

Facilitator Bob Oberst

Attendees: Dawn Daggett, Mary Alice Smothers, Gladys Smith, Bob Oberst, Frank Cetera, Hilary Donahue, Jackie Elliot, Officer David Metz, Captain Barratta, Jamie Mckinney, Stefanie Holmes, Liam Kirst, Alice Martins, Anna Coach, Morgan Chamberlain, Sarah Ibrahim, Ursula Rozum, Rob Bucklin, Garth Coviello, Ocesa Keaton, Tina Zagya, Logan Reidsman, Chris Ryan, Caroline West

Review of the January 17th 2017 Minutes: Frank 1st, Mike Behnke 2nd, All were in favor

Issues for City Department Officials Follow Up : Officer Barratta

- 1) Currently, there are a number of initiatives in progress for the Pass-thru on the 600 block of Gifford & Seymour
- 2) In regards to enforcement of ATV's and motorbikes: please use the 411 tip line if you see where they are going to and from (these will increase with the good weather)
- 3) There are a few individuals taking black walnut trees from Landbank/vacant properties. They are contracting legally with home owners and then removing trees on the adjacent property line. They are also giving rental residents a couple hundred dollars to remove the tree. They are using the Mennonites in Northern Oswego County to get rid of the lumber off the books. Report any incidence if you see them occurring
- 4) Gun Shot locators are a tool to help locate where a shot was fired. They cannot detect ATV's, as they are designed to detect a certain decibel of sound.
- 5) Sgt. Barratta has been promoted and will no longer be the Westside Representative

Ocesa Keaton, Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator:

The ADA act is a Civil Rights Law establish in 1990. Please reach out to Ocesa with any suggestions. An example of a suggestion: In Barry Park a child needed an accessibility swing. The mother contacted Ocesa and working with the Parks Department. They were able to have an accessibility swing installed. Several members inquired if the snow removal issue was a violation of this act. Ocesa stated that this is not an easy answer as not all sidewalks belong to the city. Also, DPW would be the department to contact on snow removal. Always call 448-CITY to report any issues. Ocesa offered to write a letter to Pete O'Connor, DPW Commissioner with the group's snow removal concerns. Ms. Keaton also offered to contact Centro in regards to Bus Stop snow removal.

Special Projects:

- 1) Frank Cetera proposed a Traffic Calming Mural for Otisco St \$750
- 2) Frank Cetera proposed OG's signs and training \$750
- 3) Mary Alice Smothers proposed lawn care equipment for Jack's Senior pocket park \$634
- 4) Mary Alice Smothers proposed a youth Bowlarama \$1,000
- 5) Ursula Rozum proposed a Save-the-Bees educational seminar for Gifford Community Garden \$650
- 6) W Onondaga St. Alliance proposed Beautification Banners for the W. Onondaga st. corridor \$671.76

Q. With the Bee project, have you considered Burnett Park?

A. It would be beneficial to have the educational seminar where people live.

Q. Have you talked to Syracuse Housing about the Prosecutor pesticide they are spraying on their properties?

A. Not yet

Q. How do you know that is what they are using?

A. Several neighbors were outside when they noticed a man spraying along the parameter of a Syracuse Housing Authority residence. They asked the gentlemen what he was spraying and for what purpose.

Q. How will you do public outreach to include your neighbors in these projects?

A. Door to door flyers, email blasts, social media, utilizing the network of other organizations in the area such as the Near West Side Initiative.

Frank Cetera stated that all the projects total under the \$5,000 in sector funds. All were in favor of funding all projects

Facilitator Election

Mary Alice Smothers was nominated last month to be a facilitator. All were in favor.

City-Wide Update

Frank Cetera informed the group that the TNT City-wide Strategic Planning is waiting for confirmation on dates in March, April and May. Once these are confirmed, a flyer will be sent out.

Announcements

- 1) WOSA will have their 2nd annual cleanup day on April 22nd from 9am – 2pm. There will be free lunch and free t-shirts for the first 100 people.
- 2) WOSA will also be giving away 1,000 packs of LED light bulbs to people in the 201, 202, 204, 206 zip codes. You can register for the event on Eventbrite. Bring 4 light bulbs and you will receive 4 LED bulbs.
- 3) March 4th is the annual Shamrock run. It is a 4 mile run through the Park.
- 4) The Geddes Round table discussion will occur at the March 21st meeting. This will be a discussion regarding the Geddes st. Corridor.