Meeting Minutes TNT Area 8 ~Lakefront May 15th, 2017

MINUTES Facilitator Maren King

Attendees: Sgt. Collin Hillman, Gary Crawford, Cassie Hammond, Chris Slocum, Keith Muhammad, Caroline West, Chad Ryan

City-Wide Board Election

All were in favor of electing Gary Crawford as TNT City-wide Board Delegate and Kate Kingsley as TNT City-wide Board Alternate.

City-Wide Update

Gary Crawford updated the group on the strategic planning that occurred on May 31st. The new location for the last meeting on June 1st is still being determined. Caroline West informed the group that next month will be the end of the fiscal year, all funds should be spent. Now that TNT is a 501c3 the city will cut a check directly to TNT. TNT cannot raise funds until July 1, as we currently do not want HHQ to maintain 2 different sets of books.

Chris Slocum stated that TNT should pre-register with the NYS Grants reform website for future grant opportunities. CNY economic development is also looking for non-profits to fund.

Q. Will TNT try to raise money independently from the City funding?

A. We should, the City doesn't have deep pockets.

Councilmember Chad Ryan spoke on the current issue regarding the council de-funding the Landbank.

Special Project Updates

The Creek Float has been rescheduled for June 4th due to the unsafe water levels of the creek.

Overpass fest held their first event on May 11th, the Lakefront TNT stated they would like notification of the events moving forward.

Gary Crawford has spend most of his funding for the 'Build it and they will sail' initiative. The school district will pay their teacher 1 extra week to work with the kids to finish the boat after the school year. Gary is constructing a small scale polywog as an example; he used the same techniques the kids will be using. The polywog will float down the creek during the Creek Float event.

Discussion/topics for future meetings

The group agreed to cancel the June and August meeting. Next meeting will be July 17th at the Aloft. Maren King recommended that we have the building owners present new developments such as Rapid Response and Bankers Trust. There was questions regarding the civic use of the old freight house currently owned by COR. The Harbor Masters Building was also in question as to what is happening with it as well as the shoreline near it.

Announcements

- 1) Chris Slocum stated that Assemblyman Magnarelli's office is sponsoring an electronics recycling event on Saturday, July 29ths in the parking lot of Destiny USA from 9am 1pm.
- 2) Overpass Fest is next Thursday, May 18th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm