

**Southside TNT March 5, 2018 Meeting Minutes****Facilitators** Patrona Jones-Rowser, Lou Carol Franklin, Julius Lawrence**Attendees:** Regina McArthur, Mary Walsh, Blake Carter, Forrest Tiske, Rev. Betty Morey, Jeffrey Morey, Matt Potteiger, Micahel Greene, Eric Stranak, Sarah Trick, Mary Margaret O'Hara, Katie Bronson, Aggie Lane, Wenona Timmons, Bryan Radcliff, Takerena Smith, Bruce Brown, Angela Wright, Dorris Harvey, Palmer Harvey, Mary Traynor, Robert Steingraber, Betty Pearson, Mel Menon, Renee Marleau, Mary Kuhn, Sue Wood, Madison Quinn, Jaime Howley, Tae Cerutti, Karen Schroeder, Charlie Pierce-El, Michael Monds, Chol Majok

Meeting began at 6:05pm. Ground Rules were reviewed; Welcome and Introductions commenced.

**February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting minutes:** Robert Steingraber motioned to accept the minutes as written, Betty Morey 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor.**Issues for District Representatives/Elected Officials/City Departments:** Councilmember at Large Michael Greene provided an update on the Landlord inspection of 1-2 family units. The head City attorney resigned unexpectedly; Corporate Council held off on the law until a new attorney was hired and also for the legal and code department to look it over and make sure. Councilmember Allen will be introducing a resolution to the Council to advocate to the State on behalf of the City for early voting. Newly elected Fire Chief Michael Monds was introduced to the group. Chief Monds briefly outlined the readiness and preparedness the Fire Department works towards as well as ensuring peoples undamaged property is protected. The fire department provides free smoke detectors, working on a grant for free carbon monoxide detectors. Call 448-4777, Fire Prevention Bureau, for a free installation of a smoke detector.**Mary Kuhn & Mary Cunningham:** 'Get out the Vote' is an initiative that focuses on voter registration through educating communities and individuals on 'Why you should vote'.**Madison Quinn, Save the Rain:** Ms. Quinn provided updates on the current Save the Rain green and grey water infrastructure projects as well as future projects. Final year of court order program, working on what the program will look like in the future. [MadisonQuinn@ongov.net](mailto:MadisonQuinn@ongov.net)**Katie Bronson, Outcome Broker** for Green and Healthy Homes initiative through Home Headquarters. Ms. Bronson informed the group of the Healthy Homes Class, Lead Awareness, on March 15<sup>th</sup> at Believers Chapel. Food will be provided as well as a bag of supplies. HHQ also provides a Syracuse Landlord Improvement loan program: assists Landlords to address lead violations or code violations.**Task Force Updates: All Task Forces are in need of Volunteers****Housing Task Force:** Co-chairs Jaime Howley and Palmer Harvey explained their grant application for the Gifford Foundation What if...mini grant. The funding would be used for a 'Get the Lead out of our Block Party'. The goal is to educate families and parents on the hazard lead presents in housing built prior to 1978. The focus will be on healthy foods that will prevent lead from building up in a child's system. Betty Morey motioned to approve applying for the What if...mini grant, Angela Wright 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor.

The Housing TF will be meeting with NBD to discuss the strategic initiatives outlined within the Southside 5 year plan. The Housing TF is also working on cooperative housing, through a 'housing teach in' which discusses the various housing options. Fowler PSLA is still working on the GIS mapping for the Southside.

**Beautification Task Force:** Chair of the Task Force, Patrona Jones-Rowser, distributed a handout of the beautification TF Spring/Summer project list. The Parks Conservancy Greening Grant awarded the beautification TF \$1,000 for the Community Kwanzaa garden. Betty Morey made the motion to approve the \$1,000 Greening Grant, Robert Steingraber 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor. Volunteers are needed to assist with all the Beautification task force projects. Patrona has also been in conversation with the Key Bank Director to receive food donations for events.

**Economic Development Task Force:** Chair of the Task Force, Mel Menon, distributed a brief summary handout of the Task Force discussion and initiatives. Next meeting is March 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Sankofa Room at at Beauchamp library from 5:30pm – 7pm. The meeting will feature a presentation and workshop with Owen Kerney, Assistant Directory, City Planning Division. Future Task Force meetings will feature speakers. SIDA has a S. Ave economic development feasibility study: survey open until March 8<sup>th</sup> looking for input on kinds of projects to bring into S. Ave.

**Voter Task Force:** Charles Pierce-El Greater Syracuse Home Owners Association, LLC both renters and home owners meetings are held at the Southside communications Center. Call Charles at 315-418-2585

**Announcements:**

- Visioning Voices Speaker series with Joy Keibler, Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup>. Register on Eventbrite
- Chol Majok with Senator VAlesky's office: last month Senator Valesky mailed out a survey: question was asked what to do with I-81. Please complete the survey by mail or through the website.
- Next month's TNT meeting will host youth organizations that offer summer programming.
- Lou Carol resigned from her position as a Southside Facilitator and as chair of Communication/Media/Special Events Task Force
- Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm