

**Wards 1 & 8 Meeting**  
**UVM Medical Center, McClure Conference Room**  
**November 14th, 2018**

**Meeting Start 7:05 PM – Meeting End 9:10 PM**

Steering Committee present: Richard Hillyard Ward 1, Anne Brena Ward 8

Welcome / Speak-Out

- Cindy Cook: big thanks to UVM and UVM Medical Center for improving their landscaping along East Ave
- Old East End (all of Colchester down the hill) is starting a list-serv.
- Downtown district was graded poorly on review of cleanliness. Sidewalks are falling apart.
- Old East End received AARP grant for beautification, traffic-calming measures.
- Update on Burlington Telecom sale: case is almost over, final briefs have been filed. Waiting on decision from Public Utilities Commission. Law requires that taxpayers not pay the price for Burlington Telecom.
- Richard Hillyard: acoustic barrier between Med Center and East Ave neighborhoods will be discussed December 12<sup>th</sup> with Maria McLellan from UVMMC.
- Discussion of regulatory laws between number of cars per apartment and tenants. More rentals equates more vehicles, less parking between residents. DPW is having discussions of how many permits can be issued per structure in residential-only districts.
- Thanks to Sharon Bushor for rezoning Fletcher Place to residential.
- Potential development behind Fletcher Place would add up to 80 units- many residents feel that is too large. It is currently at state level.

City Council Update

- Adam Roof, Ward 8:
  - Looking at inclusionary zoning regulations, affordable housing. Very complex issue, but progress is being made, meetings to come.
  - Looking at laws regarding removal of homeless camps.
  - Groundbreaking for YMCA happened, hit all their deadlines.
  - BBA (Burlington Business Assoc.) has been contracted by DPW to do survey of downtown improvement districts. City-directed project that will end in charter change vote next year to redesign and restructure downtown set-up.
  - Interesting outcomes in election last week. New voter turnout was excellent- East District had most same-day registered voters. City wide turnout was almost 7,000. Nearly 2,000 were new voters.

-Richard Deane, East District Wards 1 + 8

-Impressed by voter turnout.

-Chair of license and local control committee. Discussing food trucks, cart vendors.

Increased request and use of food trucks.

-DPW is establishing a “narrow streets” policy (example: Latham Court). DPW wants to look at one-sided parking on these streets during the winter.

-Burlington Wild Ways Coalition- looking to connect and preserve the wild spaces in Burlington. Meetings between owners of properties and board members.

-Sharon Bushor, Ward 1

-Narrow streets policy has not gone before public works commission, or public meeting. Residents from Latham and Germain streets would be affected first, but weren't included in discussion. DPW is starting this initiative to help emergency services, which can't get through streets with parking on both sides during the snow.

-Capital improvements needed downtown.

### Burlington Town Center / City Place Redevelopment

-Sharon Bushor: Not much of update can be shared by City Council. Executive sessions have occurred, but councilors cannot disclose information prematurely. Frustration is misdirected at the Council, who has consistently voiced concerns of its people.

-Adam Roof: Project is not moving forward at the pace the city wanted it to, so a negotiation needed to occur between all the parties. However, this information cannot be shared. It would breach confidentiality and put us individually at risk. Permits to pour foundation have not been pulled yet. Lining of financing has played major role in delay. Money that was committed through TIF financing (which was approved by voters) doesn't come in till the very end. Because the city no longer owns the property, the problem is very complex and city is limited to working with who bought it.

-Richard Deane: Has had to recuse himself from City Place discussions as an architect who works for a firm that helps Devonwood with other projects.

-Richard Hillyard: Has been requesting an executive status update for six months, has never received one. These decisions should not be made in secret. Feasibility study was essentially confidential, City Council has not done a good job of protecting the city of Burlington.

-An announcement will come from city administration, not City Council, regarding updates in the project. Another update is coming in early December, hoping that it will be public.

### DPW Residential Parking Plan- Chapin Spencer

-Former plan:

[https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/sites/default/files/DPW/Publications/ResidentialParkingPlan\\_final.pdf](https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/sites/default/files/DPW/Publications/ResidentialParkingPlan_final.pdf)

-New plan proposed changes:

-Institute fee structure for permits (\$10 per permit per year)

- Cap the number of permits per dwelling unit (4 permits per single family)
  - Clarify forms of documentation for proving residency
  - Create transferrable permits,
  - Provide one voucher/year for each permit to void a mistaken ticket,
  - Create contractor permits,
  - Clarify policies for businesses, fraternities, sororities,
  - Set separate regulation for CarShare
- Timeline: going to DPW Commission to consider ordinance approval, going to November 26<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting
- 72 hour rule still stands in place (tickets after cars not moving from street parking after 3 days)

#### Pathways Vermont- Abby Levinsohn

- Works at Peer Drop-In center in Old North End
- Offering many different programs:
  - Vermont Support Line- 3PM-6AM, operated by people who have lived experiences with mental health challenges. Not meant to provide crisis support, just talk people through their feelings. Has saved state upwards of \$5 million
  - Alternative to hospitalization, 5 bed respite from instances of psychosis. People are provided peer support in a non-restrictive setting
  - Housing program in 7 different counties.
  - Veteran program for rapid re-housing of veterans.
- Community center in Old North end offers peer support, space where community can come together. Installed a kitchen, shower, and yoga studios using CDBG.
- Offers employment support- no paperwork, no prerequisites so anyone can get employment support.
- pat@pathwaysvermont.org

#### City Planners planBTV Update- Meagan Tuttle

- <https://planbvtv-burlingtonvt.opendata.arcgis.com/pages/our-vision>
- New draft plan provides direction, how we will think about land use for next 10-20 years.
- Plan does not change any current zoning, or take into consideration institution growth (UVM or Champlain expansion)
- Plan offers a map of what areas will be conserved, what areas will be su
- Having public meeting/presentation at Contois Auditorium on December 5th to gather public input.
- Visting all NPAs this month.
- New plan covers all the aspects that make Burlington a “distinctive” city- features that give the city its character
- Burlington as a “dynamic city”- what will change in face of climate change, how city will have to prepare for future

-Burlington as an “inclusive” city- more opportunities for all of its residents. Employment, housing, etc

-Burlington as a “connected” city- understanding the city’s physical, social, economic networks

Timeline:

-Public hearing December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018

-Council and Public review continues January-March 2019

-Council Public Hearing #1 – Feb 2019

-Council Public Hearing #2- March 2019

Minute Taker: Hannah Carpino CEDO Intern