

Facilitator Jimmy Monto, David Haas

Attendees: David Baker, Lisa Matthews, Stephen Skinner, Pauline Tucci, Margaret McVicker, Peggy Chase, Caroline West, James Arena, Jerry Haas, Annelise Bucci, Anthony Lambert, Daniel Kolinski, Joe Driscoll, Bernice Buck, Mike Parzych, Mary K BeBell, Dan Horan, Kathleen Joy, Minch Lewis, Judy Lewis, Lee Fordock, Beverly Labier, Anna Maria DeSocio, Tim Rudd, Councilmember Nader Maroun, Juanita Perez Williams, Owen Kerney, Captain Richard Shoff

Minutes

Jerry Haas motioned to waive and accept the February 27th minutes, Dan Horan 2nd all were in favor

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Project Rezone focuses on the Zoning Ordinance and the Zoning Map. All documents pertaining to the project are posted on the website. Current timeline for the project:

- 1) Module 1: New District & Uses (current)
 - 2) Module 2: Development Standards (April 2017)
 - 3) Module 3: Administration & Procedure (June 2017)
- Summer/Fall 2017 – consolidated public review draft

Once approved by Council it will become local law by late fall 2017.

Q. Have you contacted DPW, Fire, Water to see what their wishes are?

A. Yes, they serve on the advisory committee; Rezone has been talking with them to figure out how to supplement the work they do.

Q. How are you going to coordinate with the county water lines 19 miles outside the city?

A. Water infrastructure is a big topic of discussion, but zoning does not control infrastructure.

Q. How long before this comes into fruition?

A. This year the draft ordinance will be completed, but there will be a transition period. The consultant team recommends a timeframe of 60 – 120 days to phase out the old with the new. Probably this time next year it will be fully implemented.

Q. There have been a series of public meetings throughout the city asking for community input. Does the current version of the zoning map reflect this?

A. Version 2 of the map is being updated with public input. Once all the changes are put in, it will go back out for public review (sometime maybe in April).

Q. On the map, does it show Eastwood Heights and Huntington as designated Parks?

A. Yes. Many Parks were zoned residential (as there wasn't a Parks zoning 80 years ago)

Councilmember Nader Maroun reiterated that this is a working draft document. Ultimately it will go in front of the Council to vote into law. Outside advisory committee is working with Owen to create the draft. The council will probably have further input once the draft is at their table and address any concerns in their districts. The Devil is in the details, there is no timeline that says it has to be done by a certain time. It is imperative that we do this correctly. Go online and check out the documents and submit further recommendations.

Q. Rule of unintended consequences, how much of existing stuff will be grandfathered in? Are there new requirements with new buildouts, old houses etc?

A. There is no desire to create headaches for everyone. The new design standards begin to get at preserving the character of the neighborhood corridors. New developments would need to abide by the new laws and standards. Unless a business permits for a new parking lot, the city may ask they enclose their dumpster as per the new guidelines. The changes will happen over time as people change things. 10, 20, 30 year period.

Q. Would we have had a better chance at keeping the Byrne Dairy if the new zoning was in effect?

A. Syracuse is a city that needs investments, new economic activity, we certainly don't want to push people away. Having all the requirements up front helps to streamline the process and predictability. A lot of people are frustrated with the current process. Byrne Dairy is now developing on W. Genesee st.

Special Projects:

David Haas and Margaret McVicker proposed funding for 2 historic plaques for Eastwood. There are two options for signs from Lutz, aluminum (\$725) or bronze (\$875). The first one would be installed on the corner of Hillsdale and Sunnycrest, the site of the first Town Hall within the original village of Eastwood

Q. Do both options come from Lutz?

A. Yes

Q. How high is the Pole?

A. 6ft

Q. Would the snowplows knock it out?

A. Hopefully not

Q. For the location of the 2nd sign, could it be in a commercial district?

A. Ideas for locations are coming from local historian, Margaret McVicker

Q. Are they painted?

A. Yes, up to us to pick the colors

Comment was made that the bronze signs would most likely be vulnerable to theft.

Q. Can the sign be placed on the owners side of land vs. the city?

A. Probably not feasible. If the city is doing the work and will maintain it, the sign cannot be on private property.

Q. What corners will it be placed?

A. Southwest corner of Hillsdale and Sunnycrest.

Lisa Matthews motioned to vote \$1,750 for the proposed project. Jerry Haas 2nd, all were in favor.

Lisa Matthews updated the group on the three other special projects: Raulli is beginning work on the flag pole holders. These will last for 20 years +. Once they are done being painted, Lisa will pick up. The bench for Eastwood Heights Park has been ordered, probably will arrive within 2 weeks. The location still needs approval. Once the weather breaks, Twin Oaks will start work on the pavers in Sheridan Park.

Committee Updates:

Parks Committee: Dan Horan stated that next month Jeff Romano will provide the group with an update on the Eastwood Heights Park Masterplan. Suggestions were taken at a previous TNT meeting and also at a committee meeting that was held at Dunkin Donuts. Please feel free to make suggestions to the Committee.

Dan Horan commented that last month there were numerous people at the meeting that have never attended before. It was perceived as a move by ENA to tilt power in their favor, in the belief that ENA is attempting to take over TNT. Mr. Horan stated that this isn't about him losing to the other two who were voted in as facilitators, he just does not think that it was right and considers it tantamount to stuffing ballot boxes.

Mike Behnke stated that there will be \$22,000 million going into the school renovations starting in 2018. The plan will cut at least ½ of the front lawn to accommodate buses. The new renovations will include a new field at Henninger, new windows, bathrooms, etc. Mr. Behnke urged the neighborhood to go to the meetings so that the community will have a say in the development.

Q. Should a letter go out in the mail for the new bus cut?

A. Councilmember Nader Maroun stated that a letter will be sent out for broader outreach to get people to the meeting. Also, Centro will change their bus route times so that they will not interfere with the school's drop off and dismissal.

Mr. Behnke will be submitting a Special Project Proposal for about \$150 to go towards paint materials for a mural at the Peace Garden. On April 22nd, Earth Day, volunteers will be working with Lemoyne students at Sunnycrest. The Freedom Garden might be moved and include more perennials.

Business Committee: Stephen Skinner stated that the Russo family is taking over the old Byrne Dairy location and will be opening 'The Tuscan', an Italian meat market deli. The Palace's Sidebar Café is experiencing minor delays, it should open within 2 weeks. They will be testing the market for the first month, offering lunch. The goal is to be open from 7:30am to 2:30pm. The Eastroom Building will have a day spa/salon, food in the fall. Marabella apartment building sold, there is one on Collingwood and James looking to be sold to a new owner who will bring it up a notch. Corner of Edward and James apartment building will continue to see landscaping and other improvements. Stephen Skinner will take ownership of the Walter Price Funeral Home in May. Renovations will begin on the historic building in July, for professional office spaces. Nader gave applause to Stephen for his efforts.

Pomco has been bought by United Healthcare. Mr. Pompry will retain the building and long term lease with United Healthcare. Pomco contacted Nader when it was in the works, as the City's health insurance was contracted with Pomco. Pomco ensured Nader that United Healthcare wants to expand and possibly create more jobs.

Q. When you meet with them, if they leave Eastwood area, that's a big portion of income for community

A. They did their due diligence in terms of footprint. They're fully aware

Beautification Committee: Hon. Maroun, Lisa and Tina Zagyva have been working on the maintenance of the Eastwood signage and repair of trash cans. This will happen in the Spring, as it is on the DPW work order list. Mike Parzych mentioned that the attendance at the meeting at Huntington was pitiful. The teacher parking lot will go around the whole school and near the playground. If they have the money, they will rebuild the playground. There is a need to find out what the plan is for the playground, as the old one could be installed at the Eastwood Heights Park.

Q. The monument on Grant blvd & James, the flat concrete piece has a leg that is breaking off.

A. Nader raised money a year or two ago to fix it up, he will look into it.

Issues for City Department Officials

Captain Shoff was applauded and congratulated on his promotion. Next month, he would like to speak about the COPS Cameras.

City-Wide Update

Caroline West announced that there is a TNT City-wide Strategic Planning flyer. The first meeting will be on Thursday, March 30th at the Gifford Foundation 126 N. Salina st, please RSVP free parking in the back. Jimmy Monto announced that the 3rd strategic planning date has changed to June 1st.

Jimmy Monto informed the group that there will be open nominations for the TNT City-Wide board at the next meeting on April 24th.

Announcements

1) On April 8th, there will be an Egg Hunt at Eastwood Heights Park