

## Northside TNT Meeting Minutes

**March 24, 2021**

**Facilitator** Pat Body

**Attendees:** Jay Subedi, Ed Morris, Syeisha Byrd, Chris Bianchi, Gerry Scott, Peggy Chase, Mayor Ben Walsh, Chief of Police Kenton Buckner, Deputy Chief of Police Richard Trudell, SPD Captain Brian Fougner, Angela Pelosi, Hon. Pat Hogan, Dawn Devanna, Peggy Chase, Mike LaFlair, John Meyer, Christine Klik-Zalewski, Connie Wierzbicki, Marty Nave, Piper Gorup, Mary Salibrici, Tysha Martin, Shavel Edwards, John Copanas, Mary Kuhn, Big Boy Bob, Margaret McCormick, Andrea Wandersee, Daniel Petrick, Tai Shaw, Mark Cass, Sarah Hewitt, Gloria Nabossa, Nicole Watts

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm

**February 24th, 2021 Meeting Minutes:** Peggy Chase motioned to approve the minutes as written, Angela Pelosi 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor.

**TNT City-wide Board Director Election:** A poll was conducted; Ed Morris was elected by majority vote.

**Crime and Safety on the Northside:** Mayor Ben Walsh, Chief of Police Kenton Buckner, Deputy Chief of Police Richard Trudell, SPD Captain Brian Fougner

The Chief of Police and Mayor Walsh discussed the questions submitted in advance.

1) Do you remain committed to dividing the city into 3 sectors? What is the rationale given this sector has the most people and the most children? There are only a limited amount of officers and creating additional sectors will not impact the coverage. 2) It appears that certain crimes are on the increase in this particular neighborhood. How is that being addressed? Violent crime has risen throughout the country due to the pandemic. 3) Will some of the stimulus money be used to have a new police academy? There has been a new academy each year the Mayor has been in office. Last year was slightly delayed. There are low numbers of officers due to retirements. 4) Will Some of the stimulus money be used to address the mental health issues that exist in the city? The SPD is working with the County on increasing services and awareness. There is a meeting with Mental Health providers and Deputy Commissioner Parmelee from Children and Family services to begin those discussions. Helio Health has mental health and substance use services available 24/7, 365 days a year. 5) Summarize the police reform plan. Jimmy Oliver has recently been hired to lead the Police Athletic League (PAL); which will serve about 200 kids. Questions were taken from the floor.

You can follow the Police Department on facebook.

**Issues for Elected Officials/City Departments:** Councilor Hogan stated that the Wolf Street Corner store has been shut down.

**Announcements:**

- Earth Day cleanup on April 25th from 11am - 2pm; meet at Sniper Park on the 400 block of North Salina Street.
- NEHDA is helping Northside residents complete the Sharp Grants, \$1,500 for home owners. [www.nehda.org](http://www.nehda.org)
- June 19th World Refugee Day.
- Summer youth employment program is looking for employer sites that would be paid by CNY Works; non-profits, businesses, etc.
- The Youth Committee has decided to create an informational flyer that will highlight youth programs for families.