

Southside TNT January 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes**Facilitators** Patrona Jones-Rowser, Julius Lawrence, John Sexton, Morgan Williams II**Attendees:** Takarra Smith, Al Freeman, Karen Schroeder, Jaime Howley, Latoya Allen, Emily Winicki, Geneva Hayden, Blake Carter, Chol Majok, Joe Porter, Stephanie Pasquale, Aggie Lane, Marissa Saunders, Alex Grant, Dana Balter, Captain Tony Sobiech, Mark Jackson, Angela Wright, Charles Pierce-El, Sue Wood, Camille Coakley, Mary Kate Walsh, Jeffrey Morey, Dorris Harvey, Palmer Harvey, Benjamin Boachie, Babette Baker, Bernard Cannon, Ichtiy ak Al Badeh, Mike Greenlan, Richelle Brown, Rich Puchalski, Tatyanna Jordan, Carmen Harlow, Dave Lapierre, Bri Tucker, Mary Adair, Kelly Gonzalex, Lindsay Speer, Rosemary Oaks-Lee, Cimone Jordan, Christina Sauve, Joe Ponte, Chris Kinnell, Emily Winiecki

Meeting began at 6:07pm. Ground Rules were reviewed; Welcome and Introductions commenced.

December 5, 2018 meeting minutes: Al Freeman motioned to approve the minutes as written, Jaime Howley 2nd. All were in favor.**Issues for District Representatives/Elected Officials/City Departments:** Captain Sobiech took questions from the floor. Councilor Allen announced two upcoming events 'Community hour' that are meant for personal concerns on Saturday January 12th at Recess Coffee and January 23rd from 6-8pm at the Syracuse Community Health Center. 'Home Ownership Assistance' workshops will be held on January 14th 11am -12:30pm at Dunbar, Westcott Community Center on January 17th from 12:30 – 2pm, Kirk Park January 28th from 11:30 – 1pm. Ms. Allen took concerns from residents regarding a corner store. Blake Carter, with Assemblywoman Pam Hunters office, provided an update on the Flood insurance program bill. There will be a workshop on January 24th at 6pm at the Southwest Community Center, a letter will be sent out to qualifying individuals. For questions call 315-448-8280. NBD Commissioner Stephanie Pasquale stated that there will be free financial counseling open to any city resident. The locations and dates will be announced soon. (Cities for Financial Empowerment, Bloomberg grant)**Burt Street Project 'Freedom Commons':** Marissa Saunders & Kelly Gonzalez

Ms. Saunders and Ms. Gonzalez, with the Center for Community Alternatives, provided handouts regarding the project. 45 affordable housing units (SHA managed), CCA (and other organizations) provide a variety of services to occupants, Freedom Commons academy: transitional shelter. Questions were taken from the floor.

TNT City-wide Update: Takarra Smith, City-wide Delegate, stated that the remaining \$40,000 check from the City has been received. The board is organizing a City-wide Facilitator, Board and Task Force meeting tentatively in March. John Sexton introduced the Special Project process.**I-81 Community Engagement:** Lanessa Chaplin (NY Civil Liberties Union) provided a powerpoint presentation regarding the i-81 Environmental Impact Study timeline. The NYCLU is a non-profit advocating on behalf of the community to the Department of Transportation. Workshops every Tuesday at Beauchamp Library 5 – 6:30pm. Canvassing every Saturday 10am – 2pm at the Educational Opportunity Center (100 New St.) as well as a Q&A session at Dr. King school on January 30th from 4:30pm to 6pm.**Voter TF:** Charles Pierce-El meeting on January 8th at Beauchamp Library to discuss Southside TNT. Mr. Pierce-El proposed that Southside TNT meetings be held beginning in February at Danforth school. 20 voted to move the meeting location to Danforth School.**Housing TF:** Jaime Howley (co-chair) stated that Joe Bright has offered to provide the same site for the 'Get the Lead Out' block party. The TF requested approval to apply for funding from M&T bank, Key bank, Gifford Foundation, Community Foundation, United Way, Byrne Dairy, Allyn Foundation, BJ's, Wegmans, Lowes, Home Depot, Sherwin Williams, Empower, Pathfinder. Patrona Jones-Rowser motioned to approve the TF to apply for grants from the various organizations, John Sexton 2nd, all were in favor. Teach-in for tenants on January 26th in the auditorium of Beauchamp library at 1pm: light lunch will be server, children are welcome.**Beautification TF:** Patrona Jones-Rowser stated that bulb planting occurred in early November. Ms. Rowser requested use of \$75 from the Gala funds to purchase compost from OCRA. Charles Pierce-El motioned to approve the use of \$75 from the Gala funds, Al Freeman 2nd, all were in favor.

Crime and Safety TF: Morgan Williams II (co-chair), stated that the TF is working towards hosting talks with youth and the community police.

Announcements:

- 1) Café San Kofa is re-imagining the food co-op: Saturday January 12th at 10:30 am at the Co-op to discuss viable economic development plan. Come prepared to work.
- 2) Heatsmart CNY workshop on smart heating & cooling on January 24th at the Southwest Community Center.

John Sexton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm.