

Southside TNT June4, 2018 Meeting Minutes**Facilitators** Patrona Jones-Rowser, Julius Lawrence, John Sexton**Attendees:** Takarra Smith, Regina McArthur, Jamie Howley, Palmer Harvey, Jeff Morey, Betty Morey, Rich Puchalski, Geneva Hayden, Aggie Lane, Charles Pierce-El, Councilmember Tim Rudd, Angela Wright, Dana Balter, Andrew Croom, Lou Carol Franklin, Ashley Kang, Dorris Harvey, Edward Ott, Betty L. Pearson, Mark Jackson, Pam Brunet, Michael Dunbar, Al Freeman, Chol Majok, Camille Coakley, Mary Traynor, Liam Kirst, Captain Tony Sobiech, Councilmember Latoya Allan, Sue Wood, Wenona Timmons, Emily Winiacki, Christina Sauve, Mel Menon, R. Deborah Davis, Shadia Tadrus, Leroy McClaine II, Eileen Collins, Morgan Williams VI, Carol Charles

Meeting began at 6:03pm. Ground Rules were reviewed; Welcome and Introductions commenced.

May 7th, 2018 meeting minutes: Tim Rudd motioned to approve the minutes as written, Jeffrey Morey 2nd. All were in favor.**Issues for District Representatives/Elected Officials/City Departments:** Captain Sobiech took questions from the floor. Chol Majok, representative for Senator Valesky, informed the members of the free electronics recycling event this Saturday, June 9th 9:30 to 1pm at the State Fair grounds. Questions were taken from the floor. Councilmember Allen provided an update in regards to community engagement. A program was recently started entitled 'It starts with you'. Police and fire department will be walking through the most problematic neighborhoods talking to each household. June 14th, Ms. Allen will be hosting a brunch 11am – 1pm at the Kirkpark Community Center for the St. Anthony's senior housing development. An agreement has been reached with DPW regarding the trash cans that will be installed along S. Salina St. through the UNSAC grant. Angela Wright motioned to approve the UNSACC grant application proposed by Patrona Jones-Rowser, John Sexton 2nd, all were in favor.**Aggie Lane & Andrew Croom, Urban Jobs Task Force & Legal Services:** Mr. Croom and Ms. Lane are currently working to put together a 'racial equity impact statement' and petition in regards to the i-81 project to hire local City residents. Questions were taken from the floor.**Angela Wright, Executive Director for Syracuse Model Neighborhood:** Ms. Wright provided visual concept drawings of the Community Café to be opening later this year at 1585 S. Salina St. The café will provide good food between 7am and 3pm and host private events in the evening. Ms. Wright plans to train and hire local youth from the community. Two artist loft spaces are available above the café. Questions were taken from the floor.**Pam Brunet, Leadership Greater Syracuse:** Ms. Brunet informed the members about 3 different programs that provide leadership training. Scholarships are available. For more information visit the website at <http://leadershipgreatersyracuse.org/>**Task Force Updates:****Housing TF:** Palmer Harvey, co-chair, provided a handout of 2 upcoming events; June 9th Collective Housing Teach-in series from 12pm – 4pm at the Beauchamp Library and the 'Get the Lead out of the Block Party' on Saturday July 28th from 11am – 3pm in the Dunk & Bright parking lot/lawn area. Ms. Harvey provided a public service announcement reminding home owners to be conscious of who you are hiring to do work on your home. The change jar from last month totaled \$14.61, bottles and cans \$19.05 and an individual donation of \$7.36. The funds were used to purchase Southside TNT bumper stickers.**Crime & Safety TF:** Al Freeman stated that he will be putting together information regarding what one should do if confronted by Police.**Voter TF:** Charles Pierce-El reminded the members that the democratic primary will be on June 26th.

Communications TF: Camille Coakley presented the drafts for the mural project awarded through an UNSAAC grant. Ms. Coakley stated that the prep work for the murals is currently underway. There will be 2 artists working on the murals: Landon Ladd & Lance Johnson. The murals will contain imagery and quotes from Frederick Douglas and Martin Luther King Jr. The Southside neighborhood sign will soon be installed on Coyne Corners, the website will be up in July and the marketing materials will be ordered soon.

Economic TF: Mel Menon provided a handout in regards to the TF's meeting with Paul Driscoll from Home Headquarters. The handout also listed other activities. The next Economic TF meeting will be on June 28th at Beauchamp library at 5:30pm.

Announcements: NO JULY MEETING

June 4th was Syracuse's first 'slow roll' 8 mile bike ride. Follow on Facebook if you would like to join the Monday rides.

June 12th in the Council Chambers - The Common Council is looking for input in regards to i-81 project.

Morgan Williams announced that he is interested in serving as the Alternate on the TNT-citywide Board. Mr. Williams introduced himself to the members.

Syracuse Parks Conservancy has \$1,000 Greening Grants available.

Patrona Jones-Rowser requested to submit an application for a greening grant. Angela Wright motioned to approve Ms. Rowser submitting the application. Dorris Harvey 2nd, all were in favor.

The Brady Faith Center will host a bike and walk event on June 10th at 9:30am. The Southside Walking Club will be present; there is a \$25 registration fee.

Dunbar is accepting applications for its youth summer program for ages 5 – 15. \$30 activity fee

June 27th at 5pm Dunbar Centennial Celebration at The Genesee Grande. Tickets are \$100.

Save the Date* July 14th microbusiness clinic workshop at the Nancy Cantor Warehouse in room 405 from 8:30am to 5pm.

Citizens Academy is accepting applications for its program offered through FOCUS Greater Syracuse program. \$50 fee, scholarships are available.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

What It means to Be a Dad (Poem read by Julius Lawrence at the end of the meeting)

It is a good thing to have a dad in your life and you be the best dad that you can possibly be to your son. Like so many children like yourself and myself who do not know what it feels like to have a dad in live or the dad is n where to be found and the mother have to raise the child alone. I have two beautiful daughters whom I love very much. I had to learn how to be a dad to them and along the way, I made many mistakes, but they turn out to be just great. God is our best Dad and he want the best for us and we as earthly dads should want the best for our children. (Remember: "Our children are not just the future to come; they are 'The Future Now'. What we do for they NOW will determine WHO and WHAT they will be TOMORROW.")By Julius Lawrence, Written May 7, 2012