

Eastside TNT March 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes**Facilitator** Sharon Sherman

Attendees: Ken Garno, Beverly Griffin, Emily Winiacki, Kathleen Sauro, Jennifer Blusk, Matt Oja, Cydney Johnson, Kari Simpkins, Nader Maroun, Peter Sarver, Rhonda Butler, Joe Colon, Audray Edwards, Jeremy David Heiser, Kelly Besaw, Audrey Farwagi, David Sutkway, Joe Geglia, Harry Lewis, Michael Greene, Joe Driscoll, Leah Witmer, Liam Kirst, Stephen Lynch, Blake Carter, Mark Jackson, Katie Bronson, Linda Erwin

Meeting began at 7:10pm. Welcome and introductions commenced.

February 26th, 2019 meeting minutes: Beverly Griffin motioned to approve the minutes as written Kathleen Sauro 2nd, all were in favor.

Issues for District Representatives/Elected Officials/City Departments: Our new police Captain, Stephen Lynch, introduced himself and informed the members that the new Chief of Police had changed their organization; the Eastside is part of the Southeast district. Captain Lynch will be attending until he decides who will represent him at each meeting. Councilor Joe Driscoll asked for clarification of the new districts; Captain Lynch explained it. Ken Garno asked the Councilmen present about the project proposed for E. Genesee St. that would demolish 9 buildings and build a building with 520 beds. Ken's concern was the burden this would put on the roads, water and sewer systems. The developer is seeking a tax exemption from SIDA and would not pay taxes for 10 years. Councilor Driscoll said that at the recent Planning Board meeting many organizations spoke in opposition to the project.

Bureau of Administrative Adjudication (BAA): Leah Witmer, Director of the BAA, gave a power point presentation and distributed a handout describing how this new system would work. Questions were asked and answered in regards to how the hearings would occur and how the BAA would interface with code enforcement.

Elmcrest Development Project: Joe Geglia of Elmcrest gave the background of how Elmcrest has evolved over time. He described how they decided to do this project in order to help poor families with children to have a more stable life and opportunities they currently do not have. Kelly Besaw of Christopher Community described how they will be involved in building the project and how Elmcrest will be working with the families once it is built. Jeremy Davidheiser of Christopher Community then showed a site layout of the proposed project; detailing their work with Elmcrest and the City in doing the plan. Questions regarding the schedule, interface with existing neighborhoods, roadways in to the site and how Elmcrest would be involved were asked and answered.

TNT City-wide Board Update: Matt Oja announced that the City-wide TNT will be marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 16th. All are welcome to attend. There will be a TNT City-wide leadership meeting on Thursday, March 28th at the Philanthropy Center.

Announcements:

- Barry Park pass the dish dinner with plans for Barry Park on Thursday, March 14th at the Westcott Community Center
- Blake Carter of Assemblywoman Hunter's office announced the annual exceptional womans award is beginning, nominations can be made to her office.
- March 14th community gathering for Barry Park Association.
- Sharon Sherman stated that the Westcott Street Fair is beginning to accept applications from performers, on June 1st applications will begin to be accepted for booths. They are also seeking volunteers to coordinate the children's activities on the day of the fair.

Sharon Sherman motioned to adjourn at 8:15pm.