

Ward 1/8 NPA  
September 12, 2018, 6:30-9:00pm  
Mary Fletcher Meeting Room on the third floor of the main ACC building (East Wing).  
UVM Medical Center  
Draft Minutes

**Start: 7:00pm**

Steering Committee member present: Cindy Cook-Ward 1, Richard Hillyard-Ward 1

Noise barrier

- Public input on design of sound barrier
- Noise issues for quite some time
- Analysis and acoustic testing completed in neighborhoods
  - Areas identified: loading dock, Mary Fletcher drive, CCTA busses
- Potential solution: erecting a sound barrier around perimeter of Mary Fletcher drive
  - Studying how this could be accomplished
  - Deciding on materials, sizing
  - Acoustic testing shows that 21 homes would see a reduction in sound
  - Design challenges: slope of bank, ecology of area
- Seeking input on October 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Several options will be displayed by architects, building consultants
- Will inform neighborhood about project through the whole process

Introductions and Announcements

- Donna Walters- Keep the Park Green. Seeking endorsement of NPA for ballot item. Opposing new City Hall Plan, which will cut down 40% of its trees.
- UVM "Welcome" bags mistakenly placed on long-time residents doorways.
- Jet Blue/ Simon & Schuster initiative- Jacksonville, Florida won books and a library makeover. Burlington came in third. Citizens should be notified officially, as well as the press.
- Loomis/Mansfield Ave intersection- gets confusing because of bump out and stop sign configuration. Department of Public Works should examine this issue.

City Councilor Update: Sharon Bushor

- Wanted to alert UVM to significant vandalism in community gardens at Medical Center over Labor Day weekend. Unsure if it's students.
- Wants UVM to encourage students to use internal walkways, not East Ave.
- Board of Finance meeting last week
  - Debt policy for city of Burlington. Currently none in place, working towards one
  - School board request for bond for BHS (\$70 million dollars.)
  - Request from DPW for wastewater improvement bond (\$30 million dollars) to go on ballot. Will be paid for by people who use the system (user fee).

### Joe Spiedel, UVM

- If students are found to be involved in garden vandalism, it will be dealt with.
- Will encourage students to use internal routes while traveling.

### Richard Deane

- Winooski Bridge
  - CCRCP did cost analyses, gave City Council good idea of what alternatives made sense
  - Likelihood of finishing project in next few years is small
  - Would get addressed in 5-10 year range
  - Includes bicycle and pedestrian friendly accommodations
- New quick-build solutions in neighborhood- "shared roads"
  - Took citizen opinion from Front Porch Forum into account, shared with DPW

### Adam Roof

- Meeting with constituents throughout the past two weeks in Ward 8
- Prevalent issues: City place bike lanes, quality of life issues, AirBnB, Memorial Auditorium, city wide property re-assessment
- Council is focusing heavily on debt policy and large spending items (school, wastewater project, auditorium)
- Passing of Ryan Murphy

### Old East End

- Class 2 highway, people driving too fast
  - Making signage encouraging people to slow down
  - Councilors have helped, DPW has helped
  - New white crosswalk lines for children to cross, pedestrian signal lights

### DPW Citywide Construction Update

- Latham Court and Colchester Ave have been a challenge, but lots of work has been done
- Replacing 6 inch line on Latham Court with 8 inch court to improve water quality
  - Will be finished by next week with initial temporary coat of asphalt.
- Winooski River Bridge has been closed for critical railing repairs
  - Work will last approx. 2 months
  - Another crossing close to the bridge is being explored (Mill St, potentially)
- CCRCP has excellent resources online regarding 5 alternative plans for Winooski Bridge
- East Ave sidewalk will be looked at
- Repaving uphill from Barret St intersection towards East India House
  - Current downhill line will become slightly wider
  - Parking will be preserved, as well as small bike lane

### **Responses:**

- How is DPW budgeting for maintenance? How will success be evaluated? (Response: 3 year landscaping contract for planters with Pinnacle Properties supported by City Council.

Painting contract through Council support as well, budget for painting has been increased. The goal is to create a better designed transportation system for all modes.

-Is construction on pace? (Response: doing all this work at once has been a challenge. DPW is on-track to hit targets for paving, sidewalks, and water main replacement.)

-What was cost of planters? Why aren't we taking that money and using it to improve sidewalks? (Response: sidewalk is \$85 per linear foot. Unsure of cost of planters. Quick build and planters are comparatively an inexpensive project installation. Greenway was a recommendation from Walk/Bike Plan.)

-Some approaches to speed-calming DPW is taking seem misguided. Police department should be stopping speeders.

### Lauren Lane, CCSWD & Act 148

-Board-run organization, 18 towns in CCSWD.

-6 drop-off centers, composting facilities, material recovery facilities, hazardous waste facilities

-CCSWD runs a hotline for education, also has website

### **Responses:**

-No longer resource shed at recycle centers. More people will put things on greenbelt, and more people will dump in resource shed until doors are closed.

-Sharon Bushor: Unhappy to see that CCSWD charges people that only come with composting. Seems like a disincentive, doesn't seem environmentally sound. Also, hazardous waste facility has limited hours. (Response: waste facility is opened Weds thru Sat, not just Weds AND Sat. CCSWD is one of the only places in the country with year-round hazardous waste facility. As for composting, we had to charge because we have to pay to haul to Green Mountain Compost.)

-Market for recycled materials has dropped, particularly paper and cardboard. Will CCSWD have to landfill those materials? (Response: CCSWD is not landfilling any recyclable materials. China is no longer accepting contaminated recyclables so CCSWD has to pay to get rid of it. There was a measure passed through the state that IF districts needed to, they could landfill it.)

-Can you send mixed paper to McNeil generating plant? (Response: unsure, only natural untreated wood goes there.)

### Keep the Park Green

-New redevelopment plan calls for tree loss of healthy, mature trees and increases paved area to cover 1/3 of the park space.

-Wants NPA to endorse "keep the park green" measure to be on the ballot.

-Misconceptions regarding ADA accessibility- only one additional path in new plan will be accessible.

--Ward 1 supports the petition and advises their elected officials to place the petitioned City Hall Park resolution on the ballot. Vote: 18 say yay, 4 say nay. Ward 8- no one present to vote.

**Responses:**

-Adam Roof: Undecided. In all the processes and public engagement, was under the impression a decision had been made. What happened to that decision? (Response: Keep the Park Green wanted a more collaborative process. Had three meetings, City Councilors tied hands of committee by requesting no design changes.

-Why would we spend \$4 million on this park? We need so many other things.

-Request for more hardtop space for performances and events doesn't make sense- space already exists for these things.

-Sharon Bushor: should we be committing these extra dollars to the park? Wants to bring this up with Board of Finance.

Minutes taken by Hannah Carpino, CEDO intern

End 9:00pm