

Wards 1 and 8 NPA
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UVM Medical Center, McClure Room
Draft minutes

Start: 7:00pm

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

Ward 1 and 8 Update: Vote for Front Porch Forum advertisement investment of \$100.00 from each Ward. Vote approved. Looking to shape a housing NPA forum. Making a list of who would be interested in having this NPA housing forum. Get in touch with SC members if interested.

Maria McClellan and Ashley Bond, UVM Medical Center. March 21st meeting about hospital helicopter being based at airport brought out the key issue of flight pattern when it comes in at rugby court. Next step is to have pilots come talk to people in another meeting. Update on leaf blowing issue. Councilor Bushor proposed using brooms through regular season. For the big fall and spring cleanup can use blowers. Looking at a company called Grass Cuts that uses broom service and only use leaf blowers if grass wet. Fall and spring cleanup takes 4 hours at a time and will let neighbors know when this is happening.

Speak Out:

Karen Long-12 Weston Street will have a Development Review Board (DRB) hearing on a single family housing that is being converted into a duplex. There are some zoning violations. The DRB meeting will take place May 15th 5pm. Went to last night to the Great Streets meeting and bothered that Church and Bank will have no bike lanes. It will have parking on both sides of the street. Bothered that design plan for the mall has been changed by the administration. There is less store front and more housing units. Feel that the 22 million Tax Incremental Finance money that tax payers are paying for is benefiting of the developer.

Lynn Martin-Went to the same meeting and concerned about a blank wall opposite to Macey between Bank and Cherry. It seems that plans are approved without going through DRB or any other City agency but by the developer. One of the selling points was to have an assessable storefront area through Macy and town center.

Keith Pillsbury Ward 8 School Commissioner-Announced in January that 5961 University Terrace duplex that had 5 students on each side. The landlord is appealing against this violation to the DRB. Last year we voted on a capital plan of 19million bond. This year will work on the Edmunds complex. The cafeteria under the gymnasium. There will one entrance only through the central entrance to improve security. There will be new car and bus drop off route. Another project is having two preschool centers with 5 classroom each in Champlain and CP Smith School. Administration Office will be located in Champlain School. 150 Colchester will be a swing site to temporary house classes when renovation are happening in their schools. Hoping the 150 Colchester will be bought by UVM to develop student housing.

Carol Livingston-There is a stretch from E. Ave down to Winooski that will have paving done. Hoping that there will be bike lanes and widen streets to improve safety.

Councilor Update

Richard Deane-Burlington Town Center project permitted under form based code gives discretionary room for Planning & Zoning staff. If parking is not on the first floor it would be surprising if there is a blank wall which doesn't keep with form base code. There will be 5 trees in City Hall Park that were in danger of coming down that will be taken down by DPW. There will be resolution coming from Jan Knodell on Monday about the trees. There are rules in ordinance if cutting down significant amount of trees. The Farrell project due to street design couldn't save the trees but in the design will have canopy of trees. The Mayor's state of City addresses affordability of rental units. If can create additional housing there's less pressure on rental.

Sharon Bushor-The reason why development is being under the public radar is because of form based code. Council just had organizational day and there were some changes. Still on finance and now on energy and utility. Not sure what the Mayor was trying to say in the State of the City address about neighborhoods but there is a housing action plan and maybe Mayor was referring to this plan. We not only want to build housing but have a balance of rental and owner occupancy.

Adam Roof-Update on Organizational Day Councilor appointments. Charter Change Joan Shannon is Chair including Max Tracy and Richard Deane. CDNR Brian Pine is Chair including Karen Paul and Adam Roof. Institutions and H & R Paul is Chair including Richard Deane and Brian Pine. License Deane is Chair including Adam Roof and Max Tracey. Ordinance Chip Mason is Chair including Jane Knodell and Sharon Bushor. PACC Hartnett is Chair including Joan Shannon and Ali Dieng. Public Safety Adam Roof is Chair including Ali Dieng and Brian Pine.

TEUC Max Tracy is Chair including Dave Hartnett and Sharon Bushor. Tax Abatement Chip Mason is Chair including Joan Shannon and Ali Dieng.

Rob Goulding DPW Public Information Manager- There will be Construction City wide. This is the 2nd year of the sustainable infrastructure plan. In 2016 voters approved 2 bonds to do preventative maintenance and get to a regular repair cycle. Last year which was the 1st. Did 2 miles of relining, replaced 3 miles of sidewalks and paved 5 miles. This year will do 3 miles of relining. One will be on Colchester Ave. Have a list and map of all these projects on website. <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/DPW> Will do 6 miles of paving. Will continue to do sidewalk repairs that will in the short term extend their life. Colchester Ave will have water main replaced and the construction will take 4 months to replace due to 120 year system. The end result will be reliable water flow. Will start April 23rd if weather and contractors come together. Will be maintaining 2-way traffic but at times may need to go to 1 lane. Expecting to go into late August and paving will come after which will be another few weeks. Residents will be notified and have send property owner. There are none scheduled water disruption but if there are then will be notified 24hours in advance. There was a letter that was sent to some Colchester Ave. Maple Street, Battery, King will be a big construction zone as we bury lines underground, fix streets and sidewalks. Will have DPW meeting on 18th which will help mitigate some loss of parking on St. Paul. Rob is available if there are any questions about projects. S. Willard Bike lane will flip on the other side and parking will flip on the other side which will make it safer. There is a technical approach that approach that engineers going to take.

State Representative update:

Barbara Rachelson-There is website for the state Legislature where people can look up all the bills. This is a great resource for the public. <https://legislature.vermont.gov/the-state-house/civic-education/become-a-legislative-page/> Will be in session for another month or so. Two bills working on. One bill is looking at juvenile brain development and being put in a criminal justice system. This bill will look at young people that go to family division and have their record be sponged so not to penalize them for life. The other bill is automatic license readers. The senate bill 150 has recommended keeping the same law which allows law enforcement and public safety to hang on to this information for 18months. NH only use license users for toll violations and can only keep information for 3 minutes. In CO it's is 3yrs. MT only allows for police to track own workers. In some states radar is on billboards in VT is only on police cars. Would like to see it shorten to a more reasonable time for example 90 days. There have been very few times that this information has solved crimes. Usually it's private companies that holds this data. It's been used recently by ICE to get undocumented residents captured. Car insurance are using it to track who is having car insurance. This can cause a lot of civil liberty violations. A bill that gives consumers more choice. For example, when people sign up for a magazine don't see the fine print then get a surprise automatic sign up and charge on their card without the consumer approval.

Selene Colburn-On the house judiciary committee. One of things worked on this session was gun control bill. One is S221 which makes provision on extreme risk which and makes court process to obtain gun. H422 bill signed into law today which allows law enforcement to confiscate firearm in domestic violence. Another bill is the disposition of firearms turnover. This provides mechanism to dispose of firearm in storage and passing on of the firearm from family members. Passed age provision that requires youth to take fire arm training. All bills were signed in today. Personal project working on how opioids are treated or not treated in corrections facilities. Until recently if you are receiving treatment in the community and then put in prison you only get treatment for 30days. Due to pressure this increased treatment to 120days. In RI, medication is provided to these people and has been successful to lowering overdoses in prison and also into the community. Would be good to measure how treatment reduces cost. Happy to say that a bill voted in VT Senate and going to house to access how long people are need treatment instead of arbitrary. Also screening people for treatment when they come into prison. The Senate felt that couldn't pass paid family leave and livable wage in the same year. Didn't agree with this.

Brian Cina-On house health care committee. The majority of work is on preserving existing health care system under the attack of federal and keeping an eye of the future. The question is should health care be a public good or helping the market place. Fought to maintain primary care support, fixing gaps in mental health system, outreach and improving facilities. The state has commitment to integrate mental health into heath care but there hasn't been any funding. Looking at universal healthcare system vs healthcare market. There was plan to look at this but was struck down by appropriation committee which changed all of the plan to just a study. Presented an IA Task force. IA is a form a use of artificial technology. Task force will look at what IA is, risk, benefits and monitoring system. Made it to the floor and headed to the senate. State Treasure is still open to State Bank but taking a step back to get local bank, credit union to be on board. Will be looking to develop a plan to keep movement grassroots for support.

End 9:10pm Minutes by Phet Keomanyvanh-CEDO

