



Wards 1 and 8 NPA Meeting
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University of Vermont Medical Center
McClure Lobby Conference Room
111 Colchester Ave, Burlington, VT

Meeting Start: 7:00pm

Welcome & Introductions

Facilitator: Richard Hillyard

City Council Update

Update on meeting dates for commission and board nominating committees: Meeting dates are May 18th from 5-6pm, June 1st from 5-8pm, and June 7th from 5-7pm. All meetings will be at City Hall in Conference Room 12. Having the public in attendance is important.

Neighborhood Project has gotten funding from institutional partners and the City, looking at ways to bring stabilization and balance back to neighborhoods. This deals with issues such as housing prices, housing supply, taxation and rent, and off-campus student housing. Additionally, bringing back into balance investment properties versus resident-owned properties. In regard to this balance, the key issues are gaining the necessary information and data, establishing priorities and goals, and securing necessary capital and financial resources.

City Council has moved forward with a pre-development agreement for the Downtown Town Center renovations. Most of the comments given to the planning commission were not in support of all components. The general theme of comments concern the massing and the height. A question that came out of this discussion was whether moving some parking underground might allow the height to be lowered while maintaining the integrity of the development.

The City Council is responsible for looking at the mayor's proposed budget. There will be meetings on Tuesday and Thursday from 5-7pm in Conference Room 12, occurring May 17th and 19th, and 24th and 26th. In these meetings, various departments will present their funding requests.

Right now, at the state level, if you have a structure within the five-foot boundary of your neighbor, there is a 15-year statute of limitation. There is discussion about whether or not this pertains to use.

Burlington School Board Update

GOMO Report – Cut to School Board in October 2014. Historically, the District's funds were intermixed with the City. Once that was no longer the case, the School District was audited, which found issues that required reform. From 2002 to 2014, the School District accrued debt that the voters never had the opportunity to vote on.

AP Biology, AP Calculus, advanced languages, and other course offerings are back for students.

Burlington School District is on track to stay on budget for the Fiscal Year '16. A projected line-item budget for Fiscal Year '17 is available. Now that things are more stable, communication with the public more regularly and working with the superintendent to have more financial clarity and transparency are priorities.

Communication between the School Board and the public needs to be improved, to prevent situations in which misinformation is fed to the public and students.

UVM Summer Construction Update

Commencement is Sunday, May 22nd. University Place, and South Prospect St. from Pearl to Main will be closed that Friday and Sunday. Megabus will relocate to Doubletree, and Greyhound will be relocated to the airport.

The largest projects currently under construction are the STEM complex and the housing complex. The STEM building is set to open in May 2017, and is on schedule and on budget. It will house all of the lab functions currently in the Cook building, which is adjacent to it. The second phase of the STEM construction will be a classroom and office building that will take until May 2019 to complete. During this timeframe, selective renovations to the engineering building will occur.

Over the summer, UVM will build a bridge between the lab space and the Vodey Building. The housing complex will result in a net gain of about 300 beds.

Currently, the buildings on Colchester Avenue house math and statistics faculty, and these faculty will find offices through the STEM project. The buildings have paint problems and other issues, and are in need of repair. Part of the issue with the buildings is that it goes beyond paint issues; the buildings were painted five years ago, and it has already deteriorated significantly.

The University has \$350 million worth of deferred maintenance, which requires that hard choices be made about which projects to fund in the immediate term.

UVM Medical Center Construction Update

Green Mountain Care approval to proceed has been granted. The UVM Medical Center hopes to mobilize its construction manager to the site on Monday 5/16 and will resume the bulk of the work by late May. The emergency room entrance must be moved out of the way of the building site, although the general organization of the emergency department will remain the same. The movement of the building will be a two-year project beginning in January 2017 and end in January 2019.

There are four 32-bed in-patient units located in the new building. Patients will be moved from the oldest building to the newest building, making the new beds replacement beds. This will also allow patient residency to decompress, achieving a goal of 90% single room occupancy, up from 40% currently.

The Medical Center will acquire the lab from the University once ownership is transferred to UVM by the State of Vermont. That has not happened yet, and in order for the Medical Center to acquire the property, it needs City Council approval.

UVM Medical Center is able to construct between 7AM-6PM daily; they will be requesting modifications to that, for such things as the setting of concrete which can go past standard hours. They are working to minimize impacts on traffic and flow. Impacts of construction in terms of noise and light will be minimal. Stormwater from the location will not end up in the Colchester Avenue watershed. There will be a live stream of the construction, so citizens can view the project during the day.

UVM Off Campus Students

Ongoing effort to collect local addresses from students. As per a 2009 agreement with the City, the University works to identify information and trends in their students' off-campus living. This is for the purposes of community relations and safety. UVM has set up with the registrar's office a pop-up box for students to input their local address for this purpose. This provided useful but incomplete information, and the response rate was only 60% for the most recent term. To combat this, UVM implemented a

mandatory campus-wide survey that produced an 85% response rate, and this may be boosted higher when implemented for the fall semester.

Meeting Adjourn: 9:12pm

Steering Committee Members: Richard Hillyard from Ward 1; Anne Brena from Ward 2

Note Taker: Matt Ketcham, CEDO Intern