

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

Meeting Start-7:05pm

Steering Committee member present:
Richard Hillyard-Ward 1, Emily Lee-Ward 8

Speak Out

Selene Colburn retiring from City Council

Jason Williams-10 years as UVM Medical Center Representative on Neighborhood task force but changing roles and colleague Maria will take over. Task force will be meeting in spring again.

Henry Street Market is not complete. Sheet Rock still going up. Hoping for the Market to be open again soon. Richard Hillyard ask Mayor to come and talk about Sanctuary City in March NPA.

City Council Updates

Selene Colburn- passed a partial smoking ban in Parks. Most City parks will be smoke free and large parks will have smoking destination area. Last week had a report on City's Inclusionary Zoning (IZ) report. The report will be on CEDO's website and Neighborhood for public to view and comment. Public Safety looking at a resolution on the role of Police Commission as a citizen oversight. Meeting next week in council to vote on this. Looking at Burlington Telecom final development agreement.

Adam Roof -update on YMCA is still in fundraising mode. UVM announced potential development for an area in Memorial and Ward 1 for arena. This agreement is not happening and City going back to RFP. The Moran Plant final proposal is being review by CEDO. This is the final try. If this proposal doesn't go through looking to demolish the Moran Plant. The License Committee will look at creative way at downtown area to do prevention work on sexual assault. There are existing Councilor neighborhood funds for Ward 8 to do projects.

East District City Council Candidate Debate

Richard Deane-Currently works as an architect. Went to school all years in the Burlington School District. Know the issues of the neighborhood and the City because grew up here. Went away for some years but came back to raise family in Burlington. Currently there are a lot of development in downtown and waterfront. Need to grow population of Burlington for young families, students, and young professionals. Need to focus on seniors and their need to retire and live well. Want to keep Burlington vibrant and a place for all. Do support Inclusionary Zoning (IZ). The report says that affordable housing does not participate in growth of housing. We need to incentives the housing development as part of market rate so get more units over the next year. In raising revenue for the City need to be careful not to raise taxes and hurt current residents that are already having a difficult time paying taxes. There needs to be more people living in Burlington and contributing to tax base. We are a community that's made up many social economic background but need to come together to find solutions for problems we face.

Charles Winkelman-Work as Preschool teacher in Old North End. In working with families from all backgrounds and different social economic levels seen that there's a difficulty of families to make means. Advocating for \$15 minimum. Community members see that the City is not working for everyone. UVM is not taking on issues of housing and employment in Burlington. Burlington is not livable to everyone. Read report of IZ and likes that it shows what threshold makes sense. The report talks about how much money is needed to go into Housing Trust Fund. The City needs to do an assessment on what type of housing is needed not just focus on Market Rate housing. If raise minimum, then people will be able to contribute more. Need to also think how Burlington can work better with the County. Believe in government transparency and accessibility.

Burlington School Commissioner-Kathy Olwell

Have been serving as Ward 1 and 8 for past 6months to finish off Kyle Dodson's term. Now running for two-year term. Retired Social Worker and was on school board in 90's. Worked at Sara Holbrook and started Hunt Middle School afterschool at Miller Center which still thrives today. Started Winooski Middle summer program. This is free program that is still going today that serves 300 students in the summer. Need support for more social workers in the school. Have seen far more poverty grow over the past 24 years. Needs the funds to have good facilities and education to support our kids and need to come together to discuss how to fund our schools.

Burlington School Budget-Superintend Yaw Obeng, Marty Spaulding, Nathan Lavery

Just came out of 2 consecutive years and have come out with a surplus. Can invest so feeling excited about this. Have been working on a strategic plan and how to measure student success. Had a stake holders meeting. Calculated that have over 4 million on where to invest. Looking internally to right size and have cost savings. Three goals

1. Sustainable finances that range from bus to website
2. Equitable climate and data-looking at social-cultural needs for sense of belonging to learn
3. Inclusive teaching and learning for a multi-year plan

Tax increase 5.25% increase from budget proposal. Voters will be asked to approve 85 million school board budget and approve additional borrowing for capital improvements of 19million to do for over a 10year period. The estimated impact of this bond will total \$91 yr. or \$8 month over this 10year period. For High School and Burlington Tech Center there will be future bond to address infrastructure improvements and accessibility needs. There will be a public process for this.

Full presentation of Strategic Plan and Capital Improvements can be view at District site.

Meeting End: 9:20pm

Minutes submitted by Phet Keomanyvanh, Community Development Specialist-CEDO

