

Wards 1 and 8
March 8th, 2017
McClure Lobby Conference, UVM Medical Center

Start time:7:05pm

Steering Committee members present: Dana Kamencik-Ward 1 and Richard Hillyard Ward 1

City Council

Adam Roof-CDNR update. Had a meeting and dealing with 2 major issues. IZ Report that focus on has been presented to public and will soon have discussion on any recommendations that need to be made. Neighborhood Project, UVM and Champlain will be funding student impact of housing surround neighborhood. 1st time doing this project to investigate and see what's needed to shift resources. Doing public safety and looking to identify bar safety to raise awareness for prevent against sexual assault.

Sharon Bushor-Have an agreement with UVM and looking at quality of life and need to look these agreements again and happy that this student housing assessment project is happening. Went to DRB meeting looking at Frank Turkavich. Tonight the project did not get taken up tonight and will be on agenda for DRB April 18. Also there was a request on easement on land from Medical Center that bought hotel on Shelburne Rd. from Champlain Housing Trust house patients who are mostly homeless to have place to recover. There is includes better parking for hospital and easement to community garden. This came to board of finance to approve. March 16th 6-8pm there will be a forum on Opiate Addiction.

Richard Dean-Newly elected City Council for East District. Working on joint committee looking at Form Base Code.

School District

Mark Porter-Both bond and budget passed in March election. Know down to the dollar where every penny is going. Very happy this. Mark Barlow won in 4/7 and Kathy Olwell in East District. Have new member in N. District. Facing noncompliance of accessibility and other essential programs. Will get a new website. On this website will have a 64-page budget break down of where money is spent per pupil. This is roughly 15k per pupil. Gov. Scott's 0 net into education helped look at spending and brought up good discussion of impact of spending decisions and ability to pay. Understand that education spending has taken out of people's pocket particularly the elderly. The District leadership of Superintendent Obeng is looking at how to support current learning needs while looking at efficiencies. Now at 15% ELL students. Need to grow our tax base and look at keeping young families here.

Speak Out

Jesse Bridges, Director of Parks and Rec. will be at April NPA

Minimize East Ave. traffic DPW. Would like to request this be brought to the 1.8 NPA

Police Commission Public meeting on Fair and Impartial Policing Policy on March 22nd 6pm at Champlain College's Perry Hall, Morgan Room and March 23rd 6pm, 20 Allen St. St. Joseph's School.

Peace and Justice Social Justice Symposium April 8th at Burlington High School

CEDO-Colin Foster

Doing outreach to getting public feedback about housing profile of needs. Drafting report and taking stock taking of current needs and incorporating old reports to look at Fair Housing and any issues especially discrimination in Housing. This is new rule that's mandated by HUD. It's been posted twice on City wide FPF and CEDO FB and Twitter. Next step is one on one interviews. Please contact Colin if would like to set interview. cfoster@burlingtonvt.gov or 802-865-7172

Pathways

Abby Levinson-Pathways Vermont Community Center which was originally called Wellness Center. Aim to create resilient and vibrant community. Have two peer support to provide informal and customized support in employment. Have free community dinner and lunch. Free Wi-Fi, library, and serve as a place just to connect. Have mindfulness, creative writing and Hearing Voices support group for individuals who are hearing voices and may be isolated and no supports. Very focus on health and will have a nutrition series in March that will look at shopping on a budget, food cooking. Started in 2012. Big employment program and have case workers to connect people to help develop skill and job placement.

End time: 8:30pm

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