

Ward 1/8 NPA Draft Minutes
December 13, 2017, 7:00-9:00pm
McClure Lobby Conference Center, UVM Medical Center

Steering Committee Members present: Richard Hillyard-Ward 1, Cindy Cook-Ward 1, Anne Brena-Ward 8

Start: 7:05pm

Community Development Block Grant Ward 1 nomination

Jonathan Chapple Sokol Resident of North Prospect Street. Jonathan is volunteering because want to learn and go deeper on how City Government allocates resources. Jonathan nominated for Ward 1 CDBG Advisory representative

Speak Out

Discussion of what the best use of limited housing stock in Burlington. VT Interfaith Action looking at housing for student needs and how to attract them to housing outside of the neighborhood. The issue impact many family homes which have turned into rental units. Students are paying a lot for housing that are not property insulated. This is working against homeowners and affected property cost due to landlord purchasing housing for students. This causes an imbalance neighborhood. There are housing that don't meet CODE ordinances. Students shouldn't be living these conditions. Upset at the Mayor because not making landlords accountable and only wants to build more housing.

UVM Medical Center meeting to discuss neighborhood noise. Looking forward to attending the 2/21st UVM Task Force in Mary Fletcher Lobby.

Martin Luther King events on January 15th are at ECHO, Champlain College and UVM

Coalition for a Livable City petitioning about noise from F 35 jet to get on the ballot

City Hall Ballot is postponed until February and will have a candidates' forum.

City Council-Sharon Bushor, Adam Roof, Richard Deane

On Dec. 12th 2017 there was an interactive Open House to discuss neighborhood stabilization recommendation for the Neighborhood Project. The Neighborhood Project is funded through the City, UVM, Champlain and Preservation Housing. The Open House suggestions will go to Community Development Neighborhood Review Board. There are places to look at where investors will go to buy house to have more capital. Can get ahead of this and look at having a financial mechanism to be competitive with landlords. This housing study is unique because it looks at a specific part of neighborhood to develop a stabilization plan. Public safety had final meeting in committee. Have a recommendation to move homeless encampment. Initial reaction looked a criminalization. On January 22nd will vote on looking at a more humane strategy.

UVM-Bob Vaughan- At some point will be going to the City with the design to get approval for a permit. The ideal behind this is to update the entire facilities that was built in the 60's that doesn't meet the students' needs today. The recreational area is going to be increased 5 times. The project is looking to

add multi-event center which will be redesign to include the weight room, gym, ice rink, basketball and wellness center. Still in the middle of the design phase so things can change. The capacity will stay the same which is 3000. There will be a shared space between Gutterson and the new event center. Part of the push from leadership for a multi-event space is hold large events beyond sports such as commencement. Most of the event center is funded by fundraising. Still committed to look at housing. UVM just built a 700 bed student housing that just opened up.

Burlington School District Yaw Obeng and Mark Porter

Budget Development Update. We a number of engagement consultations with New American parents, staff, online submissions. Themes that came out were: energy efficiency, better tech, reduce play opportunities. Budget request from the community was over 6million. Other budget pressure: capital infrastructure, salaries and benefits, health reimbursement arrangement, legislative environment- 50million Edu. Fund deficit and a year 2 of health insurance reduction, retirement, Universal preschool, student support and elementary supervision. Burlington gets a Special Education Block Grant that fails to cover over 300,000 of our projected spending. In planning for budget guided by strategic budget goals: sustainable finance and facilities, equitable climate and culture, inclusive teaching and learning. Using a lot of data to inform strategies that employ. In Central Office have reduce 450,000k in 2017. Additional investment is going in to maintaining multilingual liaison, maintain class size within AOE Edu. Quality, increase social emotional supports. It is true that there is a decline in enrollment but in Burlington there has been an influx of refugee students and enrollment has not declined as steep and severe. Equity Allocation Approach has been applied in the past few years that has help determine allocation of resources to schools based on need. Federal funding from multilingual liaison is going away and need to maintain this because this is. Developing an equity employer strategy to recruit staff that have the same experiences as students and can provide relatable mentorship to students. Before 84,120,971, after 84,120,971. Baseline with no budget increase with tax impact will still have to find \$369,236 with a tax impact of 7.81%. Teacher contract was signed today but was developed in September. Those increases are in the budget presentation. The overall loss across the district is less than 1%. It's in the high school that has declined. The District gets paid by the head and the number of refugees that have come into the district has buffered the lost. The biggest cohort we have coming in now is pre-k and there's a waitlist. Next Tuesday there will be a special board meeting at Hunt Middle School.

End time: 9:10pm

Minutes taken by Phet Keomanyvanh-CEDO

