

**Southside TNT January 6, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

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

**Attendees:** Jimmy Monto, Captain Sobiech, Assemblywoman Pamela Hunter, Councilor Chol Majok and Michael Greene, Senator Rachel May, County Leg. Vernon Williams Jr., SCSD commissioner Tamika Barnett, Councilor Latoya Allen, Common Council President Helen Hudson, Sharon Sherman, Al Freeman, Jaime Howley, Aggie Lane, Shavel Edwards, Karl Deans, Mike LeFlair, Mark Kiven, Brittany Taylor, Tajuana Cerutti-Brown, Lonnie Voohtinsoid, Nodesia Hernandez, Lanessa Chaplin, Linda Ervin, Gwen Battle, Palmer Harvey, Nikki Jones, Mary Kuhn, Dana Balter, Karen Schroeder, Maria Ralph, Nakeia Chamber, Brenda Muhammad, Christina Whiteside, Blake Carter, Rev. Betty Morey, Jeffrey Morey, Rich Puchalski, Carol Charles, Mariana Jackson, Shadia Tadros, Andy Warren, Barbara Dennis, Andrew Kaminsky, Water Eiland

Meeting began at 6:06pm. Ground Rules were reviewed; Welcome and Introductions commenced.

**November 4, 2019 meeting minutes:** Al Freeman motioned to approve the minutes as amended, Morgan Williams 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor.

**TNT City-wide Update:** Jimmy Monto, TNT board President, updated the members in attendance in regards to the Census education and Lead awareness and education.

**Issues for District Representatives/Elected Officials/City Departments:** Captain Sobiech took questions from the floor.

**New Year New Chair:** Moderated by 4<sup>th</sup> district councilor, Latoya Allen

Panelists included: 16<sup>th</sup> District County Legislature Vernon Williams Jr., SCSD Board Commissioner Tamika Barnett, Assemblywoman Pam Hunter, Senator Rachel May, Councilor-at-Large Michael Greene, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Councilor Chol Majok.

Questions were presented by the moderator to the panelists regarding: I-81 jobs, housing market (affordable housing), African American studies within curriculum, city-paving, Kirk Park improvements, Council meeting time, STEAM school funding, Police agreements, County Rezoning, City Rezone and affordable housing, public transportation to get to employment, state level tenant protections – certificate of occupancy, SCSD support for homeless students, legislation to change state law 485A for developer tax benefits, County and City long term plan for water infrastructure, hiring practices within SCSD, cash bail reform, lead levels in water (service pipes), updates on all Southside projects (Coyne building, Salina 1<sup>st</sup> project, Sears building, South Presbyterian Church, vacant lots).

Patrona Jones-Rowser thanked the panel and Latoya Allen for their time.

**Announcements:**

- TNT is hosting a city-wide dance party fundraiser on February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Ukrainian Home from 7 – midnight, \$10 at door (includes dinner).
- 2323 South Salina St. San Kofa Health and Wellness Center, open 9am – 5pm Monday through Friday. Community event on January 22<sup>nd</sup>; become a member for additional benefits. Programming such as food demonstrations, LPN specialists, etc.
- Special Project proposals are due by January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- H.O.P.E. training from Iron Workers, 100 city people to train for basics to apprenticeships.

John Sexton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:28pm, Morgan Williams 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor.