



Ward 1/8 NPA
December 14, 2016
6:30-9pm
McClure Lobby Conference Room, UVM Medical Center
Draft Minutes

Great Streets Initiative, Megan Tuttle Comprehensive Planner with Planning and Zoning

The Great Streets Initiative is a combination and implementation of plans and initiative's such as Bike/Walk Plan, Imagine City Hall Park, Plan BTV downtown that have gone through public process and are adopted by Boards and Commissions. The Main Street Concept Plan will be focused on improvements to the public right of way, including sidewalks, street trees, storm water, lighting and bike facilities. The design work for City Hall Park will advance concept plans that emerged from the 2012 Imagine City Hall Park Process. This initiative includes the development of standards for our downtown streets, as well as plans for the redesign of Main Street, St. Paul Street, and City Hall Park. Looking to re-orient parking from diagonal to parallel and have wider sidewalks. Looking at intersections and spaces that aren't being used to maximize usage and use permeable materials. Team is looking at minimal congestion of Main Street. Also improving pedestrian and vehicle line of sight of each other.

The Park has always been a central patio feature with a water fountain and looking to update based on current needs and modern day usage. Today's use has a lot of usage and activity which is impacting tree health and soil compaction and erosion. Looking to see how to remediate this. The condition has cracked sidewalks and cement is eroding. Another element of this, is to make pathways ADA standard.

Will have a concept plan lay out in early year. The project is anticipated in early 2018. Will have to through zoning and go through public works, review, and then approve by City Council. Visit the website www.GreatStreetsBTV.com for more information. Public comment will be accepted until Dec. 16, 2017

Keep the Park Green, Lynn Martin and Carolyn Bates

City Hall Park concept will have no edges so it's calming. In this park there are people who are troubled and need a calming place. Need to keep the fountain central but will replace the current fountain.

Will have rain garden, curving paths, game tables. There will be BCA outdoor exhibition that will get people to go inside BCA. There will be a park bathrooms which people will pay and get 15mins. Will have play area for children with splash area, hop scotch, and garden maze. Want to keep apple tree and have farmer's market set up around the park instead of inside the park.

The park will also will be educational with different type of trees such as an Alligator Tree where a Parks Attendant can give tour guides. The park used to be a place of community meet ups. Don't want large events to minimize the damage so the park remains a sanctuary. Will want historic lights on path and in the fountain that are LED and also solar. This is plan that is different from City Hall. Materials will be permeable so there's no run off. For more information visit Facebook page, Keep City Hall Park Historic <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=keep%20city%20hall%20park%20historic> FB page has public comment section.

YMCA, Executive Director Kyle Dodson

In process of bringing new YMCA. Current built in 1933. The challenge is that y was originally a boarding house which is not useful for preschool and other children's program. Total cost is 22million. Hope to yield 3million out of sell of the current building. 4 million New Market Tax credit which is a federal incentive to. Then leaves 15million dollar fund raising. Have been meeting with a lot of community meetings. Have approximately half way about 7million raised out of 15million. Believe that things are lined up to process on time. There have been working with two companies Freeman French Freedman, and Grow to look at raising current, Ethan Allen Building to put new building. New design will still have pool. YMCA is the largest pre-school and infant provider in the State. Need to focus on 0-5 development so children are Kindergarten ready. YMCA provides scholarship support for families to make early childcare assessable. Have 400 seats available. Looking to finish fundraising spring of 2018, break ground in summer of 2018 and have new Y June 2019. Ethan Allen Building is located off of College and Bradley St.

City Council Updates

Selene Colburn, Chair Community Development and Neighborhood Revitalization Committee. Met last night concerned of the delayed of Inclusionary Zoning report. Did get a date of release of report on Jan. 15th and Jan 31st will present. 30yr history of IZ that requires 15-25 affordable housing of housing for new development and how we're doing to give a community profile. The Memoriam A has been deemed unsafe and needs significant investment to update. UVM looking at Memorial for potential and viable spot for arena. Jan. or Feb to reboot RFP process. Parks and Culture Committee saw City Hall Park presentation. Feel that this process isn't rushed because this process began 2012 with a lot public process and input and went through City Council. Smoking Ban came through full council but couldn't find a way to implement so went back to Parks and Culture Committee and will come back to council again. Looking at how evictions are handled in light of mental health crisis.

Sharon Bushor, Public Safety Committee had a meeting that the Fire Department just completed a strategic plan. This vision and mission statement was a public process. Acronym is Pride. Feel that the new Fire Chief and staff are very inclusive and detailed on how to deliver services better. They have goals that will be tracked. 2 new fire trucks got ordered. In another year or two Airport came forward with 5yr lease with certain airlines. This is the first time ever had this will better secure business partnership and funding. On Ordinance Committee one modification on major impact review. As a committee developments will come toward NPAs.

This gives resident's added protection. Haven't been adopted by Council but out through committee. Looking at 15year statute of limitation of uses and attempt to apply this more broadly.

Adam Roof, would like to nominate e Anne Brena with be representative of Ward 8 for the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee.

CATMA, Executive Director Sandy Thibault

Formed in 1992 by Champlain College, UVM and UVM Medical Center to jointly plan convenient and economical transportation and parking for neighborhoods on the hill. In 2015 expanded to serve Chittenden County CATMA, Chittenden Area Transportation Management Association. CATMA does outreach and education and is now open to county businesses and has about 30 business members. One component provides free rides to Hill institution students and employees. CATMA offers a suite of programs that include care share and bike share. See www.catmavt.org. Goal is to reduce the number of vehicles coming into the Hill area through incentives and disincentives. Now 21% of Hill employees are enrolled in one or another program. 59% of UVM employees drive alone to work but that was 65% in 2003. 77% of students walk or bike, up from 65% in 2003. At CC, 32% of residential students have a car in 2016, way down from 81% in 2003. At UVM, 24% of residential students now have a car, down from 51% in 2003. Looking for more parking intercept sites.

Pedestrian and Bike Safety-Christine Forde and Greg Goya

Chittenden County Reginal Planning Commission working with South Burlington to improve interchange of Williston Rd and the interstate. Looking to get feedback on improving cycling and walking safety at this area of Spear St. to Dorset intersection. This is one of the most heavily travelled location. The original design of this interchange was done in 60's and designed to move traffic and didn't consider bike/walk travel. Need to know what the issues are in order to make recommendation changes. At the study phase now. If study phase approved by South Burlington City Council then will look at funding. So far had a public workshop of 60people. In Jan. will look at different alternative of walking and bike safety and in march will have another public workshop to review the alternative study and results will be brought to SB City Council.

Contact Christine Forde for more information and feedback.

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