



Wards 4 & 7 NPA
April 27, 2016
7:00-9:00 pm
The Miller Center, 130 Gosse Court, Burlington
Meeting Minutes
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Meeting Start time 7:04pm

Steering Committee Members present: Martha Molpus-Ward 7, RJ LaLumiere-Ward 7
Moderator: Jason L'Ecuyer-Ward 4

Ground-rules, introductions, announcements, and requests:

Overview of ground rules. Pledge Allegiance, round room introductions announcement

Steering Committee Elections:

Ward 4 Elections

Matthew Crop; six voted-4 yes, 2 no
Dan Weber; 8 voted-5 yes, 3 no
Ken Peterson 6 voted-6 yes, 0 no

Ward 7 Elections

Martha Molpus; 7 voted-5 yes, 2 no
Liam Griffin; 7 voted-6 yes, 1 no
Linda Deliduka; 7 voted-5 yes, 2 no
Dave Kirk; 6 voted-6 yes, 0 no
Michael McGarghan; 7 voted-5 yes, 2 no

Open Forum

When is the City going to put sidewalks on Cottage Road? This is a busy street.
David Chair announced running for State Senate
Ann Taylor wants to bring Don Sinex to Ward 4 and 7 NPA in May and to all NPAs
More public Forum time to when City Council members are present
Request from Michael McGarghan and Ken Peterson to add the Pledge of Allegiance to the NPA bi-laws-Michael will bring up at the next Steering Committee meeting for discussion

CDBG Committee Report Back- Peter Ireland:

Burlington receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) federal funds from the Department of Housing Urban Development to help alleviate poverty. There are two categories: Public Service grants of \$108,732 were recommended by the committee in response to \$349,796 requested. Development grants totaled \$525,766 based on requests of \$579,905. Social Service recipients included agencies promoting "housing first", aid for battered women, food service preparation training, and HomeShare

Vermont. In the Development category, the largest grant went to the Champlain Housing Trust. Other recipients included the Howard Center and the Food Shelf. Unspent funds are carried over to next year. More information about CDBG and data is available on CEDO website. <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/CDBG-Program-Overview>

UVM Student North End Interviews-Meagan Tuttle, Planning and Zoning Comprehensive Planner:

University of Vermont students in the Community and Development Applied Economics Department conducted Interviews in the North Avenue and Old North End neighborhoods as part of their Mapping project. The project used a Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) Analysis approach to gather and understand what experiences are like in N. End, what a typical day is like and how residents relate to the natural resources their neighborhoods.

Students will hold community meeting on May 10th alongside the larger CDAE class projects in a gallery. Meagan will share the event location of the neighborhood culture with the North End NPA. Eventually there will be a N. End development plan such as South End BTV and using this mapping tool as a baseline. There will be a plan for all neighborhoods.

Elected and Appointed Officials:

School Commissioner-Dave Kirk

Found new homes for On Top (Alternative program for kid at risk) and Horizon (Special Education) Saves the School District 130k a year.

Burlington Tech center is happy that programs will all be under one roof at the High School. Principal of On Top is happy because students are not separated from the school and this can help On Top students slowly integrate back to school.

Many jobs were re-instated as a result of getting Federal or State money. In the past, contracts were drafted even when position were grant funded prior to knowing if grant came through. FY 16 Pilot Fund was taken away from school. This is Burlington specific issue. Trying to get VT School Board Association involved because they advocate for schools. Try to get Pilot funds for next year fiscal budget back to the schools.

High School Boys Basketball won State Championship

Representative Jean O' Sullivan District 6-2

Wrapping up session hopefully will be done end of May 2nd week.

The Ban Box Bill that prohibited asking for criminal background in employment applications was passed by the House and Senate. Now up for the Governor's signature. This bill says can't ask about criminal background unless it will disqualify you. For example police and bank need to screen. This allows for people with criminal background to get interviews which will increase more stability outcomes with housing and employment.

Veggie VT employment growth is a tax incentive for business. In order to be qualified businesses are required to pay employee a minimum \$15.00 an hour and require capital investment. State will invest in their business and get growth in jobs.

Downside is only big business is benefiting. This year rewrote bill and institute student group to ask if this tax investment is not only growing jobs but growing careers too.

Trying to identify where the quality of growth happens.

Challenges are the need to create jobs for young professional in an increasing aging demographic. Burlington pay is competitive but rent is equal to Boston. Also need to support working class households to set roots for families too.

Dropping blood alcohol of .08 to .05 in saliva test.

Opiate-just expanded treatment programs.

Prohibition of marijuana is ending slowing around the country. The legislature knows this and wants to regulate this to try to control so when prohibition comes the state will be ready for it.

North District City Councilor Dave Hartnett

Event: Apr 30, 2016, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

There will be a Community Clean-Up Day at the North Avenue Cooperative on Saturday April 30th, 10am-2pm. This is an excellent opportunity for the North Avenue Coop residents and nearby neighbors to do some spring cleaning to bring household appliances and items to recycle. This event is being sponsored by New North End City Councilors Tom Ayres, Dave Hartnett, and Kurt Wright, and Tim Bouvier, president of the North Ave. Coop. Additional support is provided by the Chittenden Solid Waste District, Casella Waste Management, Hannaford, and the Mobil Shortstop North Avenue. Volunteers are always welcome.

Starting in June on the 1st Wednesday of every month at Leddy Park there will be 8-10 food trucks that be parked and open for business. This is a new economic development initiative hoping this will grow.

North Ave Pilot Project work has started on Avenue. There will be an update in June. Project time is 4 months. Task Force will be disbanded and discussion will be brought up in City Council meeting on May 2nd

Great session on Monday April 25th Council meeting. Got a lot of public feedback about the downtown mall re-development project. Another big session on next Monday May 2nd. The big disagreement between councilors is height and mass that is holding up the pre-agreement. Now 160ft (14 stories) and some want to go down to 140ft (12 stories)

Commission and Boards openings deadline is May 4th. Especially want to recruit for Parks and Police Commission which expanded its commission seat from 5 to 7. Welcome to call Councilor Dave Hartman if have questions.

Meeting adjourn: 9:03pm

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