

**Facilitator:** Twiggy Billue & Julius Lawrence

**Attendees:** Julius Lawrence, Regina McArthur, Robert Steingraber, Charles Pierce-El, Christina Saure, Dorris Harvey, Palmer Harvey, Tracey Corriders-Howard, Logan Reidsma, Geneva Hayden, Cassie Hammond, Laura Lavine, Betty L. Pearson, Chaplain Shakir, Janis Schaub-Clemens, James Brown, Capt. Delfavero, Alison Tracy Wright, Lou Carol Franklin, Henry Hargrett, Doug Martin, Joanne Stevens, Tae Ceruti, Jim Cecile, Chris Montgomery, Susan Boyle, Patrona Jones, Jamie Mckinney, Phyllis Moore, Elizabeth Morey, Jeffrey Morey, Sue Wood, Jamie Howley, Alex Grant, Darlene Medley, Madison Quinn

Twiggy Billue opened the meeting at 6:07 pm Introductions began promptly. Ground Rules were reviewed

**Review of the June 5<sup>th</sup> 2017 Minutes:** Task Force Updates: Murals for the Taylor Bridge. (no Alton). Captain Shoff stated that there is one criminal case regarding tree theft; it's under investigation. Jaime Howley moved to accept the minutes as revised, Rev. Elizabeth Morey 2<sup>nd</sup> all were in favor.

**Issues for City Department Officials**

- 1) Three more trees have been targeted, 2 on Hillview one around the corner on Craddock.
- 2) Tree that has fallen between Craddock Street and Clyde, blocking the intersection.
- 3) Open drug deals on Valley View and Barnes Ave at 3pm. Loose dogs on the streets. Captain Delfavero stated to call the Police when the drug exchange is occurring. In regards to the dogs, call animal control unless it's a vicious animal attacking someone then the Police can intervene. A resident suggested keeping a list of cars, times and descriptions of people.
- 4) 917 Midland Ave people sitting on vacant house porch, using back door to enter. (notify fire department; usually vacant houses are on a registry that they monitor)
- 5) Midland and Furman are distributing drugs at 3-4am. Capt. Delfavero suggested calling it in when you see it.
- 6) Does the Landbank monitor this type of activity on their properties? Yes, they have begun doing periodic inspections on a 3-week rotation. Ongoing issue they continue to address. If you see anyone on Landbank properties, the Landbank has a No Trespassing affidavit, call the police and they can enter and arrest individuals on the property. Efforts to inspect the properties are not currently coordinated with the Fire Department or Police.

**Task Force Updates: All Task Forces are in need of volunteers**

**Communications/Special Events Task Force:** Lou Carol Franklin

**Special Thanks to** Regina McArthur and M&T Bank for sponsoring a TNT booth at the Juneteenth event. T-shirts were sold at the kickball event. TNT Southside will be participating at the Believe in Syracuse event at the Zoo on August 18<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet was made available. Plans are in progress for the pop-up Gala from September the 9<sup>th</sup>; this will be one of the first annual fundraiser. The bridge and mural projects are projected to begin by September.

**Housing /Neighborhood Management Task Force:** Jaime Howley

GIS mapping will begin again in September (Fowler high school students). Kate Auwater is working with the Task Force regarding the historic signs on S. Salina St. Change collected from last meeting was used to purchase pocket cards to advertise Southside TNT. 500 were printed. Another card will be made that lists all the Task Forces. Posters, flyers and Yard signs are future purchase ideas. Surveys were presented to the group, there was discussion on potential survey possibilities to help better the community. There is a Working Group to create Cooperative Housing; individuals would own shares in a non-profit corporation. Rather than paying a landlord you are paying for the maintenance of the property. It does not have to be an apartment complex, it could be a cluster of properties on a street. It is less expensive to buy into a coop than it is to buy your own house. Many Block Captains have been put in place, Palmer has created a binder of information to help support the Block Captains.

**Crime & Safety Task Force:** Al Freeman

Mr. Freeman emphasized the need to have block captains for a good communication link within the neighborhood. The Neighborhood Watch group has the information to form, but has not done so yet.

**Economic & Business development Task Force:** Regina McArthur

The I-81 project has been identified as a goal project to bring more jobs and services to the Southside. Next month Ricky Brown from UMEAA will be at the TNT meeting. San Kofa I-81 project is on August 27<sup>th</sup> from 3-7pm in San Kofa Park, a picture history of the 15<sup>th</sup> ward, what it looked like prior to 81. (next to Beechem library) Refreshments and food will be served. Economic Development is not just making a dollar it is much more. The City of Syracuse

has a hiring ordinance for any project over \$100,000. **Hon. Sue Boyle stated that Lamont Mitchell is the person responsible for overseeing the Local Hiring Ordinance.** He is part of the Neighborhood Business Development Office. A request was made for Lamont Mitchell to attend a TNT meeting.

**Beautification Task Force:** Patrona Jones-Rowser

Perennial plants were requested from the Parks Conservatory; however, they only provide annuals. Hon. Sue Boyle stated that other groups may be purchasing their own flowers and using the greenhouse to grow them. Twiggy stated that ESF, Morrisville, etc can provide free flowers as well as students to assist in the planting. The Landbank has three lots that have potential for kid's play spaces. Volunteers are needed to help build sit and play cubes and bird houses for the Landbank Pocket Parks. (Landbank will provide the materials) Twiggy suggested that Commissioner Sims receive an invite to the next Southside TNT meeting to address some issues with planting on the Southside. Hon Sue Boyle (315-727-5198 cell) stated that she works or the community and would like to assist in addressing these issues with City Departments and Officials. The Home Headquarters Block Blitz will be on Borden, Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup>. Community volunteers are needed.

**Voting Task Force:** Charles Pierce-EI

Few were in attendance at the Voting Task Force meeting held 2 weeks ago. There is a Leadership Brunch conference (6 neighborhoods), 12 – 2pm on August 12<sup>th</sup> at 1555 S. Salina St. This Task Force is directly related to current issues we have and how they can be solved collectively.

**Youth & Education Task Force:**

Geneva Hayden stated that the after school literacy program is successful and it is up to the community to step up and help the kids. Geneva is retiring and there is a great need to continue the after school program.

**The Presentation Form** is listed on the TNT website. If there is a Task Force interested in a presenter, coordinate amongst each other and submit your request. Twiggy explained that the Task Forces were doing all the work and the Facilitators decided to provide them with the majority of the meeting time. A request was submitted for the Landbank to come to the September meeting. The group confirmed that they would like Katelyn Wright to come in and speak to the community during the September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**City-wide Board Update** TNT City-wide Board is impressed with the Southside; how we collaborate, discussion topics and the activity that is accomplished. Other sectors are looking to the Southside as a model.

**September Facilitator Elections:** It was announced that next month will be the Facilitator Elections. There can be up to 7 Facilitators

**Announcements**

- 1) Save the Rain community meeting for green street projects on August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Believers Chapel.
- 2) Block Litter program: looking to partner with community groups to reduce litter
- 3) Joe'von Works from Home Headquarters stated that the Block Blitz has made it to the Southside. It will concentrate on the W. Borden Ave area. 315-459-6651
- 4) Candidate Forum on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at Syracuse Co-works. 201 E. Jefferson St.
- 5) Change Jar: Empty your pockets