

Southside TNT August 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes**Facilitator John Sexton**

Attendees: Patrona Jones-Rowser, Julius Lawrence, Betty Pearson, Natalia Perez-Gonzalez, Rich Pulchalski, Betty Morey, Jeffrey Morey, Joshua Wilcox, Nate Pan, Cimone Jordan, Vernon Williams, Amir Gethers, Linda Ervin, Blake Carter, Ashley Kang, Hon. Chol Majok, Eddie Velazquez, Alex Lawson, Emily Jane Winiacki, Talitha Baxter, Jackie LaSonde, Stephanie Ray, Shavel Edwards, Hon. Helen Hudson, Hal Travis, Mae, Brenda Muhammad

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

Draft Meeting Minutes June 7, 2021: John Sexton motioned to approve the minutes, Rich Pulchalski seconded. All were in favor.

Issues for Elected Officials/City Departments:

Joshua Wilcox, Parks Department Landscape Architect, provided an overview of summer programming. <https://syracuse.recdesk.com/Community/Calendar>

Cimone Jordan, Neighborhood Business Development, is partnering with Parks and Rec to improve tree equity across the City. Email CJordan@syr.gov for more information. Vernon Williams, County Legislature, stated that there will be comment hearings on I-81; coming soon. Hon. Chol Majok and Council President Helen Hudson provided a brief update on the ARPA funds. Shavel Edwards, Greater Syracuse Land Bank, stated that there is a Minority Investors and Contractors Legacy City Access Program. More information at <http://syracuselandsbank.org/contractors/>

1641 South Salina St.: Hal Travis provided an overview of his project development; 4 different design variations were presented to the group. There will be a total of five 4-plexes. There will be an option for a buyer to purchase a 4-plex and live in the apartment building. Questions were taken from the floor.

Announcements:

- The next Southside TNT meeting will be on September 13th due to labor day.
- Julius Lawrence is on the Centro Board and is looking for new ideas for changes to Centro: jlawrence325@yahoo.com
- I-81 Viaduct Project public hearing: August 17th 11am & 5pm via Zoom or In person at the Oncenter: August 18 4pm & 6pm. <https://mysouthsidestand.com/events/>

Julius Lawrence motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:16pm, Patrona Jones-Rowser seconded, all were in favor.