

**March 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes****Facilitator** Tina Zagya

**Attendees:** Councilor Pat Hogan, John Ferguson (Assemblyman Magnarelli representative), Shawn Fiato, Frank Cetera, Michael Cheslik, Shavel Edwards, Rich Pulchalski, Lara Mosby, Rick Destito

**The Ground Rules were reviewed.**

**February 16, 2021 meeting minutes:** Shawn Fiato motioned to approve the minutes, Pat Hogan 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor.

**Issue for City Departments/Elected Officials/District Representatives:** Hon. Hogan provided an update on the Covid relief funds and took questions from the floor. Assemblyman Magnarelli is currently involved with developing the state budget; any state issues with DMV or unemployment contact John Ferguson at [magnarw@nyassembly.gov](mailto:magnarw@nyassembly.gov) or [fergusonj@nyassembly.gov](mailto:fergusonj@nyassembly.gov) or call 315-428-9651. Mark Jackson, with SU community outreach, provided an update on recent activities.

**Special Projects:** The sector requested to repurpose funding awarded to two Special Projects from last fiscal year's funding in the amount of \$1,900:

1. The "citygate rebranding effort" has not been approved by the City nor has the design been approved by the Public Art Commission. The cost to paint the bridge exceeds the awarded funding in the amount of \$1,000 and is not feasible.
2. In September of 2020, \$900 in Special Project funding was re-allocated for Downtown signage beautification. This project does not fall within the Westside sector.

Pat Hogan Motioned to re-allocate the \$1,900, Shawn Fiato seconded. All were in favor with one abstention, Mark Jackson.

1. \$250 for the 'Little Libraries' project (it was reduced last month due to limited funding).
2. \$1,650 for the Pet fountain at Leavenworth Park.

**TNT City-wide Board Director Updates:** Rick Destito stated that he is the new Treasurer.

**Announcements:**

New website that connects small produce gardens and urban farms with small retailers like corner stores, farmer markets, etc.

Frank suggested that we highlight local businesses by inviting one per month to our sector meetings.