All Wards Neighborhood Planning Assembly
October 19, 6:30-8:30 pm
The Miller Center Art Room, 130 Gosse Court, Burlington

Start Time: 6:30pm
Steering Committee members: Chris Trombly-Ward 7, Martha Molpus-Ward 7, Richard Hillyard-Ward 1, Dana Kamencik-Ward 1, Charles Simpson-Ward 6

Welcome and Introductions

Chris facilitated and opened up with round table for Steering Committee members to introduce themselves and share current events about their NPA Ward.

Martha appreciated All Wards because this gives opportunity to share issues from all over the City. In the past All Wards had larger attendance and had all NPAs Steering Committee members represented. It’s good to come share about larger issues and talk it out with a wider group. We want to keep All Wards going. North Avenue pilot has been a huge issue. Appreciate that Chapin Spencer constantly coming to inform 4/7 NPA of this pilot developments. DPW gets a lot heat but they stay professional and make modifications to change project based on the exchange of information. There is a lot of mistrust about City Government and what’s being done but overall there has been appreciation and support for the pilot. There’s a push for a paper survey to be done in the spring.

Richard-Sept agenda included police report for return to school of UVM students. The Mayor talked about City ballot items. Thought Mayor was really good and had the floor for 90mins and got a lot of questions on topics. In October didn’t have a full slate of candidates for a full forum so just invited candidates who would attend and then had 40 minutes of Devonwood and 40mins of Coalition for a Livable City(CLC). Also in October Noelle MacKay, new CEDO Director came and was a great resource about Burlington Town Center(BTC) redevelopment project. In November going to have the school talk about their capital plan. Fire Dept., Great Street, Kyle Dodson about YMCA. Also may have Mary Alice of Boys and Girls Club to add youth components. There was a sidewalk plan that went to City Council in February 2012, but DPW still hasn’t incorporate this. Laura Wheelock was supposed to come to NPA but was told a month ago that this plan is still being revised. The Sidewalk plan is still not ready to come to NPAs, this plan has been in development over 2 years now. Also taking pictures of See Click Fix to send housing code violations and send to CODE and UVM, has been great tool and response turnaround is good too. Bill Ward, Director of CODE was the first to introduce it. He’s a great speaker.

Charles - September and October had school board on March ballot and teacher’s union, BTC and ballot items too. Reps from Sinex came in September and October was the Mayor and CLC. Each have visuals of the project. Had good attendance. November will have a candidate forum. Bike/Walk plan name is misleading because it only focuses on bikes plan. This is not a focus on walking. Need of a walk plan because the side walk is needing great repair. This plan doesn’t integrate with mass transit plan too.
There’s a conflict in shared use. Need to have someone to talk about storm water, waste water and drinking water. Look into Megan Moyer. NPA should look to having some voter registration form to provide to students.

Dana-Phet and I were talking about standardizing meetings. Current events are good and also adding a show and tell on the agenda. This would be about what’s going on and have feedback on it. For example, right now looking into advancing community outreach of increasing diversity of NPA attendance and presentation. The feedback from steering committee would be helpful. Calling and verbal outreach of the NPA meetings. Also UVM is open to putting up cameras. We should talk about how this affects our privacy. Will sit back with Noelle and see what social form group there are to send liaison to NPA meetings.

**Schedule out for All Wards**

All present SC members voted to cancel December All Wards meeting.

February - Finding host location, facilitation, and minutes.

**Standardization of All Wards Agenda**

Standing item: Welcome introductions, current events, show and tell

Wards 4 and 7 has standardized their Steering Committee agenda which has been helpful.

Wards 1 and 8 puts their agenda together by email

**NPA Meeting Ground Rules and Climate-Handbook revision**

Phet will send revised Handbook to Steering Committee with revised addition of Open Meeting Law, meeting organization and planning.

**February NPA CEDO’s monthly CCTV 525 show**

Looking to do NPA CEDO 525 February show. Mathew Cropp and Sandy Baird are/were writing about the history of NPAs. Sharon Bushor is also really knowldgably of NPA history. Looking to recruit H.S students to help with videography.

**Financial Report-Expenditure submissions, current balance**

Phet passed out current NPA balance. See attachment

**Other items**

See if each the Arts would be interested in creating sandwich NPA signs. In the past NPAs had Neighborhood improvements nights. The idea is that a City Dept. sponsors a particular NPA meeting and CEDO provides food. This is a way for City Department to show in depth what the department is doing and uses each NPA to provide mini workshops.

If someone submits a presentation request form, there should be a way for Steering Committee to be reminded to respond back to requestors. Phet asked for SC members from the same NPA to remind one
another to follow up with the presenter. She will remind SC members if the presenter has indicated with her that they are still waiting for a response. Phet will look into doing a centralize system for presentation request to automatically be sent out to NPAs.

End 8:05pm.
Minutes submitted by Phet Keomanyvanh-CEDO Community Development Specialist.