

MINUTES: Facilitator David Kirby

Attendees: Ken Garno, Sharon Sherman, Chol Majok, Captain Joe Sweeny, Paul Driscoll, Stephanie Pasquale, Linda Ervin, Joe Nicoletti, Richard Vincent, Kathryn Downing, Andrea Buckhold, Carl Mellor, Ben Walsh, Christie Bravos, Charlie Miller, Greg Sriwiniki, Starke Donally, Peter Sarver, David Maynard, Stephen Waldron, Harvey Lewis, Mary Carney, Michael Greene, Rebecca Mannion, Rex Giardine, Kathleen Sauro, Ann Kornbluth, Joe Driscoll, Tula Goenka, Bob Haley, Corey Driscoll Dunham, Chris Dunham, Kevin Corcoran

Issues for Police/other departments:

- 1) Residents requested signage on barrels 'No Parking' on the 500 block of Buckingham during SU games. Capt. Sweeney stated that the Police do not have barrels and the request should be submitted to SU.
- 2) Captain Sweeney informed the group that there was a vehicle theft and burglary, the keys to the vehicle were left on the console. A juvenile was arrested. This is the time of year when people are walking around looking for opportunities, keep doors locked and keys in your pocket.

University Area Vacancies:

Mike Stanton, SUENA President

Residents and Landlords within the Eastside area expressed concern over the number of housing vacancies that will result from the multiple Syracuse University housing developments for students. A presentation was given on the specific developments and number of beds per building.

Elin Riggs, Director of Off-Campus & Commuter Services for Syracuse University

The University has not made any decision to keep Junior's on campus nor is there an expected timeline. Concerns will be brought back to SU.

Q. From SU's point of view, how many properties does SO own and manage? How many total student beds are in the area around the campus?

A. Total enrollment for freshman/sophomores and about 1/3 juniors and small percentage of seniors are living on campus. There are about 10 – 12,000 students that live off campus.

Q. How many SU properties house students out of that 10 – 12,000?

A. The University does not own private developments; around 1,000 students would be considered to live in student housing.

Q. Is there a baseline for vacancies? **A.** The University says it is unprecedented.

Q. Is it academic or financial for the University to bring in developers?

A. The whole discussion about bringing students back on campus is to increase their engagement with campus activity.

Q. What is the actual vacancy percentage and how much of it is above the norm? What will the City do to attract more homeowners to these vacancies?

Paul Driscoll, Commissioner of Neighborhood Business Development: The City of Syracuse is currently compiling a data base from the US Postal Service. North of Thornden Park there is about a 10% vacancy rate on units. This has been consistent from about 2013. The rest of the area are low vacancy rate, about 1-2%. Typically vacancy rate is about 5%.

Salt City Mapping: Stephanie Pasquale, Neighborhood Business Development

The NBD office will roll out the Salt City Mapping data collection tool on July 8th at the SSIC at 10am. This tool will be used by the community to input data on Zombie properties, properties that are tax current (owned by a bank or almost owned by a bank). The data will be placed in a spreadsheet that will be open to the public. This data will help the city prioritize which properties need to be addressed.

Q. Is it possible to have multiple surveys for one property?

A. Yes, however, there will be one report per structure that is compiled from all surveys submitted.

Q. Does the City and Landbank coordinate on these structures? **A.** Yes, all the time.

Q. Does the survey address health and safety? **A.** Yes, there are 6-7 quality questions.

City-wide TNT Board Update: Mary Carney, Eastside Board Delegate

Ms. Carney informed the group that the TNT City-wide board is currently in transition as 4 of the 8 sectors have elected new Board Members as well as new Board Officers for the 2017-2018 year. On July 1st, the new Board information will be posted on the TNT website. TNT had its third Strategic Planning meeting on June 1st, recommendations will be made to the Board and will be announced to the sectors in the Fall.

Announcements:

- 1) No JULY or AGUST meeting
- 2) Chol Majok informed the group that Senator Valesky's office is sponsoring a Summer Reading Program for 4th – 6th graders. For more information visit Valesky.NYSenate.gov
- 3) Bob Haley, on the Board for F.O.C.U.S., invited all to attend a meeting on Friday June 16th at 7:30am at the City Hall Commons Atrium for a discussion on innovative careers for City Schools.
- 4) Thornden Park will have its annual planning meeting at the Field House on Monday June 19th at 5:30pm.
- 5) The Westcott Cultural Fair will be on Sunday, September 17th. They are looking for a Recycling Coordinator, if you are interested please contact Sharon Sherman.
- 6) Sharon Sherman recommended that the Eastside TNT meet on Monday September 18th, as the current scheduled date conflicts with the primaries that are held at the school. It was suggested that the September meeting host a Mayoral Candidate Forum.