

**Facilitator** Bill Lee

**Attendees:** Ossie Edwards, Jake Thorsen, Peter B. Smith, Christopher Montgomery, Heather Schroeder, Jim Emmons, Anne Augustine, Sgt. Tim Galanaugh, Joseph W. White, Laura Lavine, Cassie Hammond, Thomas Fitch, Nathan Garlow, Sharon Sherman, Michael Giannattasio, Honora Spillane, Chol Majok

Review of the Ground Rules: Bill Lee stated the ground rules.

**Issues for City Departments:**

Officer Joel White presented a map of the cameras downtown. The Downtown Committee purchased 10 cameras on the map. There are private owners that are purchasing some on their own. There is no overnight live monitoring of the camera system. Parking/standing in the bike lanes. You cannot park on the bike lanes, you would normally get ticketed.

**Presentation: Nora Spillane & Owen Kerney**

Owen: The City is Rezoning the Land use law; shapes the look and feel of the city. An update to Downtown Rezone is to update it to Mixed Use district. Not much is changing in the zoning, it will be a consolidation of uses allowing it to be easier for new projects. On the Rezone website, all notes and maps can be found. Complete consolidated plan release late this summer, and adopted in the Fall. The new zoning would take effect in early 2018.

Nora: Downtown is currently a hodge podge, NBD helps people navigate the current system. Rezone will allow this process to be simpler and easier as the process will be streamlined and more navigable for the average person.

Q. With new mixed uses will it allow new types of businesses to come to the Downtown area?

A. Yes, it will. Current zoning code is 50 years old, it is limiting. If a new idea isn't in the current zoning it is an even more difficult process. For example, doggy day care on Clinton had to go through a waiver process, etc. It is a use that residents in Downtown want, but in 1967 it was not included in the zoning ordinance update.

Q. Are you basing this Rezone on any other cities?

A. No, it's based on (consultant hired Clarion Associates based out of Denver, local firm EDOR) best practices nationwide.

**Downtown Committee Update:** This Saturday from 11am – 4pm Downtown living tour, 9 stops and 2 open houses (doggy day care). Get a sense of what new apartments are on the market. June 13<sup>th</sup> the farmers market opens for the season 7am to 3pm on Tuesdays. Visit [DowntownSyracuse.com](http://DowntownSyracuse.com) for more events happening over the summer. Starting next week there will be a series of 2 resident focus groups; for downtown residents. May 25<sup>th</sup> at Modern Malt Bake Shop, times will be sent via email. Thursday evening, June 1<sup>st</sup> the location is still being determined.

**TNT City-Wide Board Elections**

Bill Lee made the motion to approve Jake Thorsen as Delegate & Ossie Edwards as Alternate to represent the Downtown TNT at the City-wide board. Peter Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor.

**TNT City-wide Updates:** Jake Thorsen updated the group on the second strategic planning that happened on May 31<sup>st</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting will take place on June 1<sup>st</sup> at Central Tech. Dinner at 5, meeting will begin at 5:30pm. Please **RSVP to [TNTstrategicplanning@gmail.com](mailto:TNTstrategicplanning@gmail.com)**

**Whats New at the Library?** Ossie informed the group of the libraries summer reading program. You can create a journal each year of your activities and friends each year. Summer program mainly for kids but is also for adults. Summer program available at each library.

**Special Project Update**

Mike G. updated the group on the Bike Rack that was funded through the 2016-2017 special project funds. An image of the completed rack was shown. June 22<sup>nd</sup> Makers Space partnering with the Library on a youth 3-d scanning/printing using a hacked x-box connect. There are a couple examples down in the makerspace.

Walt Shepperd is working on his event, Downtown Meet and Greet, which will take place on June 29<sup>th</sup>. The stage will be donated from the NYS Fairgrounds.