

Wards 4 and 7 NPA  
August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
6:45-9pm  
The Miller Center, 130 Gosse Court, Burlington  
Draft Minutes

Start of meeting: 7:05pm

Steering Committee Member present: Michael McGarghan, Matt Cropp, Chris Trombly, Martha Molpus, Liam Griffin, Linda Deliduka

### **Open Forum**

Celebrate Burlington announcement-The City of Burlington each year celebrates community members in the City that leadership advance social equity, environmental stewardship and community activism by awarding these individuals by way of the Peter Clavelle Award and Herb Bloomenthal Award for Community Activism. Nominations are due September 30. Award recipients will be recognized at October 24 City Council meeting. Prior to the meeting there will be a reception at 6:30pm. To nominate and find out about ceremony detail visit the Mayor's Celebrate Burlington page. You can also contact Phet Keomanyvanh at [pkeomanyvanh@burlingtonvt.gov](mailto:pkeomanyvanh@burlingtonvt.gov) or call her direct line 865-7172

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/Mayor/Celebrate-Burlington-Awards#overlay-context=Mayor>

### **Burlington Police Department**

Cancelled

### **DPW Crosswalk and New North End Infrastructure focus**

Engineer, Martin Lee - Crosswalk update. Took out all bump outs except on Ward Street. Bump out is a curb extension which improves pedestrian line of sight. Comments received at last meeting were taken in consideration and changes were made. Bump outs are implemented throughout the City at North St., Pearl and Church Street, Mansfield Ave.

From Ward Street forward no parking would be great if you want bikers. Have two cross in Village Green area. Took it out and use flash in beacon. Also heard concerns about cross walks being placed too frequently. DPW's aim is to place 300-400 ft. The crosswalk will be close to bus stops so coordination of people coming off will have utilization.

Director, Chapin Spenser and Senior Planner, Nicole Losch-North Ave. Pilot update. Some issues that were happening. Bus pull out at Ethan Allen Shopping Center the dwell time is much greater at this stop. Cars that were attempting to pull around were an issue. Rush hour in the afternoon a lot of cars stack up. Signals were adjusted to alleviate some traffic. Ballers were initially install to protect bikers. Every other Ballard were removed North of Institute Road so

people can enter. Going to add signs for bikers to ride with the traffic. Biker education will continue. Ballers will be removed for the winter due to plowing and possibly sooner. Looking at the usage of color techniques to help physically separate road and bikers.

As school resumes, DPW and CCRPC will continue to observe the corridor and collect data to assess additional morning traffic. Need to see how the pilot handles during school.

A community survey to measure public opinions about the pilot project will be distributed in September. A North Avenue Pilot Project Public Forum will be hosted at the Miller Community Center on September 20th at 7:00 . DPW representatives will update City Council on the pilot project on October 17, allowing time to adjust or end any components of the pilot project before winter weather arrives. Front Porch forums are being monitored for comments. North Ave. for Everyone is not active after task force for North Ave Pilot was disbanded. All the information that was collected by the taskforce is now with the City.

### **District News-Anne Judson**

Teacher union and District started mediation in October 2015. In June 2016 fact finding which looks at other salaries and benefits happened. The result of this will be published on 8/26/16. There is a 30 day cooling off period and then negotiations can take place again. This was all posted on front Porch Forum. Union went from a request from 5.6 request for increase down to 4.9. Board went to 1.8 to 2% also increase health care increase from 15 to 16%. Right now the teacher salary is between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of the county. People pay in property taxes which has a section that say school taxes. Some school funds come from State but majority come from local property tax.

### **Representative Gene O'Sullivan-House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development**

The state failed to get understanding of what an independent contractor is. Glad the bill didn't come out because need to know more about the platform economies such as tech and online businesses. This gets complex because of healthcare which puts health on employers. Those who go into freelance can go around paying into the pool that go into healthcare and retirement. This system of paying in is so much of what keeps up our social fabric and is keyed off of employer W-2 wages. Now the definition of workers is changing. If take worker's comp pool and strip off medical out, then can create what a freelance worker is which will help with economic development. People are outsourcing their employees which will be not building to increase the middle class life. Carbon Pollution not sure what's going to happen with this bill with new administration and new members. Universal background checks will take place if Sue Minter gets elected. A lot of time heroin distribution for by guns. Look up her website for more on her issues. <http://www.jeanosullivanvt.com/>

Meeting end. 9pm

Minutes taken by Phet Keomanyvanh-Community Development Specialist-CEDO

