

Southside TNT February 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Facilitator John Sexton

Attendees: Julius Lawrence, Patrona Jones-Rowser, Morgan Williams II, Anthoni Pope (Assemblyperson Hunter's constituent liaison), Lt. Brian Novitsky, Rich Puchalski, Osupa Davis, Elizabeth Morey, Jeffrey Morey, Jacqueline LaSonde, Regina Morris, Ashley Reeves, Shavel Edwards, Melody Holmes, Babette Baker, Council President Helen Hudson, Eileen Collins, Nate Pan, Walter Eiland, Peter King, Gabe Coleman, Charles Pierce-El, Al Williams, Tina Zagzyva

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

Draft Meeting Minutes January 3, 2022: Elizabeth Morey motioned to approve the minutes, Osupa T-Davis seconded. All were in favor.

Issues for District Representatives/Elected Officials/City Departments:

Lt. Brian Novitsky provided a crime analysis overview. The C.O.P.S. cameras are working well; retired Police officers review the footage to assist in investigations. BNovitsky@syracusepolice.org. Anthony Pope, Assemblyperson Hunter's constituent liaison, provided his contact for any questions or concerns. Popea@nyassembly.gov Council President Helen Hudson – reminded everyone of the pathways to apprenticeship program. <https://ourcity.syr.gov.net/2022/01/syracuse-build-pathways-to-apprenticeship-seeks-applicants-for-training-program/>

911 Call Center: Regina Morris, 911 Supervisor

Ms. Morris provided an overview on how a 911 call is received and the importance of providing information on the questions asked. You can also text 911 if you are unable to speak on the phone. Questions were taken from the floor. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GKDaU0b1LI>

Special Project Proposals: Only those who live, work or own property within the Southside are eligible to vote on the Special Project funding. A poll was conducted.

'Community Improvements': Patrona Jones-Rowser, requested amount \$5,000. Patrona offered to reduce her requested amount to \$1,285; the remaining amount is earmarked to go towards the future purchase of benches to be installed at Kirk Park \$2,015.

'Southside Community Engagement Day': Jacqueline LaSonde, requested amount \$1,700. Questions were raised regarding the distribution of the literacy books.

City-wide director update: Morgan Williams stated that the sectors and board are currently meeting virtually until further notice. The board also discussed the City as Canvas initiative and Special Projects. City as Canvas discussion revolved around sectors identifying potential mural locations and local artists for the program. There is an educational component built into the program as well; this will be determined by the location, artist and content.

Announcements:

- JMA Wireless is looking to hire around 200 people from within the City.
- The Onondaga Earth Corps currently has two employment positions open.
- Redistricting Commission meeting, first one is March 18th (there will be a total of 5) 315-448-8595 syrredistricting@gmail.com

Julius Lawrence motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:49pm, Morgan Williams seconded, all were in favor.