

Facilitators present: John Sexton, Julius Lawrence, Patrona Jones-Rowser, Betty Pearson, Morgan Williams
Meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by John Sexton.

Attendees: Jaime Howley, Andrew Crane, Bainca Pineda, Emily Wineicki, Jacki LaSonde, James Milana, Capt. Tony Sobiech, Joe Porter, Karl Deans, Blake Carter, Councilor Chol Majok, Betsy Hart, Hayden Ginder, Beverly Carter, John Sexton, Christopher Cicchiello, Kaizheezero Lin, Jillion LeVeille, Madeline Goore, Rev. Betty Morey, Jeffrey Morey, Morgan Mafry, Rich Puchalski, Cimone S. Jordan, Ashley Clemmens, Brenda Muhammad, Jahcara Pam, Vivian Tinsley Dexter, Nodesia Hernandez, Shivani Reddy, Jenna Wirth, Michael Sessa, Pearl Cardigan, Chris Kinney, Andrew Kazinsky, Danny Pinckar, Izzy Bartling, Keith Muhammad, Kai Wright, Ainsley Holman, Mike Greenlan, Takarra Smith, Joe Parrott, Samuel Rowser, Cassandra Jamison, Tayah Barnes, Zyierre Edwards

Welcome and introductions – attendees included several students from S.U./Newhouse School
Review of ground rules

Review of January 6th minutes - John Sexton noted the city wide dance party/fundraiser to be held this Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Ukrainian Home from 7-midnight; \$10 at the door includes dinner. No corrections or additions. Motion to approve: Betty Morey; 2nd: Jeff Morey.

Issues for District Reps / City Depts. / Elected officials:

Syracuse Police Dept.: Capt. Sobiech – there has been an arrest in Jan. 21st homicide. Community groups have asked for the locations of security cameras – maps are available – most will go to the South Ave. corridor. Question re: how (?when) the cameras are monitored – answer: daytime and evenings, not overnight although that information can be accessed as needed. They do record 14 days of info which is saved. Question re: change in postal box openings: assumed to be a security issue, Capt. Sobiech will check with postmaster. Orientations for Civilian Advisory committees begin tomorrow.

No reports from District reps.

Presentation: Greater Syracuse Land Bank – Shavel Edwards

Explanation/demonstration of the new Land Bank website showing property sales and demolitions. Flyers were available with information relating to houses, vacant lots and demolitions. Ms. Edwards explained how properties are evaluated, time constraints for the completion of work (1 yr.); owners must live in the property for 5 years; there are incentives for some city/county employees to live in the city. Question re: lead paint: funding is available since these houses were built before 1977. All these homes need major work. Advice to buyers: have your contractor come at the time of inspection to avoid unexpected costs. Stats since November: 6 demolitions; 5 vacant lots sold; 3 single family homes sold.

Special Project Proposals: **note:** these were not done in numerical order:

005: Onondaga Votes! Banner - \$1700 – Jackie LaSonde– would not be specific to the southside; funding is due by June 30. Motion by Patrona Jones-Rowser, 2nd by Jeffrey Morey.

Vote: yes: 3; no: 15

001: Southside Housing Task Force: Entertainment for Block Party: \$1400 – Jaime Howley. Agencies that table at the event: Onondaga County health Dept.; Peace, Inc; Success by Six; the Housing Task Force and others. The Community Foundation is covering a large portion of the expense. Total cost would be \$6400.

Motion by Patrona Jones-Rowser, 2nd by Beverly Carter – to eliminate TNT funding at this time since they are receiving significant funding from other sources.

Discussion; **vote: yes 12; no 8 to eliminate the funding.**

After discussion, 002 and 004 were considered together:

002: SS Crime and Safety Task Force: event with public safety officials: \$1500 – Takara Smith – to host meet and greet at Kirk Park.

004: Geneva Hayden: Light a Candle for Literacy – field trip and snacks - \$1500 – Jaime Howley – explained the origins and scope of the program. Includes out of town bus trip for youth and adults.

Discussion on both 002 and 004: Motion by Joe Porter; 2nd Beverly Carter: Reduce funding by \$350 for each. **Vote: yes 20; no 1.** Each would receive \$1150.

003: Beautification Task Force: \$2,500 – Patrona Jones-Rowser – would build on last year and add new lavender plants. Noted she returned part of her grant last year.

Discussion: question re: pumpkins purchased last year – they will be used again this year. Ms. Jones-Rowers agreed to reduce amount to \$2000. Motion by Beverly Carter, 2nd Betty Morey.

Vote: yes 19; no 0.

006: Southside CPR Initiative - \$700: sponsored by FORCE (Focus Our Resources for Community Enlightenment) in observation of the American Heart Association’s National CPR & AED Awareness Week (June 1-7) – Brenda Mohammad. Program would combine education re: CPR and AEDs along with practical training.

Discussion: It would also be possible to sponsor a participant at \$45/person. **No vote was taken but proposal was approved by consensus.**

Motion to close discussion on proposals by John Sexton, 2nd: Beverly Carter: **yes 20, no 0.**

Motion to extend the meeting by 10 minutes by Patrona Jones-Rowser, 2nd: Art Deans (sp.?)
Vote: unanimous approval.

Announcements: Takara Smith: Reminder about City-wide dance party Saturday, Feb. 8.

Motion to adjourn by Jeffrey Morey, 2nd: Zaire Edwards – **vote: unanimous.** Adjourned at 7:40.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Morey, Secretary Pro tem