Meeting Minutes TNT Area 3 ~ Southside

Southside TNT August 5, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Facilitators Patrona Jones-Rowser, Julius Lawrence, John Sexton, Morgan Williams II

Attendees: Charles Pierce-El, Betty Pearson, Jaime Howley, Palmer Harvey, Blake Carter, Lisa Sacco, Nicole Olson, Mary Cunningham, Launett Halloway, Jeffrey Morey, Elizabeth Morey, Anthony Davis, Rich Puchalski, Chris Kinnell, Joe Porter, Liam Kirst, Ranette Releford, Lou Carol Franklin, Sue Wood, Ossie Edwards, Captain Sobiech, Tae Cerutti-Brown, Lanessa Chaplin, Chuck Keller, Tony Malavenda, Peter McCarthy, Robb Bucklin, Doug

Meeting began at 6:00pm. Ground Rules were reviewed; Welcome and Introductions commenced.

June 3, 2019 meeting minutes: Takarra Smith motioned to approve the minutes, Joe Porter 2nd. All were in favor. Issues for District Representatives/Elected Officials/City Departments: Captain Sobiech provided a brief crime report, questions were taken from the floor. A special Police detail has been formed to address the issues of ATV's starting on Monday, August 12th. Blake Carter & Lisa Sacco, representative for Assemblyperson Pam Hunter, announced that there will be 2 town hall meetings for tenants' rights on September 12th at the SSIC as well as September 23rd at the Salina Town Hall; a handout was distributed. Assemblyperson Hunter is working on providing services for individuals to renew their passports. Questions were taken from the floor. Anthony Davis, with the SCSD, spoke in regards to the negative behavior of students at the Centro hub. The district needs assistance from the community to make positive changes; call the secondary office at 315-435-4964. Questions were taken from the floor.

Neighborhood Business Development, Liam Kirst: Mr. Kirst stated that every 5 years the department is required to submit a plan to HUD; a survey regarding housing was distributed for resident input. August 8th there will be an Open House for NBD in the Atrium at City Hall Commons from 4pm – 6pm. The survey is also available online.

<u>Citizens Review Board, Ranette Releford</u>: Ms. Releford, Administrator for the CRB, provided an overview of the organization; board members were also present. Call the CRB with any questions or concerns; a handout was distributed. A pocket brochure is given to students to advise them on how to interact with the Police Department. Questions were taken from the floor. Agendas for the CRB meetings are posted on the website in a timely manner.

TNT City-wide Updates: Takarra Smith stated that the TNT board of directors is in the process of reviewing and updating the Special Project guidelines; which will be disseminated to the sectors in the fall. Tina Zagyva answered questions regarding the Special Projects process. Palmer Harvey and Jaime Howley were recognized and thanked for their coordination of the Southside 'Get the Lead Out of the block party' on July 29th.

Task Force Updates:

<u>Housing TF Co-chair, Jaime Howley & Palmer Harvey:</u> The task force holds Syracuse Tenant Union meetings every month at Beauchamp Library. <u>SyrTenantsUnion@gmail.com</u> or call at 315-703-6549 for more information. Ms. Howley and Ms. Harvey have been working with Upstate Downstate Coalition to lobby for renter's rights.

<u>Voting TF Chair, Charles Pierce-El:</u> Mr. Pierce-El stated that the TF is improving registering people to vote with assistance of Mary Cunningham; especially many parolees.

<u>Youth & Education, Sue Wood:</u> Ms. Wood thanks TNT for supporting the Light a Candle for Literacy Buffalo Children's Museum field trip. The TF requested a \$2,000 donation from the Gala Funds to put on a celebration event for Geneva Hayden, founder of the LACFL program, as well as a kick-off for the non-profit. Reverend Betty Morey motioned to approve \$2,000 from the Gala funds to host an event to honor Mrs. Hayden and kick-off the non-profit, Charles Pierce-El 2nd, 16 were in favor, motion carries. The balance of funds available from the Gala Fundraiser is \$4,636.68.

Announcements:

- The next Southside TNT meeting will be on September 9th due to the Labor Day Holiday.
- Facilitator nominations will be held in September, elections in October.
- First Tuesday in August is 'National Night Out', 4 9m in the parking lot of Destiny Mall; from 5:30 6:30pm the Attorney General will be present.
- CRB next board meeting is September 5th in the Common Council chambers at 5:30pm.
- NY Civil liberty Union, meet every Thursday at Beauchamp Library at 5:30pm.

Reverend Betty Morey motioned to adjourn the meeting, Jaime Howley 2nd, all were in favor.

