

Meeting Minutes: September 18th, 2019**Facilitators:** Bill Lee, Neil Milcarek-Burke, Gary Crawford**Attendees:** Charles Rivers, John Mielcarski, Sharon Sherman, Lt. Eric Lindgren, Mary Margaret O'Hara, Chris Iven, Matthew Vincent, Tony Malavena

Welcome and introductions commenced. The Ground Rules were reviewed.

Draft meeting minutes from June 18th, 2019: Sharon Sherman motioned to approve the minutes, John Mielcarski 2nd, all were in favor.**Issues for District Representatives/Elected Officials/City Departments:** Lt. Lindgren distributed a data driven crime report for the Lakefront and Downtown region. Chief Buckner is forming a Citizen's Advisory Group; consisting of 10 -15 individuals that would meet quarterly to discuss quality of life issues in the neighborhoods. Contact Lt. Lindgren or Captain Lynch if you are interested.**Financial Empowerment Center (FEC)** Mary Margaret O'Hara, FEC City Manager within the Department of Neighborhood and Business Development, discussed the FEC one on one free and confidential financial counseling program offered by the City of Syracuse; the program is not income based and is open to all City residents. To schedule an appointment, visit the website for the locations and contact information: Syrgov.net/FEC or call HHQ 315-474-1939 xt. 5**Census 2020:** Matthew Vincent, Partnership Specialist NY Regional Office.Mr. Vincent provided an overview of the Census mission: Count everyone once, only once and in the right place so that the correct information is delivered to the Office of the President. All Census information gathered is confidential and will only be used to produce statistics for funding distributed from the federal government (\$675 Billion) based on populations. www.census.gov
In March of 2020, individuals will be sent a card in the mail with an invitation code to fill out the Census questionnaire online; if people do not respond via internet, they will receive a paper version with the option to call in by phone.**Facilitator Nominations:** Bill Lee explained the nomination process and qualifications for facilitators; elections take place in October by ballot. Sharon Sherman nominated Bill Lee and Neil Milcarek-Burke as Downtown facilitators, both accepted. John Mielcarski nominated Gary Crawford the Lakefront sector, Gary accepted. Gary motioned to close the nominations, Bill 2nd.**Special Projects:** Tina Zagya distributed the Special Projects timeline, proposal form and revised guidelines; which state that any proposals requesting funds to place a capital improvement project on City property must obtain proper permission prior to funding approval.**TNT City-wide Board Update:** Tina Zagya stated that there is a TNT video on the TNT website. The board is currently working on a city-wide TNT event.**Downtown Committee Updates & Other Announcements:**

- 1) The Downtown Committee provided an update via email: the plaque for the chess tables that was funded through the TNT Special Projects has been delivered; installation is still being coordinated.
- 2) The Lakefront TNT will be improving the Ollie's Point section of the Creek which will have a dedication sign; the work will be done by September 28th.
- 3) The next TNT meeting on October 16th will be in the Lakefront.

Bill Lee motioned to adjourn at 7pm, Neil Milcarek-Burke 2nd.