

**Southside TNT May 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes****Facilitator Morgan Williams**

**Attendees:** John Sexton, Betty L. Pearson, Julius Lawrence, Patrona Jones-Rowser, Zeruah Alex (Assemblywoman Hunter community liaison), Hon. Khalid Bey, Hon. Michael Greene, Janet Burman, Tom Babilon, Brenda Muhammad, Elizabeth Morey, Osupa T-Davis, Walter Eiland, Walt Dixie, Hon. Chol Majok, Talitha Baxter, Shavel Edwards, Cimone Jordan, Homer Davis, Hon. Latoya Allen, Rich Puchalski, Tony Jones, Nikki Jones, David Rufus, Jesse Lyons, Joshua Ludden, Sam Rowser, Caitlyn Libby, Jackie LaSonde, Mike LaFlair, Ruthnie Angrande

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

**Draft Meeting Minutes April 5, 2021:** John Sexton motioned to approve the minutes, Julius Lawrence seconded. All were in favor.

**Issues for Elected Officials/City Departments:** Shavel Edwards, Greater Syracuse Land Bank, provided an update on a project that was recently tabled. Hon. Majok extended his appreciation for those who attended the Earth Day cleanup last weekend. Hon. Allen provided an update on the bridge closure on Colvin. If anyone is interested in taking a tour of JMA Wireless, email Latoya Allen lallenpride@yahoo.com. Questions were taken from the floor. Cimone Jordan provided further clarifications on the construction employment of Colvin St. NBD will be hosting a webinar on May 13th 6pm regarding Zombie properties.

**Meet the Mayoral Primary Candidates:** Candidates include: Michael Greene, Khalid Bey, Janet Burman, Tom Babilon

Moderated by Morgan Williams and Walter Eiland: TNT and 100 Black Men are non-profit organizations that do not endorse candidates of any party and remain neutral entities.

Each candidate was given 5 minutes to introduce themselves and explain why they want to be Mayor and what they like best about Syracuse. Questions were submitted in advance and selected by the facilitators.

All candidates were thanked for taking their time to speak to the Southside TNT meeting.

**Announcements:**

- Raised Garden Bed Demo on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11am – 2pm at the Kwanzaa Garden, 900 block on Midland Ave. Only 20 spots available. All participants must be Southside residents.
- Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup> from 12 – 5pm in the parking lot of 2209 South Salina Street (Key bank parking lot). Register to vote, free food and entertainment.
- 100 Black Men hosting a Town Hall on May 5 from 6 – 7pm presentation on workforce development programs and training available. 100blackmen.org
- Continue to support the food consortium.