

**Southside TNT April 2, 2018 Meeting Minutes****Facilitators** Patrona Jones-Rowser, Julius Lawrence**Attendees:** Regina McArthur, Peter D. King, John Sexton, Mary Kate Walsh, Charles Pierce-El, Jaime Howley, Rev. Betty Morey, JW Morey, Matt Pttieger, Tonya White, Melanie Prasad, Mary Traynor, Puchalski, Wenona Timmons, Merrell Whiteheen, Lizette Lee, Angela Wright, Blake Carter, Takarra Smith, Alma Lowary, Twiggy Billue, Sue McMahon, Amanda Tewskbury, Dorris Harvey, Tim Rudd, Betty L. Pearson, Capt. Sobiech, Tae Cerutti, Mel Menon, Palmer Harvey, Sue Wood, Tehye Parks Pridgeon, Jacqueline LaSonde, Mark Jackson, Emily Winieeki, Yufei Yan, Chol Majok

Meeting began at 6:04pm. Ground Rules were reviewed; Welcome and Introductions commenced.

**March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting minutes:** Mary Traynor motioned to approve the minutes, Jaime Howley 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor.**Facilitator Nomination:** Charles Pierce-El nominated John Sexton as a Southside Facilitator, Tim Rudd 2<sup>nd</sup>.**Issues for District Representatives/Elected Officials/City Departments:** Chol Majok with Senator Valesky provided an update on statistics of individuals participating in a survey issued by the Senator in regards to I-81. Lt. Sobiech was present to answer questions. Blake Carter, with Assemblywoman Pam Hunter's Office stated that the survey issued by her office will provide data at next months meeting. Councilor at Large Tim Rudd stated the CDBG budget was passed by the Council. Winona Timmons with NBD stated that the final CDBG budget has been posted on the City's website.**TNT City-wide Board Nominations:** Regina McArthur nominated Ocesa Keaton and Tai Cerutti for both board positions. Ms. Keaton accepted the nomination as Alternate. Mel Menon made a motion to nominate everyone on the attendance sheet who met the qualifications, Charles Pierce-El 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor. Takarra Smith accepted the nomination as the Board Delegate.**Hongbin Gao:** Mr. Gao, with *Atlantic States Legal Foundation*, provided an overview of 12 green infrastructure projects for the City funded through the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation. In partnership with the Landbank, ASLF will focus on specific areas on the Southside. Questions were taken from the floor.For more information please call 315-475-1170. Paul Harris, [pharris@aslf.org](mailto:pharris@aslf.org) Haichao Wang, [hwang@aslf.org](mailto:hwang@aslf.org) or Hongbin Gao, [hgao@aslf.org](mailto:hgao@aslf.org)**Task Force Updates:****Housing:** Jaime Howley provided an update on the asset mapping project in conjunction with the PSLA class at Fowler. Maps ready for printing by the beginning of next month. –the group was tasked with providing ideas for placement of the maps. Mary Traynor, Palmer, Jaime and Patrona will be visiting PUSH Buffalo. Get the Lead out of the Block Party applied for a What If....mini grant; notification of funding will occur later this month. Co-op housing Teach-in series first session is on June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Beauchamp Library, in the auditorium from 12 -4pm with lunch provided.**Beautification Task Force:** Patrona Jones-Rowser distributed an Earth Day Cleanup flyer. A handout was distributed stating the Task Force's spring and summer projects. Patrona mentioned at the previous meeting that she requested \$1,000 from Keybank but has only been awarded \$200. Jaime Howley motioned to approve the grant funds provided by Keybank, Charles Pierce-El 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor.

**Economic Development Task Force:** Mel Mannion, Chair of the TF, provided a summary report from their March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

**Voter Task Force:** Charles Pierce-El provided a handout for *The Greater Southside Homeowners Association, LLC* listing upcoming meeting dates. For more information contact Charles at (315)418-2585

**Education Task Force:** Sue Wood stated that she currently has enough volunteers for Light a Candle for Literacy and everything is working well. The kids made signs for Earth Day as well as TNT.

**Communications Task Force:** Tai Cerutti stated the Communications Task Force is in need of a Chair and Co-chair. Meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at Beauchamp Library in the Literacy room at 12.

**TNT City-wide Board Update:** Regina McArthur stated that she will bring back the Southside concerns regarding the Board nominations process to the board meeting on Wednesday, April 4. Regina will provide an update at the next Southside TNT meeting in May.

**Announcements:**

- Moving People Transportation Coalition, How the Community Grid will improve “traffic flow” for you. Wednesday May 2 at 6:30pm at the Carnegie Center.
- Palmer Harvey announced that the Housing Task Force is still in need of volunteers for the ‘Get the Lead out of the Block, Party’.
- Landbank in the process of doing Spring Cleanups. Green lots program, proposals are due April 13<sup>th</sup>. Call the office for more information.

Motion to Adjourn meeting at 7:27pm