

10.24.22 Eastwood TNT Notes: Meeting opened at 7:05 Parzych pm

Facilitator - -Lisa Matthews

Notes Taken – David Haas

(Space here for all who attended)

Ground Rules were read

Motion to accept last month's meeting notes – Tony 1st & 2nd by Kathy Miller

Lisa Matthews nominated David Baker to be facilitator and it was 2nd by Councilman Jen Schultz

Lisa Matthews nominated Liz Hradil to be facilitator and it was 2nd by Mike Parzych

Lisa Matthews introduced Matt Micheletti to TNT residents. Matt is the new Operations Manager for TNT taking over for Tina Zagyva

Questions for City Officials:

Al Tassi asked about how long the Sidewalk Law has been in effect. Councilman Jen Schultz told him it was voted in 2 years ago. Issue on South Edwards where 90% of the residents did not know about this law and were not aware that the street was going to be done. He also asked who an area comes up under review to be redone and Jen Schultz said that there were 4.4million funds for sidewalks and data was collected by city officials to determine were sidewalks were in need of help.

Take a way: City needs to communicate better regarding any work being done on street especially if it includes a charge or fee. There are exemptions available if a resident already had their sidewalk done & then the city comes in & replaces the entire area. Need to explain to residents the steps to accomplishing the paperwork or procedure to get the exemption. If you know of a sidewalk that needs repair, continue to call (315-448-CITY) and report it every week until it is completed.

Mike Parzych asked to have Ken Towsley (Syr. Lighting Director) come to a meeting to review the lights at Sunnycrest park. Jen Schultz said that Ken reported back to her that the new lights are in the budget for 2023 replacement.

Question was asked about the number of times James Street should have the sidewalk cleaned during the winter months and residents were told to report issues to Neil Burke (DPW) who is in charge of this initiative as well as Speed Bumps and other traffic issues. You can also call (315-448-CITY) and leave a request for DPW.

Captain Milana gave a monthly update on Crime Statistics within Eastwood:

Violent Crime is down 12% compared to YAG.

Property Crime: Burglaries are up 86% but one of the criminals involved in many of the crimes was killed in a car crash last month. Motor Vehicle Theft is still up 62%. Keep cars locked up and valuables in side home and out of sight.

Huge Drug Bust last month in the city which involved areas on Almond Sreet, Liverpool and Iron Pier Building. A large amount of drugs and money were seized.

Questions asked:

Patty Pendergast: Is it legal to park car on lawn – Answer, NO, it is not. Call Non- Emergency 911 and report location and Police will come and ticket car.

Jim asked if there can be something done regarding the bottle-neck parking on Burnet Ave near Shifty's. Answer – Call Non- Emergency 911 to report parking issue and cars will be ticketed. Also it is not legal for customers of Shifty's to use the parking lot at the recently closed Dominick's. Cars will be towed.

Peggy Chase – County Legislature commented that the Aquarium Project was approved without a open meeting but that by the time constructions starts the cost of the Aquarium may go up and they will have to find other funding. Was discussed that Micron could donate funding towards project.

Committee Updates:

Lisa Matthews – Beautification Committee

Lisa Matthews said that the American Flags will be taken down right after Veteran's Day and new Holiday flags will be installed by Growing Good Works and Steven Skinners Team.

Lisa Matthews will be putting a Special Project Request together for all new wood poles, flags and clips for the 2023 season. Lisa Matthews will be putting a request in with DPW Deputy Commissioner to have the Eastwood Gateway signs, trash cans, bike racks and benches reviewed for painting detail in 2023.

Lisa Matthews reported on the Proposed Lighting District as a Board Member of Growing Good Works and TNT Facilitator. The Lighting District has always been on the TNT agenda and 5 year plan under Beautification and the last 3 years an ongoing project with Growing Good Works. An application was sent in to apply for ARPA funds and Eastwood has been awarded \$100K towards this project. There is much more needed to be done to bring this project to fruition and we are currently waiting on directions from the city on how to proceed since the city will oversee the project. More details to follow.

David Haas: Historical and Area Preservation Committee

David Haas got a historical sign approved at the Kinney Drugs site on James Street which was home to the former Bowling Alley where the Famous Basketball Shot Clock was created. Costs have increased since the last sign was placed and TNT Eastwood had left over special project funding that is needed to complete this installation. Lisa Matthews brought a motion to the floor to take the remaining funding and give it to David Haas to complete this project. Motion was passed and should be completed by Summer 2023.

Announcements:

Sean Radney (ENA) will be looking into an artificial outdoor holiday tree for Greenway Park.

Call to end meeting at 8:30 (Tony and Patty Pendergast)