

**March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Meeting Minutes****Facilitator** Hilary Donahue**Attendees:** Rick Destito, Hilary Donahue, Blake Carter, Jaime McKinney, Mark Jackson, Jeffrey Juli, Emily Winiecki, Phyllis Moore, Captain Sobiech, Councilor Tim Rudd, Michelle Aliyeva, Michelle Sczpanski, Marcia Tupper, Paul Harris, Elisha Adams, Leah Russell, Dragana Drobniak, Kathy Spottek**The Ground Rules were reviewed. Introductions Commenced**

Special Thanks to Jamie McKinney and Phyllis Moore at *Joe's To Go* for providing amazing horderves and refreshments for the meeting!

**February 19<sup>th</sup> 2019 meeting minutes:** Robb Bucklin motioned to approve the minutes, Hilary Donahue 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor.

**Bureau of Administrative Adjudication (BAA):** Leah Witmer, Director of the BAA and Ken Towsley, Director of Code Enforcement provided a powerpoint presentation of the BAA overview. The BAA will hear and decide property code violations; tickets are called BAA 'notice of violation' (NOV). Property owners will have 30 days to enter a plea. All hearings will be held at 201 E. Washington St. room 701. Landbank properties will not be addressed as they are vacant. The BAA will rollout ticketing on rental registry properties beginning in mid-march in order to work out the kinks. Codes will have open communication with property owners to address their code violations before ticketing. Codes is restructuring to have a more community-based approach; inspectors will be assigned to specific areas. The inspectors will be attending future TNT meetings. Questions were taken from the floor

**Issue for City Departments/Elected Officials/District Representatives:** Councilor Tim Rudd was present to take any issues or concerns. Councilor Rudd stated that the Council is currently preparing the budget for next fiscal year and evaluating the snow removal pilot program. Questions were taken from the floor. SIDA will be looking at primary and secondary corridors; they will be doing viability studies for Geddes St. and West Onondaga St. Captain Sobiech provided a brief update on the changes within the Police Department. Questions were taken from the floor.

**Spay and Neuter Syracuse (SANS):** Kathy Spottek, Mary Kate, Marcia Tupper

Ms. Spottek provided a powerpoint presentation on the spay and neuter program. The organization offers services to low income pet owners. To this point, they have done 32,000 spay and neuter for dogs and cats since 2009. The Cat Coalition provides TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) services. 'Fixing to Help' will subsidize costs for low income pet owners as well.

**Vacant Lot Project Update Atlantic States Legal Foundation (ASLF):** Paul Harris pharris@aslf.org

The project is funded by the GIGP (Green Innovation Grant Program), and ASLF will be constructing rain gardens/bioretenion areas on vacant parcels in Syracuse. The first batch of rain gardens will be located in Skunk City; constructing starting no later than May 1. The locations are 124 Hoefler, 125 Hoefler, 322 Cadwell, 305 Herriman. The purpose of this project is to reduce storm-water runoff within the flood zone of Skunk City. 658 W. Onondaga St.

**Special Projects:** The Westside TNT sector has a total of \$2,400 remaining in their Special Project funds for community building projects; 3 projects were proposed and voted upon by the members in attendance.

- 1) Take Back the Streets requesting \$2,400 for a neighborhood sign unveiling and ribbon cutting ceremony. Date is TBD. Budget includes \$500 for DJ, \$500 for a marching band, \$100 custom ribbon, \$80 for 200 rubber bracelets, \$100 for 200 pens, \$125 for 100 keychains, \$150 for marketing and signage.
- 2) City-Gate District and WOSA requesting \$400 for t-shirts, food and grabbers for the "Environmental Housekeeping" earth day clean up event on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

3) Westside TNT requesting \$520 for 40 Westside TNT T-shirts.

Hilary Donahue motioned to approve funding in the amount of \$400 for the WOSA proposal. All were in favor. Robb Bucklin motioned to approve funding in the amount of \$520 for the Westside TNT T-shirts proposal, Michelle Aliyeva 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor.

Robb Bucklin motioned to approve funding in the amount of \$1,480 for Take Back the Streets Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Hilary Donohue 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor.

**TNT City-wide Board Update:** Tina Zagya, TNT *Operations Manger*, provided a brief update; TNT is working on two PSA videos. There will be a City-wide training for Facilitators, Task Forces and Board members on Thursday, Marc 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm – 7:30pm. Board nominations for Westside TNT City-wide directors (2 positions) will occur in April, with ballot voting in May.

**Announcements:**

- Mark Jackson, SU Odd Plots is a cluster micro business idea.
- The next Westside TNT meeting will be on April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting at Blodgett School.
- Blake Carter provided a handout to nominate the annual exceptional woman award within the 128 district.