

Southside TNT February 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes**Facilitator** John Sexton

Attendees: Morgan Williams, Patrona Jones-Rowser, Betty L. Pearson, Julius Lawrence, Palmer Harvey, Charles Pierce-El, Jaime Howley, Mike LaFlair, Nicole Odom, Palmer Harvey, Shiann Atuegbu, Talitha Baxter, Violet Lazarus, Shavel Edwards, Betty Morey, Brenda Muhammad, Chol Majok, Cimone Jordan, Colby Cyrus, Emily Jane Winiecki, George Jones, Gail Montplaisir, Mark Jackson, Jacqueline LaSonde, Emily Jane Winiecki, Sam Rowser, Eli Smith, Rich Puchalski

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

January 4, 2021 meeting minutes: Patrona Jones-Rowser motioned to approve the minutes as written, Julius Lawrence 2nd. All were in favor.

Issues for Elected Officials/City Departments: Hon. Chol Majok stated that there will be a public hearing on February 18th at 5pm regarding Police reform legislation. Chol can be reached at 315-992-2418. Cimone Jordan, NBD, tomorrow will be a public meeting on the CAPER report; 5pm on webex. Shavel Edwards with the Land Bank stated that there will be a buyers workshop on February 10th; check the website and social media pages for more info. Space is limited.

Salina First project Update: Gail Montplaisir & Eli Smith

Ms. Montplaisir provided an update on the project; the project has been approved by zoning, has received all the necessary permits for mitigation and to move forward.

Corre Williams, hiring director of E. Smith Construction, corre@esmithcontractors.com 315-278-1873

Special Projects: Due to the pandemic, Light a Candle for Literacy was unable to use their approved funding for a field trip from last year's Special Project funding. LACFL requested to re-purpose these funds to purchase books for the program and, if available, to children in the general public. Betty Morey motioned to approve the repurposing of funds, Charles Pierce-El 2nd, all were in favor.

Special Projects Discussion/Vote: John Sexton proposed that the \$500 funding for a new membership outreach project be pooled with at least one other sector for a greater impact. Morgan Williams motioned to approve, Shiann Atuegbu 2nd, all were in favor.

A poll was taken for all projects; by majority vote, all were approved at the reduced amounts.

1 Southside Voter Education & Civic Engagement: \$2,500

***reduced proposed amount \$1,150 (*contingent upon proof of insurance)**

2 Kwanza Garden/SS Planters: \$850

***reduced proposed amount \$500**

3 Community Garden at Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ: \$1,000

***reduced proposed amount \$500**

4 Homeowners Awareness Covid-19 Hardship: \$1,000

***reduced proposed amount \$500**

5 Covid-19 Essential Hygiene project: \$1,600

***reduced proposed amount \$600**

Morgan Williams motioned to extend the meeting, Julius Lawrence 2nd, all were in favor.

Task Force Updates: John motioned to skip the TF updates, Jaime Howley 2nd, all were in favor.

Announcements:

- F.O.R.C.E. offers virtual courses on 'Community Preparedness' and also has an amateur radio club.
- I-81 Tuesday Talk @2pm On Tuesday, February 2, from 2:00 to 3:30pm

Morgan Williams motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm, Jacqueline LaSonde 2nd. All were in favor.