Meeting Minutes TNT Area 1 ~ Downtown November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## **Facilitators** Bill Lee & Ossie Edwards

**Attendees:** Alice Maggiore, Sharon Sherman, Jim Emmons, Chol Majok, Captain Jon Hamblin, Neil Burke The meeting began at 5:31pm. Bill Lee reviewed the ground rules.

<u>Minutes:</u> Alice Maggiore motioned to approve the minutes from the September  $20^{th}$  meeting, Ossie Edwards  $2^{nd}$ , all were in favor.

## **<u>Downtown Committee Update:</u>**

Alice Maggiore, Communications Manager for the Downtown Committee, informed the group that on Friday, November 24 there will be a tree lighting in Clinton Square. This will also Kick-off the Winter Wonderland Storefront display. With 27 businesses currently participating, individuals will vote on who receives \$500 to the best display. 'Holidays in the City', December 16 and 17<sup>th</sup> will be an alternative to the Dickens Christmas in Skaneateles. It will feature real life Reindeer that have been in films. Also, there will be a 'smart' Santa station in The Galleries. Visit <a href="https://www.holidaysinsyr.com/">https://www.holidaysinsyr.com/</a> for more information.

New Businesses: *Glazed and Confused* opens on November 16<sup>th</sup>. *Goodies 2*, will open on Walton Street. The *State Tower* building changed their move in date to January 1<sup>st</sup>.

The *Chimes* building will be adding 100 more apartments. Tallman block will be adding 16 new apartments.

## **Issues for City Departments:**

A patron at the library stated there are a lot of people on S. Salina asking for money; there was a question regarding the legality of pan handling? Captain Hamblin stated that the current New York State penal law is unconstitutional. It was suggested that Downtown TNT invite *The Rescue Mission* to a future meeting. Also recommended was to invite some of the Tenant leaders from *Clinton Plaza*.

A map was distributed by the Chief showing the locations of the COPS cameras. All should be up and running within the next week or two.

The newly elected 4<sup>rth</sup> district Councilor, Latoya Allen, will join us in January.

<u>TNT City-wide Updates:</u> Tina Zagyva, *TNT Coordinator*, informed the group about a City-wide Facilitator Training/Meeting on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

Whats New at the Library? The Library is hosting a free work shop on Coding Essentials: how to create a website from a blank page. Classes are an hour long, there are 5 classes total. Also available is 3-D printing and audio software/garage band.

## **Announcements**

Chol Majok, from Senator Valesky's office, announced a Coat Drive for New Americans and Refugees that is being held by Senator Valesky & Assemblywoman Pam Hunter. Donations can be made through Friday December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please bring items to either the State office building (301 E. Washington St) or 711 E. Genesee St. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.