

Facilitators: Patrona Jones-Rowser, Lou Carol Franklin, Julius Lawrence

Attendees: Regina McArthur, Robert Steingraber, Dorris Harvey, Shirley Rowser, Mike Reuben, Melissa Klier, Chris Harvey, Michael Greene, Assemblywoman Pamela Hunter, Damian Vallelonga, Dana Balter, Chris Montgomery, Jacyueline LaSonde, Rachel May, Joe B, Katherine Harvey-Barr, Larissa Ursiks, Reverend Betty Morey, Mary Trayna, Abdul Shakir, Lisa Sacco, Sue Wood, Mike Melara, Aggie Lane, Lt. A. Sobieci, Charles Pierce-El, Angela Wright, Marva Hudson, Jaime Howley, Tae Cerutti, Betty Pearson, Pamela Harvey, Carol Charles Dunbar, Joanne Stevens, Joe'von Works

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm Introductions began promptly. Ground Rules were reviewed

Review of the October 2nd 2017 Minutes: Angela Wright motioned to approve the minutes, Regina McArthur 2nd, all were in favor.

Issues for City Department Officials 330 Hillview house was torn down, City seized property and expedited demolition. A question was asked in regards to the street paving on W. Newell st. ; paving stopped at the 300 block Why? It was stated that this was a *Save the Rain Project* and it was only for a certain stretch of the street. On Dr. MLK St near South Ave, someone dumped about 7-8 tires in the park near there. The City will pick up to 4 tires a year at each property. It was suggested that it might be a good TNT event: once a month people can bring electronics/tires and bring them to a recycling center. Assemblywoman Pam Hunter recommended a call be placed with OCRA to assist in the recycling effort.

Issues for District Representatives/Elected Officials

Assemblywoman Pam Hunter, (represents Southside and Eastside of Syracuse) shared a few items that her office has been working on. There are serious financial concerns going into the new year; if you work for the school or a non-profit get in front of your state legislature to advocate for funding.

Assembly Bill 5685: (to be passed in January) if tenants pay the water bill and the landlord does not, tenants can deduct water bill from their rent and not get evicted.

Assembly Bill 6028: (to be passed in January) allow tenants with disability to break their lease if they have to go into assisted living due to their disability.

Current legislation underway as it relates to the flood zone; due to the sediment pollution in the Creek, it has caused water levels to rise. Those that can least afford the FEMA insurance have to pay it. *Assemblywoman Hunter* is currently working on an exemption for insurance cost to those who can least afford it. The final draft will be sent to individuals for review. Also, it was suggested that the group write a letter to the *Public Service Commission*; the purposed increase rates from *National Grid* will be in the double digits. Inland Port will be placed in East Syracuse by the Railyard which was advocated by the people of DeWitt. – This will not create jobs for people in this community.- The Governor's Office is responsible for the deal with CSX (who stated they will not be creating jobs for local people).

Shirley Rowser, SCSD Personnel Analysts/Career Ladder Coordinator Ms. Rowser explained her role as Recruitment for staff, career ladder for employees and community engagement for everyone else. There are many positions available that are both certified (teachers, OT and social workers) and non-certified: all others (can be civil service). Substitute teachers require a minimum of 4 year degree.

****Task Force Updates: All Task Forces are in need of volunteers****

Voting Task Force: Charles Pierce-El & Angela Wright

Everyone must get out and participate in the election on November 7th; Charles and Angela are on call to provide transportation for those who are in need. Angela Wright motioned to write a letter on behalf of the Southside TNT to the Mayor and SIDA requesting financial reimbursement for the 5 year plan created pro bono by *ADP Solutions* Jaime Howley 2nd all were in favor.

Beautification Committee: Patrona Jones-Rowser

Damien Valelonga from *Echo* presented 3 design options for Southside Sign on Coyne Corners. A vote was taken to select the sign design. Variation A won the selection with 11 votes. Variation B received 5 votes. Variation C received 10 votes. DPW did clean up on Salina Street. After which, the task force followed up with additional cleanup on Salina Street, after September 14th. The December meeting will be a Christmas party. A sheet was passed around for residents to sign up that they will be attending.

Economic Development Task Force: Regina McArthur

Discussion on the announced proposed study for South Avenue and SS TNT Southside five year plan. Discussion Followed. \$30 million anti-poverty (part of URI) from state funneled through the county. Southside Academy Charter School is asking for employees/social workers/etc. M&T bank is hiring. Homeowners over 62 years are eligible for a reverse mortgage.

Housing /Neighborhood Management Task Force: Jaime Howley & Palmer Harvey

Housing and Neighborhood Management Task Force needs to be at the table for the City's Planning Meetings. Co-op Housing survey will be online as well as paper versions for December. A few individuals will be taking a Grant writing class through the community foundation. There will be a visit to *Push Buffalo*.

City-wide Board Update Regina McArthur announced that there will be a 10% administrative fee that all fundraising must provide: goes towards administrative costs. Questions were asked in regards to the fee and how much work HHQ will be doing towards the requirements of the grant (reporting etc) Petty cash can have up to \$100.

Announcements:

November 17th Community Discussion 5:30pm – 9pm I-81, Racial Isolation & Economic Exclusion in Onondaga County. Community Folk Art Center.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm