

**Eastside TNT May 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes****Facilitator** Beverly Griffin

**Attendees:** Matt Oja, Ken Garno, Sharon Sherman, Steve Thompson, Tom Quinn, Captain Stephen Lynch, Councilor Michael Greene, Captain Lynette DeFavero, Erik Heppeler, Blake Carter (Assemblywoman Hunter), Councilor Joe Driscoll, Cynthia Stultz, Heather Wood, Rebecca Mannion, Kathleen Sauro, Peter Sarver, Marcia Phin, Katelynn Ulrich, Jennifer Blusk, Charleston Collins Sr., Harry Lewis, Glenda Ranallo, Michael Bowens, Merci Perini-Bowere.

Meeting began at 7:05pm.

**Draft April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes:** Sharon Sherman motioned to approve the minutes as written, Harry Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor.

**Issues for District Representatives/Elected Officials/City Departments:** Cynthia Stultz expressed her concern for the 5G installation in the City and potential health issues from it. Councilor Greene and Driscoll explained that the Federal Government has approved 5G and the City cannot stop Verizon from installing it. A discussion of the science ensued and there are people on both sides of the issue that do not agree on the health issue. Captain Lynch, SPD, introduced Officer Erik Heppeler, who works the East sector area. He asked us with SU students leaving for the summer to be on the lookout for people hanging around properties they do not live in and call if you see something suspicious. Sharon Sherman asked the Captain to have the SPD look into parking on Harvard St. illegally during the day. Captain Lynch said they would talk to businesses to be sure people are following alternate parking.

**Kenton Buckner, Chief of Police:** Chief Buckner spoke about the re-organization of the SPD into 3 districts. He provided maps and charts showing the districts. He explained the reasoning behind the revisions. He talked about the SPD efforts to get the residents to know their officers so that they can interact and the SPD can get support from residents in keeping our city safe. Sharon Sherman asked about the coverage for Parkside Commons Housing. Captain Lynch explained how the City is in cooperation with the owners of the property, tries to give the residents as much coverage as possible. Peter Sarver asked to see the revisions of the 'use of force policy'. Chief Buckner said they were in the final stages of reviewing the changes and that some of them have already been implemented. They will announce the policy when they are finished, which is expected to be soon. Sgt. Matt Malinowski, Public information officer, spoke about the SPD use of social media –Facebook and Twitter are being used to communicate with residents. He encouraged residents to friend and follow the City to get updates from the SPD as well as alerts. He gave out a notice for people to participate in a survey regarding body worn cameras. The site to go to is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SPD-Community>  
The Chief in response to a question indicated that there are currently about 90 officers with cameras. The goal is to have approximately 200 officers with them. With no more questions the Chief was thanked for coming and speaking to us.

**TNT City-wide Board Update:** Matt Oja reported that the City wide Board is seeking topics from residents in order to get more people involved in TNT. He asked people to send their thoughts to any of the facilitators or Tina. Emails are listed on the agenda.

**Announcements:**

- Ken Garno said that Mayor Walsh's Tick and Deer Advisory Group is holding an educational meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup> at Corcoran High School auditorium from 6 – 8pm and a public meeting at Nottingham High School auditorium May 28<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8pm.

- Rebecca Mannion said the annual Barry Park Fun Run will be this Sunday. Part of the Meadowbrook will be renamed Harry Lewis for the Day.
- Sharon Sherman said the Westcott Street Festival – Performers need to apply online by May 31<sup>st</sup>. Booth requests will start June 1<sup>st</sup>. They are also looking for volunteers to help on the Fair. You can reach them online.
- Sharon also said that the Chess board will be put in at the Westcott Community Center and they need people who want some stones and bulbs that are on the site where the board will go. Contact WCC for information.
- The annual Westcott Art Trail will be in June this year and they are looking for artists to participate in it.
- Matt Oja announced for the Thornden Park Association the following: June 3<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting, June 9<sup>th</sup> Garden tour, July Aqua Festival.

Meeting adjourned by Beverly Griffin about 8pm.