

Southside TNT March 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes**Facilitator** Morgan Williams & Patrona Jones-Rowser**Attendees:** John Sexton, Patrona Jones-Rowser, Betty L. Pearson, Julius Lawrence, Stephen Harris, Shavel Edwards, Tajuana Cerutti-Brown, Rich Puchalski, Hon. Chol Majok, Mike LaFlair, Elizabeth Morey, Jeffrey Morey, Jimmy Monto, Taveon Stenson, Emily Jane Winiecki, Blake Carter, Palmer Harvey, Christine Body, Cimone Jordan, Zeruah Alex, Jacqueline LaSonde, Wenona Timmons, Brenda Muhammad, Talitha Baxter, Charles Pierce-El, Dane Dell

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

February 1, 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:** Blake Carter stated that Zeruah Alex will be attending TNT meetings on behalf of Assemblyperson Pamela Hunters office. Hon. Chol Majok provided an update; Hon. Chol Majok can be reached at 315-992-2418

Stephen Harris, City Arborist, Creekwalk Phase II update:

Removing the old fence along Onondaga Creek (Kirk Park Dr side) from Colvin St to South Ave Bridge. (starting March 8 or 15)

1. Removing invasive and dead/leaning trees inside the fence.
2. Putting up a new 4' tall fence matching the other side (April 1 to April 30)
3. Planting 1,000 plus trees inside fence in Spring (led by OEC) (May)

Taveon Stenson, Crew leader at OEC, will be hosting 2 virtual community meetings; March 18th from 12 - 1pm and 6:30pm - 7:30pm.

One Million Gallon Stormwater Capture Project: Christine Body, *Assistant Director/Outreach Atlantic States Legal Foundation (ASLF)* Ms. Body provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding green infrastructure projects. Questions were taken from the floor. christine.body@aslf.org

315-430-0596 or 315-475-1170

Special Projects Discussion/Vote: The Board of directors reviewed the Special Projects proposals; two Southside proposals were denied; 'Homeowners Awareness Covid-19 Hardship' and 'Covid-19 Essential Hygiene project'. As a result, \$1,100 is currently available. John Sexton motioned to redistribute the funding to the three projects that were underfunded last month; the Beautification Task Force in the amount of \$350, Voters Community Engagement events in the amount of \$375 and the Community Garden in the amount of \$375, Julius Lawrence seconded; all were in favor.**TNT City-wide Update:** Tina Zagya stated that the Board of Directors have appointed new leadership; Jimmy Monto as TNT President, Patrona Jones-Rowser as Vice President, Matt Oja as Clerk and Richard Destito as the Treasurer. Patrona Jones-Rowser stated that the board is still in discussion regarding the \$500 new membership outreach project funds.**Announcements:**

- Assemblywoman Hunters Community Liaison, Zeruah Alex: bibbesz@nyassembly.gov 315-449-9536

- Shavel Edwards updated the group on the Land bank green lots grants available; call 315-422-2301 ext 15 or visit syracuselandsbank.org/programs/.
- HHQ is now offering SHARP grants; \$1,500. Call Rich Puchalski at Syracuse United Neighbors for assistance on filling out the application 315-474-7475
- Sankofa 1% home improvement loans still available through HHQ.
- FORCE, Community Preparedness, March 23, 2021 at 6pm. Guest speaker: Charles Sharp, Founder/CEO of BEMA (Black Emergency Managers Association International). To register www.forcecny.org. 315-677-1664 or forcecny@aol.com
- 161848 follow on Twitter for vaccine information.
- Wenona Timmons, Neighborhood Business Development, stated that the year 47 draft action plan has been released; public hearing is on March 24th.
- Mike LaFlair, Housing Visions, is interested in helping others with Earth Day cleanups. Mlaflair@housingvisions.org
- Citizens Advisory Committee on Tuesday, March 2nd meeting.
- Palmer Harvey, Community Ambassador, provided a flyer regarding Cities Rise program.
- March 3rd at 6pm the City is hosting a Community Forum on Citizens Review Board and the Syracuse Police Department.
- Possible presentation for the May meeting could include a Mayoral Candidate Forum.

Elizabeth Morey motioned to adjourn at 7:33pm, John Sexton seconded, all were in favor.