

Southside TNT September 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Facilitator John Sexton

Attendees: Patrona Jones-Rowser, Morgan Williams, Betty Pearson, Takarra Smith, Julius Lawrence, Jaime Howley, Elizabeth Morey, Jeff Morey, Cimone Jordan, Palmer Harvey, Dorris Harvey, Shavel Edwards, Todd and Shanelle Reid, Emily Winiecki, Mike LeFlair, Blake Carter, Jacqueline LaSonde, Brenda Muhammad, Shiann, Nakeia Chambers, Samuel, Patricia Wilson, Neil Burke, Brenda, Councilor Latoya Allen, Adelia, Mark Jackson Sr.

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

March 2, 2020 meeting minutes: Reverend Betty Morey motioned to approve the minutes as written, Patrona Jones-Rowser 2nd. All were in favor.

Issues for Elected Officials/City Departments: Tina Zagya stated that the SPD will not be attending TNT meetings due to budget cuts. Blake Carter, Assemblyperson Hunter's representative, stated that anyone still awaiting unemployment can call the office at 315-449-9536. A few folks are requesting security cameras near MLK and Salina (gas station and funeral home); businesses in area are complaining about heavy traffic. Shavel Edwards, with the Land Bank, stated that there has been a sale of South Presbyterian church (sold to Evelyn and Chino Ingram) with plans to make it into a multi-purpose event center) and the location for the Access Global Enterprises.

Access Global Enterprises, Mr. Todd Reid and Dr. Shanelle Reid

The project is at 2520 South Salina, a building purchased from the Land Bank. At capacity, the Reid's plan to hire 50 people from the Southside. 'All about me' Child Care will be on the first floor. info@accessglobalenterprises.com also on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter

Neighborhood Business Development, Cimone Jordan

The City is launching a new initiative: resurgent neighborhood initiative. Holistic development to improve communication between different stakeholders. City planner, community ambassador program through Center for Court Innovation. There is a new project for Midland Ave school at the midblock crosswalk, DPW complete streets project; sidewalk extension and tree addition. The project will begin this week and to be completed by October 1st. TNT members were concerned about the Southside TNT sign being effected by the development of the 5G offices. Councilor Allen stated that 5G will be teaming up with EOC to filter students through training to be hired by the company.

Special Projects Update: Tina Zagya stated that event based projects funds are earmarked and TNT will work with project leader when events are able to take place. The TNT budget has been cut by 25% and will impact the amount of funding available to each sector for this fiscal year. (July 1 – June 30, 2021)

Task Force Updates:

Housing Task Force: Jaime Howley and Palmer Harvey stated that they have remained active throughout the Pandemic. The City Council voted today on the Rental Registry law; this law applies to 1 and 2 family houses. The law will prevent landlords from collecting rent on unregistered landlords. This can be used in defense of a non-eviction payment.

Beautification Task Force, Patrona Jones Rowser, the Task force has been very busy. All projects from the previous year has been completed with an addition of a new project. Projects include: the Furman, Midland and Castle green space (MLK triangle), play set installed at the Borden Ave pocket park. 6 of the 8 planters on South Salina Street were vandalized. The City greenhouse will be storing perennials for the planters next year. The additional planters have yet to be installed due to the Save the Rain project that is incomplete. The Southside has a 1% exterior home improvement loan up to \$10,000, no income guidelines, but there are at least 10 loans maybe more available through Home Headquarters.

TNT City-wide Update: John Sexton reminded everyone to complete their Census 2020; it was stated that folks can go to the TNT Census initiative webpage to see Census opportunities provide by TNT. Tina Zagya stated that the board recently revised the bylaws to address vacant board seats due to inactive sectors. The TNT public meetings will be virtual until at least November; the board will reassess the situation at that time. Tina asked if anyone had concerns or issues that they would like their board representative to bring to the city-wide board; no issues were stated.

Announcements:

- Palmer Harvey announced a program provided by the City of Syracuse and County for issues dealing with rent, etc. Call 315-435-2700
- There was a break-in at the Cannon Street Community Center with theft and vandalism. The Police are doing an investigation, if anyone has any information please contact Brenda Muhammad at 315-278-4572 forcecny@aol.com
- There is a gofund me page for a restoration of the Hayden House.
https://www.gofundme.com/f/the-hayden-house?member=5567424&utm_medium=email&utm_source=customer&utm_campaign=p_email%2Binvitesupporters
- Café Sankofa board representative, stated that there are celebrations that are creating large amounts of trash near the location.
- Every Friday there is a food giveaway, Greater Southside Home Owners Association, 2221 S. Salina St. from 2pm – until food is gone.