

**Facilitator** Bill Lee

**Attendees:** Chol Majok, Juanita Williams, Dan Kolinsky, Bill Lee, Ossie Edwards, Jake Thorsen, Walt Shepperd, Jim Emmons, Alice Maygiore, Adria Finch, Michael Giannattasio, Samantha Linnett, SPD Dave Kimber, SPD John Fay, Michael Greene, Sharon Sherman

### **Presentation: Innovation Team**

Update on Priority Area I can be found on website [www.InnovateSyracuse.com](http://www.InnovateSyracuse.com)

Priority Area II will focus on Economic Opportunity for residents of Syracuse. 5 areas of focus

- 1) Homes & Neighborhoods (safety and health)
- 2) Youth Activities/engagements
- 3) How to engage external stakeholders
- 4) Transportation
- 5) Resources & Services

The I-team will be receiving training on Human Centered Design which will help them focus on developing programs that citizens want.

**Update on Interactive Sound Device:** anticipated completion date in Spring 2017

**Special Projects:** Deadline for Proposal Submission is January 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be a special meeting in February to discuss the proposals. Current proposals include

- 1) Media Unit: Downtown Meet and Greet for July 27<sup>th</sup> on Montgomery St.
- 2) Poster Project in collaboration with the Erie Canal Museum: exterior permanent poster panels
- 3) Downtown Committee: Streetscape/beautification
- 4) Public Library: Project involving youth creating costuming for the Downtown Parade

### **Learn Something New at the Library**

Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am to 12 there will be an open house at the Central Library on level 2 for READytown. This is a pretend house in which kids can interact with objects.

### **City-Wide Update**

Jake Thorsen informed the group about the TNT City-wide Strategic Planning Proposal. It was stated that TNT would like to be inclusive and involve as many members as possible. A sign-up sheet was available for individuals to join the process.

### **Report from DT Committee**

Downtown Dining week is from February 15<sup>th</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup>. There are about 30 restaurants who have signed up; 3 Course or more meals for \$25 or less. Papinos Neopolitan will be opening an evening space for more formal dining in their Pomodoro space. The Icon Tower on Warrant St will soon be housing new tenants, as there are 89 market rate apartments available. This location will be a part of the May 20<sup>th</sup> Downtown Tour for this year.

### **Announcements**

- 1) The Media Unit is holding auditions on Saturdays from 11am to 1pm for cast who sing/dance/act and crew members with some background in technology ages 13-17 years. Upon completion of this program, the crew and cast will receive jobs at \$9/hr for 25hrs a week. 'From the Back of the Bus' will be hosting several more dialogue circles with trained facilitator Derrick Dorsey.
- 2) The Landbank will be holding a Buyers Workshop on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Philanthropy Center, 431 E. Fayette St. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room
- 3) Sharon Sherman suggested a speaker from Centro inform the TNT group with their new Centro Bus App