



Ward 1/8 NPA
Waterman 427A, University of Vermont
September 9, 2015, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

MINUTES - DRAFT

Meeting commenced at 7:08 pm

Welcome was given by facilitator Richard Hillyard and introductions were made. Announcements included an update on the Walk/Bike Plan and the City Council East District Public Safety Meeting on September 16 from 7 to 9 pm in UVM Aiken 110. Richard then reviewed the agenda and previewed future agenda items for the fall.

City Council Update

- Councilor Roof discussed a residential parking forum at the September 21 City Council meeting, noise violations, and problem property follow-up calls being made by councilors.
- Councilor Bushor discussed a drug trafficking resolution, the “fresh air space” being constructed for mental health patients at UVM Medical Center, Centennial Field noise issues, and Weston Street property concerns.

Speak Out

- Topics included Celebrate Burlington, Open Streets, the Walk/Bike Plan, author Anne Fadiman coming to UVM, institutional coordination efforts related to construction and quality of life, grandfathered use issues, and having the Police Chief come to the Ward 1 and 8 neighborhoods.

Institutional Updates

- Lisa Kingsbury from UVM presented changes to Central Campus through Spring of 2019 and the traffic patterns for construction vehicles going from 89 through the jughandle and directly onto campus roads from there to limit neighborhood impact. She also highlighted that UVM will monitor SeeClickFix issues in and around campus related to construction. Questions were asked about Fort Ethan Allen and the answer related to the use of Redstone and Quarry Hill to house previous tenants closer to campus.
- Jason Williams from UVM Medical Center addressed smoking on Colchester Avenue with the move by UVM to be a tobacco free campus and discussed efforts to provide nicotine replacement, have a litter patrol, and maintain internal dialogue about how to address smoking

in the neighborhoods. He highlighted that the mother-baby unit is complete and permits have been approved for the enclosed deck for mental health patients and new in-patient beds. A request was made for the City to be more involved in the task force and looking at the use of impact fees for this construction to encourage City involvement.

- John Caulo from Champlain College announced the opening of the Communications and Creative Media building. He also mentioned that the Eagle's Landing project is now fully permitted and they have divested from the Ethan Allen Club and transferred ownership to the YMCA. They have a goal of creating approximately 600 more beds to house all students in campus facilities.
- Donna Swartwout introduced herself as the new Director of the Champlain Office of Student Conduct and is joining the Community Coalition with the Champlain College Student Government Association. Her number is 865-6428 for anyone seeking to reach her about conduct matters.
- Gail Shamponis from UVM's Office of Student-Community Relations presented on UVM's Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Initiative, which was recently conveyed to the Mayor and City Department Heads. They have ramped up their fall quality of life initiatives. Neighbors complained about adverse behavior on Buell, Bradley, and Hungerford Terrace. They requested more foot patrols, greater education efforts, consequences for walk-by noise, litter pick-up duty for noise violators, a greater demographic mix in the neighborhoods, and more downtown student housing.
- Tyler Davis, Vice President of the UVM Student Government, discussed his student resident ambassador initiative and trying to institutionalize student behavior supports.
- Bill Ward from City Code Enforcement reinforced calls to landlords, AOD efforts, their work to bring landlords into greater compliance, and use of UVM interns for four-unrelated enforcement.
- Lieutenant Sullivan from BPD noted a substantial increase in BPD foot patrols and that they are seeing results, with complaints of noise and vandalism down from last year.
- Annie Stevens, the UVM Dean of Students, discussed the Orientation presentations made to students and the formal hearings that take place for students whose behavior violates UVM policy, whether they are on or off campus.

Meeting adjourned at 9:39 pm.