

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

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

Start: 7:05pm

Resolution: (paraphrased): Calling upon the City to firmly adhere to its Municipal Plan policy of encouraging the return of single family housing and to the Comprehensive Development Ordinance through action and enforcement to prevent illegal units
12 Weston Street in Ward 1. An appeal to duplex use. Karen and Michael Long put forth the resolution to the Ward 1 and 8 NPA to put out to DRB for their Tuesday. Resolution approved.
See attached resolution.

Speak Out:

Walk audit on Wednesday May 30th. AARP Livable Community. Start at Bayberry Commons and walk down Chase to Grove to Colchester Ave and back to Chase. Concerned with lack of pedestrian safety in these areas. AARP has a former process to make audit. DPW should be there.

First time Wards 1 and 8 is streaming live on Facebook and also have amplifying microphone.

<https://www.facebook.com/Ward1and8NPA/>

Saturday May 12 is Fair Trade Day. Buy a fair trade item and support farmers.

UVM Students will be moving out on Saturday. Planning for traffic control to minimize disruption. See handout about UVM resources that is open to everyone. The best way to get information is to go to social media or website of events. UVM gym is \$400.00 a year.

Colchester Ave. will have yellow flags because of construction on Colchester Ave. There have been some burglaries in the neighborhood. Hoping that the police can patrol.

Superintend did not present Capital Plan to Ward 1 and 8 and want to present in the June 1.8 NPA.

City Council Update:

Sharon Bushor-There is a study for whole corridor for the bridge. The bridge is partially owned by Winooski. The overall plan was delayed because needed to wait on design but some things shouldn't be delayed such as pedestrian safety. Tuesdays and Thursdays have meetings with Mayor. Transportation, Energy, Utility committee-got a joint presentation from DPW and CEDO on Cherry and Bank. How they look today and how they will look in the future. Asked for information about parking space number. Want to support local restaurant by having parking close to these businesses. Both design didn't have dedicated bike lane on these streets. Not convinced that bike lanes should be on these streets but asked to come back on a design that would be on Cherry Street. On Ordinance committee and looking at rewrite of an ordinance that looks at behavior. Looking at City Hall park and coming to a compromise on trees.

Adam Roof-Serve on Public Safety Committee-taking action on supporting homeless population. There are a set of 7 recommendations. Looking at internet tech safety to protect data. CDNR discussed Early Learning Initiative (ELI). Moving forward with and in discussion with community partners. YMCA will be pursuing this ELI. Neighborhood project comments are closed. Next step is community outreach and how to move forward. Two main things working on: possibility of employer assistant program and development of fund to complete with investors that come up to buy up single family home.

Richard Deane- Serve on License. The Shanty came to License to have outside music venue. On Charter committee. District energy from. BED taking waste heat from McNeil and to use for UVM Medical and downtown core. This will be more efficient and move to net zero goal for our City. 3.6 miles of piping and will cost around 21 billion dollars but company that will be partnering will pay so the City won't bond. Pipes will be under the streets. Champlain Parkway 2019 will start. Partnership between VTrans, City, State and Federal. There are 50 private properties that will be affected. Will have necessary hearing to look at remaining property that didn't sign and how they will be affected. This will give owner's opportunity to comment.

Vermont Lake Monsters, VP Kyle Bostwick:

This is the 25th NPA meeting that have annually met with. Used to host NPAs at the ball park. Made a commitment to be good neighbors. Have 25k for patrons and novelty give away. Celebrating Halloween at ball park to come and trick or treat that have hundreds of kids. 2nd week in June will be hosting high school games division 1 and 2. Partnering with the City to bus people to watch ball game and then watch July 3rd fireworks. July 8th will have bikers and hope to have a couple of hundred attend. Partnering with COTS and have volunteers stuff bags. Will have 3 firework days but using low range fireworks and will likely go off at 9pm. Adding protected net for safety for participants. Last July 20th had a dryer fire and it did 350k of damage. Looking for families to host players and there is a stipend for hosting. See attachment of 2018 Season Schedule.

2019 Plan BTV, Meagan Tuttle:

Municipal development plan is a long range plan for the whole city, parks, economy, streets as it relates to one another. The plan helps respond to state statute and needs. Will be holding four workshops throughout the City for residents to weigh in on what relates to their neighborhood and what's important. Want to hear about what is special and what needs to be worked on in your neighborhood. Putting up pop up event and mobile workshop for residents that can't come to the workshop which give opportunity. Will be putting comment boxes around the City. Go to the website to see a schedule. Comprehensive plan that are high level that looks at inter-related issues such as transportation or housing but recognize unique characteristics and trying to do better job to look at the difference of each neighborhood. For information about BTV see <https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/planBTV2>

Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront, Director Cindi Wight, City Arborist VJ Coma, Assoc. Parks Project Coordinator Max Madalinski:

Beach Bite on North Ave will be back. North Beach will be celebrating 100year anniversary. Campground is celebrating 95year anniversary. July 3rd is the Fireworks. Planting trees at Oak ledge. Can sign up on website. CORE will have senior picnic. Will have pickle ball. Served 10,000 meals last summer. Partnering with 5 youth orgs and will have programming until 10pm. Can go online and have new registration process that is more user friendly. Woman's soccer moved to Star Farm. Closed bike path North beach

to star farm but will be open by marathon. VYCC looking for BHS girls for trail work for the summer. Having conversation with police to patrol parks and cemetery that have activity late night.

Max-Schmanski Park update. Rebuilt tennis courts and put in a pathway. Had unexpected cost. BB courts had aging cage and storm water pipe ran under the court. This ate a lot of the budget cost. Still want to pave path and handicap accessibility parking next to barn but will need to wait until get additional funds. Construction started April 30th. Laying sub based and gravel sub base that will last 25-35 years. Switch over from using pebbles to woodchip in playground. Will look into adding sign to notify public about park operation times. Can look at website for design of Schamanski. <https://enjoyburlington.com/type/parks-beaches/>

VJ-Emerald Ashe Borer. Inventory in green belt, parks and cemetery there 1250 are Ashe. 32 states have this infestation. It's in four counties and three town in VT. The only defense is an insecticide injection. 188 Ashe in Ward 1 and 8. See opportunity because of the spacing to plant new trees between Ash trees. Feel that don't make any sense to save trees that are in danger for infestation that will need to be injected every two years. Touring City and getting a sense of that people are not open to injections. Will not be cutting down healthy trees but will be cutting down damage trees. Have purchased green traps that will be monitoring the insect. Once tree is infected will die in two years and become brittle and a hazard. By the time see signs of infestation it's too late. USDA recommends that start treating when within 15miles. Right now it's 35 miles out. Injection is done at the base in June when the tree is growing. Schmanski has 6 Ashe trees. Ashe in Burlington represent 9% of inventory. Williston has over 50% and S. Burlington over 40%. There is a natural insecticide. When choose trees to plant need to take in account how wide is the greenbelt, how high is utility and tolerance to road salt. In New North End utilities are underground so can plant tall trees.

End 9:10pm

Notes taken by Phet Keomanyvanh-CEDO