

## Southside TNT September 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes

### **Facilitator John Sexton**

**Attendees:** Julius Lawrence, Morgan Williams II, Linda Dunn, Patrona Jones-Rowser, Shavel Edwards, Rich Puchalski, Anthoni Pope (community liaison Assemblywoman Hunter), Lt. Novitsky, Walter Eiland, Sean Herring, Vaylin Hubbard, Ossie Edwards, Jude Bazerman, Jeffrey Morey, Betty Morey, Shavel Edwards, Karen Schroeder, Pastor Reginald K. Williams, Geana Brown, DJ, Tina Zagya

Meeting began at 6:01pm. Ground Rules were reviewed; Welcome and Introductions commenced.

**Draft Meeting Minutes September 12, 2022:** Betty Morey motioned to approve the minutes with one correction, Jubilee Park recommendation to include a space for art and music, Patrona Jones-Rowser seconded. All were in favor.

### **Issues for District Representatives/City Departments/Elected Officials:**

Lt. Novitsky provided a crime report analysis overview. Questions were taken from the floor. Cimone Jordan provided an update from Neighborhood and Business Development's Ambassador program, etc. The city has launched a new website [www.Syr.gov](http://www.Syr.gov). Home Headquarters has ARPA urgent care funds, \$25,000 loan which half can be considered a grant; furnaces, hot water tanks, sewage, etc. The Southside 1% loan program is still available; \$15,000 loan with no income eligibility requirements attached; exterior improvements only.

### **Sector Discussion**

Ms. Jones-Rowser held a discussion on bringing more community members to the table. Topics included: city arborist and pruning street trees, sidewalk program, outreach within the community at other community events in neighboring sectors, postal mailer to landlords or tenant associations, connecting with local churches, publish articles about people within the community or about TNT specifically.

### **Facilitator Elections:**

Ballots were distributed to the voting members in attendance. Morgan Williams, Julius Lawrence, John Sexton and Patrona Jones-Rowser were elected by majority vote.

### **City-wide Update:**

Patrona Jones-Rowser stated that the murals painted under the bridge on S. Salina St. have been deteriorating due to the negligence of the original project manager selecting unviable locations; there is water runoff from the bridge that cannot be mitigated. The mural was also not properly sealed. The artist has been contacted to assist in addressing the situation and has stated that he does not want to do anything to address the problem as the issue will keep occurring due to the infrastructure creating water runoff from the bridge. City as Canvas funding will only be utilized to produce a new work of art on a viable location.

### **Announcements:**

- The soccer goals will be delivered by October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Syracuse Black Expo, October 15<sup>th</sup>
- The library has computer classes on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9am – 11am

Elizabeth Morey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:28pm, John Sexton seconded, all were in favor.