

Facilitator Mary Alice Smothers

Attendees: Gladys Smith, Frank Cetera, Mike Behnke, Hilary Donahue, Officer David Metz, Lt. Michael Yarema, Rob Bucklin, Richard Destito, Tina Zagyva, Belen Cordon, Stephanie Pasquale, John Miranda, Kimberly Harvey, Ben Walsh, Jeffrey Juli, Rasheim Rutledge, Chol Majok, Palmer Harvey, Charles Jackson, Liam Kirst, Jake Thorsen

March 21st Minutes: Mike Behnke motioned to accept the minutes, John Miranda 2nd, all were in favor

Issues for City Department Officials/SPD:

- 1) Gifford Street CPTED program has met with DPW, SPCA, Landbank, etc to continue efforts on Gifford St. Lt. Yarema is spearheading the project and the neighborhood should see gains by this summer
- 2) The Landbank will be cleaning up their properties on Merriman & Macena St. There is an ongoing focus of the Police during the daytime hours on these streets
- 3) Gifford Street has been quiet since the Homicide on the 500 block of Gifford St.
 - Q.** Do you know who did the homicide? **A.** A suspect has been identified
 - A resident stated that he has seen people still dealing drugs on Gifford, is this residual? Yes, it is residual, they live at various locations and congregate on Gifford.
 - Q.** Has there been talk of amending the nuisance abatement? Last year a youth pepper sprayed two children a couple houses down the block, since he did it at the kid's house, his arrest could not be used towards nuisance abatement.
 - A.** Good question, has there been a formal request to change the nuisance abatement? –No
 - Q.** When will the police substation open at Skiddy Park?
 - A.** Stephanie Pasquale offered to look into it and will let the Westside TNT know the answer.

Frank Cetera mentioned that last fall he had been collecting intersections throughout the Westside that are in need of a stop sign. If you have any suggestions, please contact Frank.

Presentation: Charles Jackson, Coordinator for YSAP

YSAP (Youth Substance Abuse Prevention) is a 5 year grant funded by the White House. It is a bottom up community based model, the goal is for the community to keep it going. YSAP is here to help plan and mitigate the issues you see in your community, as you know your community the best. This works through networks, YSAP provides workshops, training, assistance with Town hall meetings, support coalitions, support via family navigator, and partnerships with city and county agencies. YSAP has a huge library and welcomes everyone to take a look.

Contact Charles Jackson at 315-471-1359 cjackson@preventionnetworkcny.org

Website: PreventionNetworkcny.org

- Q.** Have you talked to the Syracuse Board of Education?
- A.** Political part and funding would be an issue.

Presentation: Belen Cordon, *Neighborhood Business Development*: Loveland Data Collection Tool

The purpose of the Loveland Data Collection Tool is for the community to assist the City with problematic housing in their neighborhoods. The Data will assist the City with a more efficient way to spend City funding. The Loveland free App will allow people to take pictures of the problematic housing and then complete a short survey. You may also submit examples of excellent housing. The App also allows for individuals to see other submissions, all the data is free and open. This is a planning tool for the City as well as neighborhood organizations such as TNT. The rollout date will be sometime in June.

- Q.** Does this only include tax delinquent properties?
- A.** No, the survey isn't parcel specific; you can go to any parcel and complete the survey.
- Q.** Home Headquarters owns a few that are just vacant lots, do you work with HHQ on this App?
- A.** The City purchased the App to get citizens engaged, there are no partnerships with any other organizations. There are only a few properties the city has money to address, so the input would elevate the big problem ones
- Q.** When is the release date?

A. Beginning of June

Q. Do you have anything to do with buildings that are owned by slumlords?

A. More to do with vacant properties, neighborhood groups could tackle the slumlord issue with this App

Update on Special Projects

Frank Cetera informed the group that he has met with *OG's Against Violence* Coordinator Cliff Ryan in regards to the signs that will be produced from the \$750 Special Project Funding the project was awarded. Mr. Ryan will attend the next TNT meeting with some signs for discussion on where they should be distributed. Frank stated that the street mural project has procured a local artist, Jacob Roberts to lead the project. Frank Cetera proposed a project, beautification items for the Geddes St. Corridor, in the amount of \$500.

WOSA purchased hardware through Amazon and have met with Pete O'Connor, commissioner of DPW to discuss where the banners will be hung.

TNT City-wide Board Nominations

John Miranda nominated Rick Destito as Board Delegate, Mike Behnke 2nd. Jake Thorsen nominated Frank Cetera as Board Alternate, John Miranda 2nd.

Announcements

- 1) April 21st, East Day Cleanup at Hillside meet in the main parking lot. Bags and gloves will be provided
- 2) April 22nd 10am – 2pm, Brady Faith hosting a tree planting event
- 3) April 22nd, WOSA Earth Day cleanup 9am – 2pm, meet at Onondaga Commons. Bring incandescent lightbulbs and receive up to 4 LED lightbulbs in exchange. Free lunch for volunteers
- 4) April 19th and April 21st Grand Ave Earth week cleanup (still fighting for a crosswalk)
- 5) Mike Behnke has contacted the county in regards to an art mural on the train trestle bridge.
- 6) April 22nd, 610 Gifford St 11am – 1pm. Syracuse Grows Resource Drive Day, getting compost, manure and planting seeds