

April 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes**Facilitator: Lisa MacBride-Matthews**

Attendees: David Haas, Steven Koegel, Shavel Edwards, Hon. Jen Shultz, Hon. Joe Driscoll, Jimmy Monto, Anna Maria De Socio, Woodruff Carroll, Brian Schultz, James Arena, Tom Schultz, Donnell Monk, Patty Pendergast, Dianna Evans, Janet Brzoster, Pauline Tucci, Mike Parzych, Robert Walker, Janice Ray, Nancy Ann Nappi, Lorraine Mavins, Justin Kesky, Captain James Milana, Jeanne Sullivan, Tina Zagya

Welcome and introductions commenced; the Ground Rules were reviewed.

Minutes from February 28, 2022: Peggy Chase motioned to approve the minutes as written Tony Lambert Seconded, all were in favor.

Issues for Elected Officials/City Departments: A resident expressed concern over the mowing of Sunnycrest Park; a steep hill that provides a habitat for butterflies, bees, birds and many other species. A resident expressed concern over the bike share program, many of the motorized units are left scattered throughout the streets rather than in their docking stations. Hon. Shultz stated that the units can be left anywhere, but folks are given an incentive to return them to the stations. Captain Milana provided an overview of the Eastwood crime report. Questions were taken from the floor. Hon. Driscoll provided an update on Eastwood's park enhancements as they will be provided a substantial amount of funding. The Mayor's office has allocated \$450,000 from ARPA funds. Senator Rachel May's office provided an additional \$200,000. Peggy Chase stated that the Parks Department received over 300 responses from the community for public input.

Centro:

Steven Koegel, *Vice President of Communications & Business Planning* and Brian Schultz Mr. Koegel provided an overview of Centro's current operating status. Centro is struggling to attract qualified bus operators; there are only about 135 currently on staff while 185 are actually needed. Questions were taken from the floor.

Committee Updates: Lisa provided a beautification update on the flags. Door hangars are available for anyone to help distribute.

TNT City-wide Board Director Updates: Tina Zagya stated that the first mural for the City as Canvas initiative has been approved by the Westside sector; Cayetano Valenzuela was selected through a ranked-choice voting process. The second location has been selected in the Downtown sector. Jimmy Monto has requested Chief Cecile to do a TNT tour within the next few months.

Announcements:

- Shavel Edwards announced that there are two Landbank properties for sale, locations are available on the website.
- April 30th at 9am, cleaning of the skate park. Volunteers needed.
- Hon. Driscoll has been advocating for a special lighting district (ornamental) along James Street by utilizing the ARPA funds.

Dianna Evans motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm, Peggy Chase seconded.