



Ward 1 and 8 NPA  
UVM Medical Center, McClure Lobby Conference  
November 9, 2016  
Draft Minutes

Steering Committee Members Present: Richard Hillyard-Ward 1, Dana Kamencik-Ward 1,  
Anne Brena-Ward 8

Meeting Start Time: 7:05pm

### **City Council**

Selene Colburn-Newly elected in 6-4 Legislative District. With the passing of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and new zoning the next step is for the City to do a final development agreement with the developer for the Burlington Town Center development. One of the aspects is a community benefits agreement to see the public good to come out of this between the developer and the City. The developer has said he wants to be moving forward. This issue was passionate on both sides. This was a big question on how do we meet the community growth and benefits of Burlington. Supported TIF but didn't support the new zoning. Hopeful that as a council and a community can put differences aside and work together to benefit our community to get the best outcome for the most people.

Sharon Bushor- Overlay and ordinance was entwined. Was happy to see the question go forward about the overlay. The results shows a community that there wasn't 100% in support and there is still work to be done. Didn't support the overlay and wanted housing to have more of workforce. Was pleased that the water and infrastructure ballot vote went through. One thing learned about the downtown development is that Burlington is not isolated from our national dialogue. This is okay and the community can move forward and the outlook is still bright for people to move forward to get the best from this development. Three passed with 54% of the vote which is an approval through a simple majority but not overwhelming. While this election was tiresome, looking forward to move toward a balanced state and appreciate the process and people's involvement. Expect developer to submit the permit soon.

### **Speak Out**

Dana Kamencik voted in on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) advisory board as a Ward 1 resident representative. CDBG is federal revenue source for Cities to address roots of poverty. CEDO administers CDBG. More information can be found on their website

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/CEDO/CDBG-Program-Overview>

Lisa Kingsbury-UVM in conversation with City and moving forward in December will have Chittenden Area Transportation Management Association (CATMA). In December, Kyle Dodson, Executive Director of YMCA to give update on their organization's development.

### **Great Streets Presentation**

This is the work of 3 different departments DPW, CEDO and Planning and Zoning. In September they had a series of public meetings about Great Street Presentations. To invest in a downtown that is walkable, sustainable, connectivity and functional, feasible that the City can maintain overtime. Visit [Great Street BTV downtown website](#). This plan covers the area of Pearl, Union and Battery. The first is to create a design. Three primary projects that builds off of each other. There will be standard conceptual focus on what we can do with storm water, trees, and sidewalks. Another portion is City Hall Park. The next Great Street public meeting will be held on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> 7pm in City Hall, Contois Hall.

### **Burlington Fire Marshall**

Turkey Frying-Be safe, Don't put wet turkey in fryer. Also be cautious and aware of candles and overload of lights. Every year there are incidents, injuries and fires that happen. For education search online for safety tips. <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/Fire/Training-Safety>

Support of ballot item # one will help bring much needed new fire trucks. Engine one and engine 2 will be replaced this year and then engine 5. The districts are broken up by blocks. There are 5 houses total. Fire Dept. does not issue permits for open fire for home in City limits because embers can travel and spark a fire. Chapter 13 in ordinance prohibits this. Also there is an ordinance of nuisance smoke. An education announcement has been sent in Front Porch Forum and also there is an annual press release.

### **Burlington School District Property Service**

Paul Irish- Long range facilities goal is to maintain high quality educational opportunities and the facilities support this. Did space and utilities need assessment which came up with the total cost needed to maintain. YouTube video of the school repair video is available on [capital link](#). Telephone system is 50 years old. Entrance to the C building have windows that are no longer useful. The fans and windows state is dire and door sills need maintenance. They looked at the current condition and it's a 20 year projection. EMG Corporation did the study. There is 39 million in deferred maintenance needs, not including BHS. District currently bonds 2 million a year for elementary schools. Factor this for 10 years then we will have 19 million left. Looking to bond this. This would be 8 per month dollar tax increase. Don't have a lot of months, only the summer time or will need to relocate students. The estimated cost for BHS and BTC is 27million in deferred maintenance. It may be more cost effective to build a new building. Will establish a community building to develop campaign and options for the public process. Next Steps are feedback from parents, community member.

There has been discussion to align capital needs of City and District but conceptual design wasn't ready for November election.

End. 9:05pm

Minutes by Phet Keomanyvanh, CEDO Community Development Specialist-Public Engagement