



Wards 4 & 7 NPA

February 24, 2016

7:00-9:00 pm

The Miller Center, 130 Gosse Court, Burlington

Draft Minutes

Steering Committee Members present: Ron McGarvey-Ward 4, Matt Cropp-Ward 4, Martha Molpus-Ward 7, Linda Deliduka-Ward 7

Meeting started at 7:00pm

Intro, Ground Rules, Introductions

Matt Crop intro and shared ground rules, and agenda items, go around introductions of attendee in the meeting.

Speak Out

Encourage to pay attention to housing development process and public participation

School Budget

Act 46 which is 2.14 percent allowable increase and school board was able to keep under this increase

Total impact is 1.72 increased in taxes. Close to last's year's budget.

Teacher union and school board is in negotiation

Go to Burlington School Board to see what is being cut. Main reason for cuts is because Superintendent wants to right size school and the High School has loss of student over time so school district is sustainable for our community without hurting the children and community.

Mayor and City Councilors Ballot Review

Police and Parks and Rec. Commission Change

Increase of the size of Police and Parks and Recreation Commissions from 5 to 7. The increase is an effort to gain diversity and geographic profile of commission.

The idea came from diversity and equity planning that a benefit to broaden perspective and give more opportunity for people to participate and get involved.

Added 2 more seats

Wright said that there are some commissions that are hard to recruit for and not going to expand those commissions. But won't have an issue with PAC and Police

To get on commission, need to apply in spring (June) is when counsel makes a selection decision. Candidates show up to hearing. Department Head and Committee Chair sometimes has input of what skills or strength that is needed and valuable but the Counselors vote. The process is more transparent and less partisan now.

Municipal budget is a different process. Miro submits to counselors by June and before it's televised for the public.

No tax increase so it's not on the ballot item

Audit Timing Charter Change

Change of Language about timing of audit that made sense when it was done in 60's but now it's not possible to complete in 5 months. So this proposal says is instead of 5 month deadline let's go in line with State's

What will be produced going forward is a summary audit in annual report and full report will be available online.

This will provide more consistency, transparency and cost saving.
City Budget's is good standing and made progress.

North Ave. Advisory Questions

The decision was made 2011-2012 before Miro to look at N. Ave. Out of this study there were recommendations that included sidewalks, bike lanes. One recommendation was to experiment to change configuration to add middle turning lane and bike lanes from belt line to N. Shore for to be safe for all users. This was set up not as a final decision but a trail to see if there would be decrease in accidents and speeding. The intent is to get data to make an informed decision on major public infrastructure.

The ballot item was put on because the group against this pilot put in the work to get significant signatures so they earned their right to have this question on the ballot.

The Task Force is collecting quantitative data on accidents (public safety). Then there's a qualitative date of opinions in increase time of commute. This is a collection of public input in a broad way to give back to counselors.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm

Notetaker: Phet Keomanyvanh-community Development Specialist-CEDO