

**March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

**Facilitator** Andrea Turnbull

**Attendees:** Hilary Mansur, Stephanie Pasquale, Rick Destito, Dave Procopio, Sue McMahon, Ocesa Keaton, Chol Majok, Bill Croft, Kimberly Harvey, Mark Jackson, Bea Gonzalez, Madison Quinn, Blake Carter, Rich Puchalski, Edward Ott, John Sexton, Tina Zagya

The Ground Rules were reviewed. Introductions Commenced

**Issue for City Departments/Elected Officials/District Representatives:** Sgt. Croft is the supervisor of all officers south of 690; he is now present at the Skiddy Park storefront.

**Ocesa Keaton, Executive Director of HOPE:** HOPE is currently in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase. Phase one took in community feedback and requests for partnerships. Looking for involvement from the community for involvement for the implementation through a Community Advisory Panel; which will provide input on how the strategic partnerships are going, how is it translating into practice. [www.greatersyracusehope.org](http://www.greatersyracusehope.org) can also be found on facebook

Located in the Southwest community center on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Office hours 9am – 6pm.  
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**Stephanie Pasquale, Commissioner of NBD:** Ms. Pasquale stated NBD administers federal block grants that total close to 5.5 million dollars, this year might be different. Common Council will be considering legislation for interior inspections to receive a rental registry card in 1-2 family rentals. Municipal Violations Bureau was passed last December; as a more effective tool to address code compliance and code violations. NBD is working towards a vacant property task force; interested people are welcome to join the meetings to help NBD best prioritize how to address the 1,600 vacant properties throughout Syracuse. Questions were taken from the floor.

**TNT City-wide Update:** Rick Destito announced he was recently elected as the new Treasurer of TNT.

**Announcements:**

- Senator Valesky sent out a survey to the community. (represents 285,000 people in his district) only about 9,000 have responded total. 3,000 out of 9,000 responded from the City specifically. In response to the i-81 question (3 options community grid, tunnel, replacement). A handout was distributed with the statistics broken down by zip code. The survey can be found on Senator Valesky's website.
- Assemblywoman Pam Hunter Exceptional Woman awards, last day to nominate is March 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Benefit Concert 'Rock in the Redhouse' for the Redhouse on March 23. Doors open at 5:30 in the Landmark Theater, tickets can be found on the Redhouse website. Show starts at 7pm.
- There are a few meeting rooms available at the Warehouse for community based organization meetings. Kathy Pitt 315-443-5583
- Westside Special Projects: the sign designs will be meeting with artist in April. Two designs for the Westside T-shirt design was presented to the group.