

**Facilitator** Bill Lee

**Attendees:** Ossie Edwards, Jake Thorsen, Jim Emmons, Alice Maygiore, Michael Giannattasio, Sharon Sherman, Michael Green, Ocesa Keaton

**Ground Rules:** Ossie Edwards read the sample ground rules to the group

**Issues for City Departments:**

- 1) Pedestrian light switch in front of the library could not be utilized due to the snow on either side preventing someone from hitting the button.
- 2) Jefferson St has snow on either side, making it difficult to park, when will it be removed?
- 3) A few weeks ago, there was congestion on Onondaga st. in front of the Hotel. People were double parking. Is this a recurrent problem or just an issue from an event?
- 4) Salina St. is extremely icy, can DPW or the Downtown Committee sprinkle salt on sidewalk?

**Special Projects:** Michael G. updated the group on the progress of his sound sculpture to be installed near the Creek Walk, in a green space next to the Exercise Equipment (across from the MOST and Sound Garden). A slideshow was presented showing the device which is made from hard steel and a patina that will change the appearance over time. A work order has been submitted to skills trade to pick up the device.

**Q.** The cylinders, are they open at the bottom?

**A.** They are open at the bottom and the top.

**Q.** Did you come up with the design?

**A.** The Downtown Committee and Downtown TNT helped with the idea to connect the piece with Symphoria. The design, however, is made by Michael G.

Ossie Edwards informed the group that her project funding for \$250 will now be funded by the Library. It was suggested that the funds go to the Downtown Committee for a plaque. Through Electronic vote, funding in the amount of \$250 was approved on 3/29/2017 for the Downtown Committee to replace a Historic Sign.

**TNT City-Wide Updates**

TNT Downtown will be taking nominations for 2 board positions (delegate and alternate) in April. Jake Thorsen informed the group about the TNT City-wide Strategic Planning dates. It was stated that TNT would like to be inclusive and involve as many members as possible, **RSVP to [TNTstrategicplanning@gmail.com](mailto:TNTstrategicplanning@gmail.com)**

**Presentation: Ocesa Keaton, Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator** 315-448-8781 [OKeaton@syr.gov](mailto:OKeaton@syr.gov)

This is a Civil Rights Law establish in 1990. Ocesa is undergoing a Transition Plan Process and is currently in Phase one of the plan; a self-evaluation assessment of all City of Syracuse programs and services to identify all architectural barriers in their facilities. (ex. City Parks, Senior Centers, Public Meetings)

**Report from DT Committee**

New businesses coming in: The Fish Frior, at the Courier building, is opening next week. The Expressmart opened in the Creek Walk Commons building; it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> non-fuel business to open. Sugar N'Company opened in the former Bittersweet business, similar products. The Downtown Committee will be cleaning up 5 locations on Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup>: Clinton & Adams, Armory Square, Montgomery St, Creekwalk and Clinton Square. You can sign up on the website, they already have 70 volunteers committed! The Downtown Living Tour will be on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 4pm with Icon Towers as the Headquarters. The stops include: State Tower building, Chimes building (500 S. Salina st), 235 East Water St., Herald Commons, 2 condos in Jefferson Clinton, Dietz Lanterns building. There will be several open houses including a Doggy Day Care that will be opening on Clinton Street. Sharon Sherman stated that there have been several tenants calling with concerns on the doggy day care next to their living quarters.

**Learn Something New at the Library: Tour of the Makerspace**

**Announcements**

- 1) The next Downtown meeting will be on April 19<sup>th</sup>