
 - Impacts of new technology
 - BED capacity needs

Adjourned: 9:00 pm