

**Wards 1 and 8 NPA
Draft Minutes**

September 11, 2019

UVM Medical Center McClure Lobby

Steering Committee member present: Jonathan Chapple-Sokel, Caryn Long, Carol Livingston, Linda Rizvi

Note Taker: Phet Keomanyvanh

Start: 7:02

Public Speak Out

-The Mayor of Burlington is supporting F35 while pushing for a green net zero energy initiative. This is a contradiction to support the F35 that is the largest polluter due to after-burner use. Showed up at Mayor's Housing Summit to argue this. The City's goal is to create affordable housing but the F35 will affect over 2000 houses to push people out. The Mayor has the power to tell the military not to base the F35 at the airport.

-This Friday 13th there will be a Burlington East Neighborhood party at Schmanska Park. Food and drink will be provided.

-Next Tue. The Building oversight committee will be meeting at 5:30pm in the cafeteria in BHS

-The Community Coalition supports students and neighbors. Gave out welcome bags to students about information and resources. Work with UVM government to do projects such as safe rides

-UVM Medical noise reduction efforts have notified neighbors on how to improve this issue.

Brainstorm – Jonathan Chapple-Sokel

Each Ward was allocated \$2500 to spend on improving their NPA. Ward 1 and Ward 8 combines their NPAs so the budget is \$5000. Fill out index cards to give out ideas of what this fund can be used for.

UVM Medical Center-Jason Williams

Update on helicopter landing pads. Several residents have reached out about noisy helipad, have increased outreach and communications to inform residents. On master facility plan to look at the location of the helipad being located on the Rugby field. The helicopter service is operated by different companies. See attachment of flight routes and helicopter companies. Also constructing a sound perimeter wall on Mary Drive.

City Place update and City Housing Action Plan-Mayor Miro Weinberger

-Fall of 2017 after years of planning City Council approved development agreement from the developer that met City's needs such as higher environmental requirements. The developer took down most of the mall but by August of 2018 the project was stalled. Don Sinex silent partner Brookfield took control of the project and became the lead. They went to a bidding process and new design. By mid-July Brookfield shared that there was a major financial problem and wasn't able to proceed. Over the next month and half the City pushed Brookfield to go to the public but at the Aug. 28th meeting they didn't share much. There is a year-end deadline for Tax Increment Financing (TIF) that Brookfield is committed to. They are rethinking Don Sinex's design. Brookfield also owns Macy's and LL Bean buildin. The City went into this agreement knowing that development was an endeavor and there may be delays. The City made sure to protect itself from financial risk. Got a legal commitment to have Brookfield cover the loss of revenue from parking and retail-- they are writing checks to cover these losses. The downtown is still continuing to perform at a high economic vitality. CEDO is rolling out business supports and a team on this project to brief weekly updates. Still guaranteed to have two public streets returned and got rid of mall to build a mixed use project. TIF Districts are important for economic development to build public infrastructure that will grow tax base. If municipality that has a TIF district can make case for economic growth then can borrow money to improve infrastructure. There are only a few TIF districts in VT. Future revenues will pay for the tax.

-From the 2nd Housing Summit there were 5 proposals. Before became Mayor was a developer for affordable housing, many of it was permanent. CEDO set up Housing Trust Fund. Burlington has excelled in this area but has seen the housing affordability challenges of people qualifying. The average Burlingtonian is paying 40% of their income in housing. In 2015 set up s 22 action plan to build affordable housing and protect tenant rights. Will also build different types of housing for all backgrounds to add to the housing stock. Over the 5 years have built 500 affordable housing units and in another year will be another 100 units of affordable housing for seniors. Will make landlords accountable for maintaining housing compliance with the help of CODE Enforcement and See Click Fix. With the increase of housing stock the vacancy rate has doubled but still low enough where can't prevent landlords to lower rent. Need to continue on these strategies. See attached Housing Summit handout.

Jon Murad-Burlington Police Department traffic safety and enforcement

Crashes with injury are down but crashes overall are rising. Much of this has to do with traffic calming engineering and not with enforcement. The need for enforcement is on corridor of Main Street on University and jug handle. Do enforce stop sign violations but this is down too. Traffic stops decreased, each is equitable across all races. See that black drivers are stopped without a license more than white drives which affect the data. Have heard from the public that there is a need to increase enforcement in speeding and traffic stops. Looking at this on how to do this equitably. Searches have gone down after the legalization of marijuana. Don't have the data on stops that are related to cell phone use. Giving out a ticket doesn't change behavior, having traffic calming measures can have more impact. Do bike safety education such as lights and helmet. For enforcement of bikes issues will follow up with thief, accidents but won't chase the biker down because it's dangerous when a biker can change directions quickly.

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/sites/default/files/u585/Reports/BPDTrafficReport.pdf>

Jack Hanson - City Council

Post updates every Tuesday and on FPF. New appointment of new City Attorney, passed resolution for BPR&W to expand tree planting, passed a redesign of Shelburne roundabout. Burlington Electric Department release a 50 page report on strategies to get Burlington off fossil fuels by 2050. Want to continue the conversation on this. The report didn't dive into the suite of processes on how to get Burlington there. Will introduce a resolution to require each department to sign on and lay out how their processes will support this Net Zero initiative. Didn't support City Place from the beginning.

End: 9:30pm