

Southside TNT September 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes**FACILITATORS:** Patrona Jones-Rowser, Julius Lawrence, John Sexton**ATTENDEES:** Mel Menon, Charles Pierce-El, Dorris Harvey, Robert Steingraber, Mary Traynor, Chol Majok, Blake Carter, Honorable Tim Rudd, Sue Wood, Betty Pearson, Jaime Howley, Rev. Betty Morey, JW Morey, Davona Lynch, Helen Washington, Rev. Chris Rinnell, Geneva Hayden, Betty L. Pearson, Eric Harvey, Palmer Harvey, Al Freeman, D. Martinez, R. Deborah Davis, Morgan Williams II, Mary K. Walsh, Lou Carol Franklin, Emily Winiecki, Luvenia Gibson, Angela Wright, Shante Harrisel, Aggie Lane, Ossie Edwards, Linda Malik, Mary Kuhn, Mark Jackson Sr., Takarra Smith, Yolanda Seegars

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

August 6th, 2018 meeting minutes: Betty Morey motioned to approve the minutes as written, Al Freeman 2nd. All were in favor.**FACILITATOR ELECTIONS:** Tina Zagyva explained the nominations/elections process. Mel Menon nominated Patrona Jones-Rowser, Julius Lawrence, John Sexton. Betty Morey 2nd. John Sexton nominated Mel Menon, Chol Majok 2nd. Patrona Jones-Rowser nominated Lou Carol Franklin, Morgan Williams 2nd. Patrona Jones-Rowser nominated Morgan Williams, Mary Traynor 2nd. 31 Ballots were collected. All were elected by majority vote: John Sexton with 31 votes, Patrona Jones-Rowser with 31 votes, Julius Lawrence with 31 votes, Morgan Williams with 29 votes, Lou Carol-Franklin with 27 votes, Mel Menon with 26 votes. Mel Menon and Lou Carol Franklin respectfully declined.**ISSUES for District Representatives/Elected Officials/City Departments:** Captain Sobiech took questions from the floor. Blake Carter, representative from Assemblywoman Hunter's office, provided an update that the Governor has not yet signed the flood insurance tax credit legislation. Chol Majok, representative from Senator Valesky's office, stated that the Senator secured \$300,000 for Police body cameras. Councilor at large Tim Rudd took questions from the floor regarding a newly installed traffic light in the S. Geddes St. and Onondaga Blvd.**TNT CITY-WIDE BOARD UPDATES:** Takarra Smith, Delegate, informed the members that the Citywide TNT is in the process of finalizing its contract with the City. The TNT City-wide board will be reviewing the Special Project Guidelines for the 2018-2019.**TASK FORCE UPDATES:****Economic Development:** Mel Menon stated that the next TNT meeting will be a Mayoral forum with City department representatives as well as various elected officials. Each Task Force will be putting together questions to guide the forum. Individuals may submit questions to the Task Forces. A handout of the Task Force's initiatives was provided.**Housing:** Jaime Howley, co-chair with Palmer Harvey. Tuesday September 25th at 5:30pm in the literacy room of Beauchamp Library to discuss the goals for next year. Identify one neighborhood captain for each neighborhood: key people, places and things and serve as a neighborhood contact. Various activities and initiatives were announced. If you would like more information regarding the Housing Task Force, please contact Jaime or Palmer.**Beautification Task Force:** Patrona Jones-Rowser stated that a majority of the projects are coming to completion. The bulbs will soon be in for the Bloomin' Cuse, a date in the fall will need to be finalized for the planting. Volunteers are needed for the Beautification Task Force. The mural next to Taylor street bridge has some water leakage onto the mural, there was discussion having a drain pipe to re-route the water away from the mural.

Voter Task Force: Charles Pierce-El and Mary, have been collectively working with various organizations to discuss how to engage and increase citizens' voter participation. Focus has been on targeting under-represented voting areas as well as incarcerated individuals that may vote with an executive order once they have served their time. The Voter's TF is looking for volunteers to go door to door to educate people on why it is important vote and offer services to assist those to get out and vote.

Education Task Force: Geneva Hayden, whom has been working with Sue Wood for about 20 years on youth education, stated that many of those youths are successful but living outside of Syracuse.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Home Headquarters Block Blitz on Friday, September 14th in Elmwood 9am – 3pm.

Tim Rudd Motioned to Adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm.