

Ward 1 Neighborhood Planning Assembly (NPA)  
MINUTES

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 7:00 - 9:00 PM  
In-person at the Friends Meeting House, 173 North Prospect Street  
And Zoom online

<https://zoom.us/j/96245939050>

Webinar ID: 962 4593 9050

Or by phone: +1 929 205 6099 ID= 962 4593 9050

Recording:

<https://www.cctv.org/watch-tv/programs/burlington-ward-1-npa-meeting-65>

Note: Zoom audio was not functional so folks on the wall were not well connected

Facilitator: Tom Derenthal

6:30 **Welcome and Food: Sam Ayotte**

7:00 - **Formal start - Introductions: name, street**

**Announcements:** share events, meetings, activities of interest to Ward 1 community.

Dave Cawley – Public meeting on Bridge Tues 9/19 O'Brien Center

Carol Livingston – NPA Picnic October 5<sup>th</sup> 5-7PM Schmanska; Bring a side or  
dessert

NPA zine has been published!!! We will send them out or contact us Thanks,  
Tender Warrior

Joel Kolata – Chase Street traffic calming v1.0 complete!

Cindy Cook - East Ave sidewalk is completed 9/23 or 9/24

Charlie Giannoni – There is likely to be some confusion on redistricting polling  
places – Ward 1 map for next time (see also maps below).

7:10 - **Speakout** – (16:02) - this is an opportunity to raise concerns and appreciations about  
Ward 1

An extended conversation on the McNeil Plant and District Heat Darren Springer

Discussion of interactions with unhoused folks camping in local parks

Local plantings success around the Ward – Flagpole, Triangle Park!

7:40 - **City Council updates** (56:02) - Zoraya Hightower Tim Doherty

Zoraya will link presentation to FPF; Housing – Short Term Rentals – ZH and TD are  
supportive of current ordinance. ZH Lawsuit saying city can't regulate, but suspect suit will fail.  
South End rezoning allows up to 8 floors (6 floors below Callahan Park) also eliminates South  
End payments in lieu as a substitute for affordable housing. Full City rezoning - want to push  
through quickly – for infill. TD: Megan Tuttle presented roadmap. How did we end up where we  
are? TD; both TD and ZH are undecided about district heat.

Code Enforcement is lacking on Short Term Rentals.

8:00 - **School Commission update** - Gary Golden and Aquilas Lokossou  
No report

8:05 - **General discussion about topics for upcoming Ward 1 NPA meetings this year**  
Things to donate for unhoused?

<https://cotsonline.org/wishlist>

<https://www.stepsvt.org/ways-to-give>

<https://www.anewplacevt.org/donatinggoods.html>

<https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/covid-19/Donate>

UVM Housing issues

CARES updates?

Homelessness, Addiction, how we can help

Neighboring Zoning

BED District Heat

No public safety enforcement

Anyone who want to join the Steering Committee!!!!

Bring a friend to the next NPA

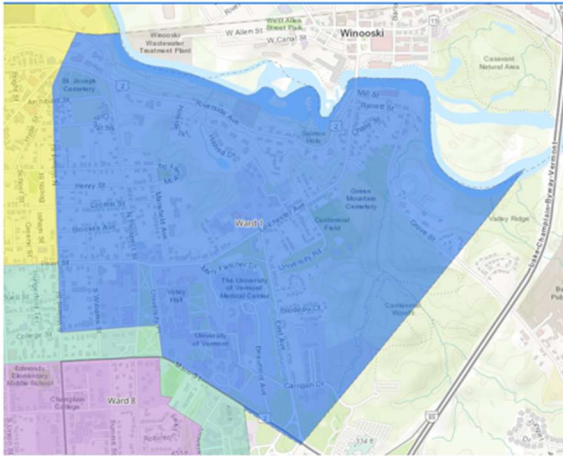
8:30 - **Overview of Public Safety (Zoraya Hightower) (69:32)** planning panels, discussions, action steps

Broad comments on houselessness, opioids, police response. Not a lot of plans in the works. Staffing, Money lacking.

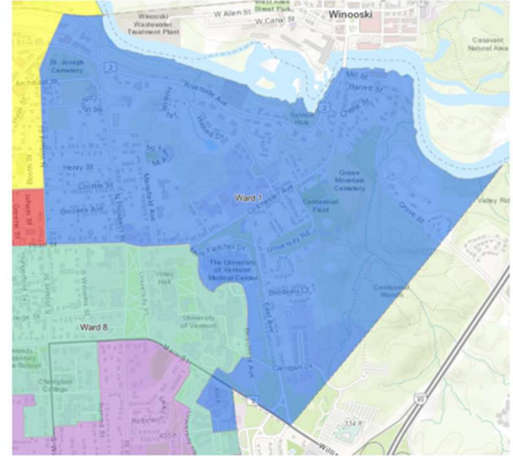
9:00 - Adjourn

# WARD 1

**Current – until March elections**



**New Ward – Starting March 2024**



OCTOBER 5 WE ARE HOSTING A BBQ PICNIC AT SCHMANSKA PARK - 5 - 7 PM.  
OUR NEXT NPA MEETING IS OCTOBER 11, 2023 AT FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE.