

Southside TNT March 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes**Facilitators** Patrona Jones-Rowser, Julius Lawrence, John Sexton, Morgan Williams II**Attendees:** Takarra Smith, Captain Lynch, Captain Sobiech, Captain Delfavero, Chief of Police Kenton Buckner, Ken Towsley, Rosemary Oaks-lee, Charles Pierce-El, Dana Balter, Mary Traynor, Councilor Tim Rudd, Councilor Bryn Lovejoy-Grinnell, Rich Puchalski, Al Freeman, Emily Winiecki, Blake Carter (Assemblywoman Hunter), Nadesia Hernandez (Senator Rachel May) Mary K. Walsh, Leah Witmer, Sue Wood, Dorris Harvey, Mel Menon, Palmer Harvey, Phyllis Riles, Alison Tracy Wright, Tracy Owens, Melanie Franklin, Joe Porter, Ramar Tigner, Tai Cerutti-Brown

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

February 4, 2019 meeting minutes: Morgan William's name was revised, Tim Rudd motioned to approve the minutes, Al Freeman 2nd. All were in favor.**Issues for District Representatives/Elected Officials/City Departments:** Captain Sobiech provided an update based on the questions from the last meeting. Questions were taken from the floor.**Kenton Buckner, Chief of Police:** Chief Buckner addressed the issues with corner stores raised by a member. The department will be going through a reorganization into 3 zones; Captains will be responsible for the areas they are assigned. The Chief will be able to contact the Captains as to better improve communications between those zones and the residents impacted by criminal activity. The patrol officers should be consistent within the zones as well as to improve relationships between the community and the Police. Questions were taken from the floor. K**buckner@syracusepolice.org****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. Will there be safe guards and support services to assist home owners to file a plea if given a fine? – elderly, English as 2nd language, etc. Call Ken Towsley if you are having an issue or if you know of someone who needs assistance.**TNT City-wide Board Update:** Takarra Smith informed the group that beginning in April, the CNY Community Foundation will be providing funding for food at the TNT meetings. TNT City-wide is preparing a City-wide TNT leadership meeting tentatively scheduled for late March. The meeting will go over the new restructuring of the TNT City-wide board to 2 Directors as opposed to the Delegate and Alternate positions. The President will be an additional board member and can only vote to break a tie. TNT will be marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.**Task Force Updates:**Palmer Harvey, Co-chair of the Housing Task Force, provided an update on the TF activities. Jaime Howley and Palmer have secured office space at the Dunkin Bright building for all task forces to use. The housing task force requested use of the Gala funds to cover the remaining 9 months to total a year of office space; totaling \$1,250. Al Freeman motioned to table until next month, 7 were in favor. The TF is requesting Gala funds to cover the costs of hotel expenses for the 4th Annual Redevelopment Summit in Albany; up to the amount of \$350 for 2 days. Al Freeman motioned to approve the funding in the amount of up to \$350, Morgan Williams 2nd, all were in favor. The Voters Task Force is part of 'Onondaga Votes' – surveys were taken last election day. Looking for volunteers to come to a focus group on Saturday March 9th at Beauchamp library from 12 – 2pm.**Announcements:**

- Senator Rachael May will be hosting a Healthcare Forum, Saturday 9th from 12 – 2pm at the SSIC
- Tenant Rights Teach-in on March 16th from 1-3pm at Beauchamp Library. Kids Welcome!
- Last Tuesday of every month at 5:30pm at Beauchamp Library
- Enter the Public Square 1st public community workshop on March 27th at 6pm at the SWCC