

February 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes**Facilitator: Lisa MacBride-Matthews**

Attendees: Donella Monk, David Haas, Mike Parzych, Meghan Vitale, Y.A. Guerra, Anna Maria De Socio, Hon. Joe Driscoll, Sue Straub, Hon. Rasheada Caldwell, Shavel Edwards, Mary Anne Barrington, Woodruff Carroll, Ramie Miller, Ann, Judy Lewis, Minch Lewis, Peggy Chase, Don Lough, Jess, Jimmy Monto, Tina Zagya

Welcome and introductions commenced; the Ground Rules were reviewed.

Minutes from January 24, 2022: Mike Parzych motioned to approve the minutes as written Judy Lewis Seconded, all were in favor.

Issues for Elected Officials/City Departments: Hon. Joe Driscoll took questions from the floor. Lisa Matthews provided an update on the Park improvements, the special lighting district and the memorial.

Introduction to the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council (SMTC):

Meghan Vitale, *Principal Transportation Planner*, provided an powerpoint overview of the SMTC planning process. www.smtcmpo.org. Sign up for email updates, follow on Facebook or watch forums on their YouTube page. Questions were taken from the floor.

Special Projects: Only those who live, work or own property within Eastwood are eligible to vote. A poll was conducted, all projects were approved, in the full amount requested, by majority vote. Totaling, \$4,692.80.

- 1) Sunnycrest/Forest Hill Intersection enhancements: Huntington PTO. Requested amount \$700
- 2) Flags on James Street: Lisa Matthews. Requested amount \$592.80
- 3) Historic Signage: David Haas. Requested amount \$1,200
- 4) Eastwood Sign Landscaping: Jessica Kempisty. Requested amount \$300
- 5) Tree Plantings: Andrew Snider. Requested amount \$400
- 6) Eastwood Heights Community Garden: Lisa Matthews. Requested amount \$1,500

Committee Updates: Lisa Matthews provided a beautification update; potted plants along James street are in need of volunteers to help water the pots during the summer.

City-wide Update: Hon. Joe Driscoll stated that the Council approved \$250,000 from the ARPA funds for the TNT City as Canvas initiative. Tina Zagya, TNT Operations Manager, explained the City as Canvas Initiative and how it will work. The program has been a few years in the making, spearheaded by Tina Zagya and Jimmy Monto. The ARPA funding is specific to public art and beautification. TNT is requesting the community to help identify locations for murals within the Eastwood neighborhood. A google form is available to submit potential locations on the TNT website: <http://www.tomorrowsneighborhoodstoday.org/city-as-canvas>

Many thanks to Hon. Joe Driscoll and Jimmy Monto for helping make this happen!

Announcements:

- The Palace wall project was blessed by the City and will move forward.
- It was suggested to hold the August TNT meeting at Henninger for a tour. Mike Parzych motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:14pm, Ann seconded.