

Facilitator Lisa Matthews

Attendees: Chol Majok, Officer Carlos Romain, Jessica Kempisty, Tim Rudd, Andrew Snider, Pauline Tucci, Margaret McVicker, Mary K. Begell, Sharon Sly, David Severson, Mike Parzych, Sean Reed Jr., Bernice Buck, David Severson, Beverly Labier, Anna Maria DeSocio, Ross Haley, Shawn and Jenny Fataine

The meeting began at 7:00 pm.

September 23rd Minutes: Andrew Snider motioned to approve the October 23rd minutes, all were in favor.

Future Topics/Speakers: Lisa requested that the community bring ideas to the January meeting.

Special Projects: Lisa explained the Special Project timeline and past examples of projects funded by Eastwood TNT. Deadline to submit special project proposal is January 30th. Deadline to submit Invoices for projects is June 15th.

TNT City-wide Update: Tina Zagya, *TNT Coordinator*, informed the group in attendance that there will be a City-Wide Facilitator Meeting on Tuesday, November 28th at the CNY Philanthropy Center.

Facilitator Elections: 14 Ballots were distributed; all were in favor of electing Jessica Kempisty as Eastwood Facilitator. Lisa Matthews explained where Stephen Skinner and a few other Eastwood people were at a Planning Council meeting during the TNT meeting. The building next to the Palace Theater is on a demolition list and Stephen Skinner is interested in purchasing the building and saving the historic site.

Committee Updates:

Beautification Committee: Lisa Matthews explained that in the month of October there was an accident in front of the Eagle News. The bench and tree located there were taken out, DPW has replaced the bench (which is a slightly different design that is similar to the Eastwood design standard). The tree stump will be ground and a new tree planted in the spring. The trash can was dented; Skills Trade will fix, repaint and put back in place.

Issues for City Department Officials: A resident inquired as to why corner stores are being allowed to pop up on James st. Officer Romain suggested speaking with the City Permit Office or Ken Towsley (Commissioner of Codes). Officer Romain has written close to 40 tickets for people parking illegally, but has not seen much increased criminal activity. It was stated that there is a petition on Facebook and Nextdoor for residents requesting more Police presence in Eastwood. If you see something, no matter how small, call it into the Police so that the statistics are accurate. A few suggestions to deter criminal activity included: locking your car doors, put motion sensor lights on your house, get a dog.

Announcements:

- 1) Chol Majok with Senator Valesky's office announced that the Senator 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.
- 2) On December 4, ENA and the Palace are hosting the Tree Lighting Ceremony at Greenway park at 6pm, movie to follow: The Grinch Who Stole Christmas and Frosty the Snowman. It's a suggested \$5 or a toy donation.
- 3) Bingo every Friday night at the Legion.
- 4) Santa and the Foodbank, couple makes sandwiches: go to Nextdoor Website through Gene Leonard. December 9th and 16th
- 5) Volunteers are always needed at the Rescue Mission or Salvation Army.
- 6) January 28th, Senator Valesky and Jubilee Homes will be hosting a Job Fair at Hillside.
- 7) Tim Rudd announced that he is a newly elected Councilor at Large. Mr. Rudd explained what it means to be Councilor at Large. He is responsible to all neighborhoods throughout the City.

Meeting was motioned to adjourn at 7:52pm