

June 18th, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Facilitator Edward Ott & Jeffrey Juli

Attendees: Rick Destito, Andrea Turnbull, Michelle Aliyeva, Kim Harvey-Cruz, Kimberly Harvey, Kimari Jenkins, Julie LaFlave +1, Jimmy Oliver, Edward Ott, Jeffrey Juli, Owen Kerney, Heather Lamendola, Captain Sobiech, Dan Petrich (Assemblyman Magnarelli's office), Nicole Watts, Kyle Weisman, Rob Synakowski, Kathryn Ryan

The Ground Rules were reviewed. Introductions Commenced

May 21st 2019 meeting minutes: Jeff Juli motioned to approve the minutes, Frank Cetera 2nd, all were in favor.
Issue for City Departments/Elected Officials/District Representatives: Captain Sobiech provided a crime report, questions were taken from the floor. Issues were raised in regards to ATV vehicles speeding down Wilkinson and Gifford Street. A traffic study has been requested for Gifford, as it is a long block without a stop sign. Pat Hogan recently offered to look into it and get back to the Westside TNT group soon.

Rezone Update: Owen Kerney, *Assistant Director of City Planning*

The City's zoning (land use regulation) was last updated in 1967. The City received a grant to update the zoning and will roll out a final draft of the new ordinance in the near future. There were five goals in the initiative: Creating a user friendly ordinance (charts, tables, graphs, simplify language), Update the zoning districts (15 residential/mixed use/commercial/open spaces), Modernizing land uses, Design standards, Streamlining and updating the review process.

Before the new zoning ordinance is adopted, there have been several public meetings to get feedback; all materials are also posted online. Questions were taken from the floor. Mr. Kerney can be reached on his direct line at 315-448-8110 or by email OKerney@syrgov.net.

Julie LaFlave, Commissioner & Jimmy Oliver, Deputy Commissioner City Parks Department:

A handout was distributed showing the conditions of Grace Massena playground and the Onondaga Geddes playlot; the Parks Department is seeking input from Westside residents for redesign ideas that will be installed in 2020. If interested contact Julie LaFlave and Jimmy Oliver at: JLaflave@syrgov.net and joliver@syrgov.net

TNT City-wide Board Update: Rick Destito stated that the board elected officers for the year beginning July 1 – June 30, 2020. Robb Bucklin, Westside Board Director, will serve as the TNT Treasurer.

Special Projects: Frank Cetera was awarded funding for wayfinding signage that will be placed along Geddes to identify resources along Geddes. The first planning session occurred on June 15th at the 610 Gifford St. garden; a map was displayed with suggestions submitted by participants. The funds will cover the production of 40 signs. The Westside neighborhood signs

Announcements:

- The food for the meeting was donated by Chris Ryan, County Legislator.
- World Refugee Day at lower Schiller Park on Saturday, June 29th from 12 – 5pm
- No July meeting

Rick Destito to adjourn at 7:16pm, Frank Cetera 2nd.