

Northside TNT Meeting Minutes**September 26th, 2018****Facilitator** Ed Morris

Attendees: Pat Body, Gerry Scott, John Myer, Joe Carni, Edward Ott, Peggy Chase, Corey Dunham, Lt. Don Shultz, Andrea Wandersee, Patty Lynch, Vince Aldrich, Judy Scheuer, Katie Scott, Mary Salibrici, Gary Salibrici, Heather Slater, Stephanie Slater, Gilda DiCaprio, Judy Edwards, Kristin Link Logan, Jonathan Link Logan, Belen Cordon, Sheila Depeu, Mayor Ben Walsh

Meeting called to order at 7:08pm

June 27th, 2018 Minutes: John Meyer motioned to approve the minutes as written, Mary Salibrici 2nd, all were in favor.

Issue for District Representatives/Elected Official/City Departments: No issues

Facilitator Elections: Pat Body explained the rules of the facilitator election. Pat Body nominated Jai Subedi, Mary Silibrici nominated Pat Body, Katie Scott nominated Gerry Scott, John Meyer nominated Ed Morris, Ed Morris nominated Judy Scheuer and John Meyer. 20 ballots were collected. Jai, Pat (15 votes), Gerry (20 votes), Judy (12 votes) and Ed (14 votes) were elected by majority vote.

TNT City-wide Update: Pat Body announced that the TNT City-wide Board has applied for two grants to the CNY Community Foundation; for Lead Awareness and Census. The Lead grant was approved in the amount of \$25,000. Volunteers will be needed to help with the lead initiative.

Announcements:

- John Meyer provided a handout regarding the request for donations to repair a damaged trash receptacle. John Meyer requested approval to raise up to \$1,000 to write a grant proposal for a Community Center. Mary Salibrici motioned to approve the Washington Square Task Force to raise funds up to \$1,000 to write a proposal for the Community Center. Gerry Scott 2nd, all were in favor.
- John Meyer, Program Coordinator for Blessings in a Backpack Liverpool Chapter, provided a brochure of the program that feeds children in need on the weekends at Seymour.
- Katie Scott provided a handout of all the Northside groups that meet with organizational information.
- NEHDA Tuesday, October 30th TNT co-sponsoring the Visioning Voices speakers series 'Urban Trails'. You can do all or some of the program: walking Tour, dinner, lecture and workshop.
- Meet up at White Branch Library on September 28th, 3pm: Northside Up, Interfaith Works and AARP are hosting a walk audit.
- October 18th, meet the Candidates at St. Johns the Baptist at 6:30pm.
- Washington Square now has a polling station at Destiny Christians Center, corner of Spring and Turtle.

New TNT Meeting Location: Ed Morris offered his building for future TNT meetings at 301 Hiawatha Blvd. Judy Sheuer motioned to move the meetings to Ed's building, Heather Slater

2nd, all were in favor. It was suggested that a flyer be placed on the school door and multiple notices be sent in advance to remind members of the move.

Corey Dunham, *Director of Operations*, Common Council held a meeting on the City's initiative for the snow removal program. The website will have an additional page on snow safety which will feature snowplow mapping: look at map of city to see when it was last plowed and what you need to do in a snow storm. The City will also be rolling out a supplemental service to remove snow on 20 miles of sidewalks in priority areas, a handout was distributed highlighting the routes. The cost of the pilot program this year will be covered by existing DPW resources; additional funding options will need to be explored for next year. The program will begin on December 1st. Questions were taken from the floor.

Mayor Ben Walsh, Mayor Walsh provided an update on the City's mission and vision that was developed by him and his team at a Highland Forest retreat. They identified 4 specific objectives to guide them on their journey: achieve fiscal sustainability, see economic growth and neighborhood stability, to deliver city services efficiently and effectively, and to improve constituent response. Logon to see the live monitoring of how the City is responding to the 4 objectives. The current budget projects an 11 million dollar operating deficit. 'Adopt a block' program through the City encourages residents to adopt a minimum of 2 blocks to clean once a month to clean up the City. There will be a bike share program launching by the end of the year. There will be an online system to license your dog, currently only 8% of dogs are licensed in the City. A new Police Chief will be selected by the end of this year. Senator Valesky secured funding to provide additional body worn cameras. Summer Youth work programs allowed for over 1,000 city youth kids to work over the summer, which doubled from the previous year. Sledding has been legalized on a hill in Burnett, additional hills will be legalized this winter. Data analysts within the I-team and Neighborhood Business Development are working on the City's poverty issue. The City will be purchasing the Street lights back from the electric company and retrofitting them to LED lighting, which will save the City money and open up the potential to create a wifi network throughout the City. Questions were taken from the floor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm