Meeting Minutes TNT Area 1 ~ Downtown September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

#### Facilitator Bill Lee

**Attendees:** Ossie Edwards, Sam Edelstein, Akuch Chol, Gop Chol, Chol Majok, Becca Grady, Officer John Fay, Greta Bush, Jim Emmons, Neil Burke

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

<u>Minutes:</u> Jim Emmons motioned to approve the minutes from the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, Greta Bush 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor.

#### **Issues for City Departments:**

A resident expressed concern regarding the safety of the Creek Walk due to the many individuals living under the bridges. Officer Fay stated that it is difficult for the Police to remove these individuals from these locations and to always exercise precaution when walking alone along the Creek Walk. Another concern was raised regarding Festivals and the separation of recyclables and trash. A recommendation will be submitted to DPW to clearly differentiate receptacles for trash and recyclables.

# Presentation: Sam Edelstein, Chief Data Officer for the I-Team

Mr. Edelstein explained that his job is to help the City use data to make more effective decisions. The DataCuse website was shown to the group and a short handout provided.

#### **Discussion: Neil Burke,** Transportation Planner for the City of Syracuse

Mr. Burke discussed his role and responsibility within the City. A brief survey was distributed to the group.

#### **TNT Facilitator Nominations/Elections**

Bill Lee made the motion to nominate/elect himself and Ossie Edwards for the Downtown Facilitator positions, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Neil Burke. All were in favor

**TNT City-wide Updates:** Tina Zagyva presented the TNT Master Guide book and informed the members that copies of Bylaws, Facilitator Handbook and policies were available upon request or could be found on the TNT website.

Whats New at the Library? Ossie informed the group of the library's monthly calendar.

### **Downtown Committee Update:**

Alice Maggiore, Communications Manager for the Downtown Committee, submitted an update via email that was read to the group. Updates included new planting program, Invest Health Conference, Downtown Coffee Break, Progress Breakfast, Housing Plans and new businesses.

## **Announcements**

Visioning Voices Speaker Series, Tuesday September 26<sup>th</sup>, Free workshop, tour and dinner regarding environmental design.