

Meeting MINUTES: Facilitator Ken Garno

Attendees: Perry Singleton, Sharon Sherman, Corey Driscoll Dunham, Officer Chris Bresett, Captain Joe Sweeny, Chol Majok, Kiva Vandergeese, David Maynard, Rex Giardine, Kate LaClair, Mary Carney, Kathy Downing, Katie Sojewicz, Rachel May, Paul Harvey, Dale Avers, Tim Rudd, Rebecca Mannion

Minutes from the October 10th meeting were reviewed: Sharon Sherman motioned to approve the minutes as written, Perry Singleton 2nd, all were in favor.

Issues for City Departments: Ken thanked *DPW Commissioner* Pete O'Connor for agreeing to repair the damaged Meadowbrook sign. Captain Joe Sweeny from the *Syracuse Police Department* introduced the new officer, Chris Bresett who will be taking over the Westcott storefront. Residents are encouraged to contact the officer with any non-emergency concerns. Officer Bresett will generally be working during the hours of 7am and 3pm. Capt. Sweeny also mentioned that cameras have been installed in the Westcott and Euclid areas. In addressing concerns from the attendees, Capt. Sweeny confirmed that the footage belongs to the SPD and the cameras are not monitored in real time; they are largely used for historic information. With the holidays approaching, Capt. Sweeny also reminded neighbors to monitor any package deliveries as there have been instances in the past where thieves will steal packages upon delivery.

A question was raised regarding the impact of new student housing on the surrounding neighborhood and the potential for increased vacancy. Facilitators took note that this should be a subject revisited as a meeting topic once the new administration is in place.

Dean DeSantis, Chief Operating Officer, Syracuse City School District: Dean provided an overview of the 14 schools being renovated in both Phase I and II of the Joint Schools Construction Board project. He noted that Levy is currently being used as a swing space for Ed Smith students; the plan is to have students return to the Ed Smith building in the of Fall 2019. Concerns were raised about the accessibility of the fields at Levy for the neighborhood. Dean assured the group that the fields should not be locked on nights and weekends and he would look into the concern. A concern was also raised about the failure of the district to communicate to neighbors about the impact of Levy's preoccupation would have on the surrounding area, particularly in terms of traffic and street closings. Dean acknowledged this and assured the group it would be addressed in the future. Parents also thanked Dean and the district for their efforts in preparing Levy as a swing space; they were very happy with the space.

Dean also encouraged attendees to contact their state elected officials to advocate for possible changes to the current JSCB legislation, specifically for a continued stream of funding and for the flexibility to build new facilities. The current legislation largely limits projects to renovation and makes it more difficult for reimbursement of any new construction.

Special Projects: Ken and Sharon Sherman went over the process of submitting proposals for Special Project funding. Applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Applications will be reviewed at the January TNT meeting.

Announcements: Senator Dave Valesky and Assemblywoman Pam Hunter in partnership with Interfaith Works and La Liga are holding a holiday coat drive. Donations of new or gently used coats can be dropped off at Assemblywoman Hunter's office, 711 East Genesee Street, or Senator Valesky's office, 333 East Washington Street, the lobby of the State Office Building