



# Neighborhood Planning Assembly Draft Minutes

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Date of Assembly : 7/10/ 2019      Start Time: (Commence): 7:05 PM

Location: McClure Conference Room      Finish Time: (Adjourn): 9:00 PM

Note taker: Hannah Carpino

Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Jonathan Chapple-Sokol, Caryn Long, Linda Rizvi. Cindy Cook

Discussion Topics

- DPW projects, Q + A
- UVM Student Housing

Actions Taken / Decisions Made

## Agenda Items and Actions:

-City Councilors gave up their allotted time to allow longer conversations with DPW and UVM.

## Introductions/Announcements:

-Opening of Schmanska Park, VYCC will be hosting celebration tomorrow at noon

-Burlington Co-Housing having a workshop on seeing and disrupting racism Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM- 12.

Workshop presented by Peace and Justice Center

-Jared Wood: why are Burlington pedestrian crossings painted red rather than white stripes- can DPW answer to this?

-Burlington High School and Technical Center construction committee is having update July 18<sup>th</sup> at BHS. They will occur third Thursday of every month at 7 PM.

-Little Free Library in front of Kampus Kitchen is getting a lot of use! Make sure to check it out

-Lexi Wheeler: Working with Councilor Adam Roof to look into renter's rights, working with Attorney General.

-Erhard Mahnke: Vermont Tenant's Incorporated has online manual around tenants rights, which can be found on [cvoeo.org](http://cvoeo.org)

## Department of Public Works:

### Sidewalks:

-Usually, 1 mile per year of sidewalk is replaced. This was increased to 3 miles per year in 2016- key sections on North St and parts of Wards 1 + 8 have been repaired

-Council supported an increase funding in FY2020 for an additional \$500,00 for work to predominately short runs

- Use SeeClickFix to report problems in the neighborhood! Allows DPW to prioritize.
- Concerns about uneven sidewalk, missing chunks of sidewalk, risk of falling/injury
- Concerns about amount of “short run” areas where there are significant issues
- 2014 assessment with sidewalk assessment company. Balanced deficiency score for assessment with inactivity score to seek worst sections of “long run” sidewalk. Looking to update comprehensive city-wide assessment in coming years.

#### Colchester Ave Bike Lanes:

- Safety concerns about narrow travel widths between East Ave and cemetery.
- Began conversation with GMT, city councilors, residents about Colchester.
- Two briefings to DPW Commission, two meetings with neighborhood
- Parking will be removed from cemetery down to Barrett, shared bike lane markings added and single bike lane between East Ave and cemetery.
- People who park on Colchester Ave will have to find spaces on neighboring streets
- Zone parking permit system vs street parking permit system

#### Mansfield Ave Rain Garden:

- “Mansfield Ave Bioretention System”
- One of four bioretention projects DPW has planned for the year
- Fully grant-funded project
- Will capture impervious rainwater, more than what greenbelt can capture now. Adding plants and stone to filter pollutants in combined sewer area, helps reduce overall load to the system
- Designed by Storm Water Program Team with state and federal best practices in mind
- Proud of being able to work with UVM students on rain garden, as well as Vermont Youth Conservation Corps
- Parks n Rec, team of contractors will be maintaining rain garden

#### Other announcements:

- Look out for public meetings- opportunities to communication with DPW’s engineers
- Working on design and public outreach for traffic calming measures, which will hopefully happen in fall/winter.
- Colchester side path is currently being replaced with 10-ft wide side-path (from South Prospect to East Ave). Because it is a VTrans project, it is more of an intense iterative process, might take longer than normal city projects

## **Lisa Kingsbury - UVM Housing Master Plan**

### Athletic Complex Update:

- Athletic complex will be a two year project overall. Roads around Gutterson and Athletic complex will have some closures during that time
- No major traffic impacts to Spear St or Main St exits
- Gutterson garage will remain open

### UVM Housing Master Plan:

- In 2012, UVM hired firm from Washington DC to create Housing Master Plan that would go through 2026. Project had high level of on and off campus community engagement- focus groups, surveys, NPA visits, interviews
- Juniors and seniors have a strong preference for downtown living due to independence it provides- the lure of Burlington is an attraction, and an issue for neighborhood relations
- Most plan recommendations were accomplished
  - Green Mountain walkway improved
  - Existing housing improved annually
  - Obsolete buildings demolished
  - Construction of CCRH added 308 beds
  - Housing for juniors and seniors was added (Jeanne Mance and other affiliated off-campus housing hubs).
- Significant increase in undergraduate enrollment since 2012
- Shift to residential learning communities in all of the residence halls
- Considering options for graduate/medical students
- Considering Trinity Campus as a option for new upperclass student housing
- In Fall 2019, recommendations will be presented to city and NPAs