

**Tomorrow's Neighborhoods Today, Inc.**  
 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
 August 3, 2021

Sector	Present	Director
1	Yes	Neil Burke
2	Yes	Rick Destito
3	Yes	Patrona Jones-Rowser
3	Yes	Morgan Williams
4	No	Dee Klees
5	Yes	Beverly Griffin
5	Yes	Matt Oja
6	Yes	Liz Hradil
7	Yes	Jay Subedi
7	Yes	Ed Morris
8	Yes	Jonathan Levick

**Others Present:** Jimmy Monto (*TNT President*), Tina Zagyva (*Operations Manager*)

**Jimmy Monto called the regular Board of Directors meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. via Zoom** Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were: Neil, Rick, Patrona, Morgan, Beverly, Matt, Jay, Ed, and Jon.

	Agenda Items/Key Discussion Points	Outcomes (Decisions, Action Items)	Follow Up Needed/By Whom
<b>Topic 1</b>	<b>Meeting Minutes</b> from 7 April 2021	Bev <b>motioned</b> to adopt, Jon seconded; all in favor.	
<b>Topic 2</b>	<b>Financial Update</b>	Rick went over financial reports. Additional updates: \$80,000 in funding from City passed Council. \$250,000 for City as Canvas yet to be voted on; need Board presence, art community support for this vote.	Jimmy to continue to lobby Common Council prior to City's Canvas vote; Board participation encouraged.
<b>Topic 3</b>	<b>Maureen Dore MOU:</b> Washington Square Park proposal: splash pad and associated improvements.	Maureen was awarded Washington Square Park splash pad grants from CNYCF and Reisman Foundation; City Parks and Recreation to match grant to make up \$40,000 grant. TNT to serve as fiscal pass-through for Maureen per MOU (Ed <b>motioned</b> , Rick seconded; all in favor).	

<p><b>Topic 4</b></p>	<p><b>South Salina Street mural</b></p>	<p>TNT needs to enlist someone from the City to assess damage to the mural on the South Salina Street/East Taylor Street elevated railroad wall. Would mural repair be prudent, or will continuing bridge deterioration ruin mural improvements? Patrona's been in touch with the original artist, but he's two years away from being able to carry out work.</p>	<p>Patrona, Jimmy, and Neil to meet for site visit.</p>
<p><b>Topic 5</b></p>	<p><b>City as Canvas proposal</b></p>	<p>As mentioned, this proposed legislation has been held by the Common Council as a result of skittishness about recent public art proposals. Jimmy and Tina gave an overview: this program would entail no fewer than eight installations (at least one in each TNT sector) at a cost of ~\$35 per square foot cost (budget of \$21,000 per sector, though matching funds could augment this). It would engage local artists, local retailers, and advertising from Lamar to advertise. The community would decide locations and content, and the Syracuse Public Art Commission would help approve and guide an educational component.</p>	<p>Jimmy marshaling support prior to Council vote (timeline unknown).</p>

Topic 6	<b>West Street Welcome Sign</b>	Downtown Committee would like to beautify area around West Street/West Genesee sign (a previous board member had initiated this effort but it fell through); could we repurpose \$500 in unspent Census funds for this? Patrona <b>motioned</b> , Jon seconded; all in favor except Matt.	Patrona requested that the DTC assist the Southside TNT with watering the planters on South Salina St. Jimmy offered to speak with DTC.
Topic 7	<b>Welcome, Liz!</b>	Jimmy welcomed new Eastwood delegate (and homeowner) Liz Hradil to the Board.	
Topic 8	<b>Welcome to Syracuse Sign</b>	Jimmy's learned that the old neon "Welcome to Syracuse" sign has been removed during Syracuse Hancock Int'l Airport renovations and is sitting in storage. Can we find it a home?	Board members to think about locations.
Topic 9	<b>Art Cinema</b>	A community member is interested in partnering with the Syracuse Int'l Film Festival to develop a three-screen art cinema in Downtown Syracuse. Though the proposal doesn't fit what TNT's currently trying to accomplish in the arts space, can we connect him to potential funding sources?	Matt to follow up with regard to scope, budget of project.
Topic 10	<b>September meeting</b>	Aiming for in-person meeting in September (7th?), possibly at Jimmy Monto's home.	
Topic 11	<b>Adjournment</b>	Matt <b>moved</b> to adjourn at 6:45 p.m., Morgan seconded; all were in favor.	
Minutes submitted by: Matt Oja, Clerk			

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