

June 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Facilitator: Hilary Donohue

Attendees: Rick Destito, Chief Cecile, Hon. Pat Hogan, Shavel Edwards, Jennifer Tift, Chantika Richardson, Dan Downes, Jeffrey Juli, Anthoni Pope (Assemblewoman Hunter constituent liaison), Tony DiNicola, Shavel Edwards, Rose Tardiff, Captain Lynch, Tyler Kutty, Lauren Cox, John Ferguson (Assemblyman Magnarelli constituent liaison), Rich Puchalski, Tina Zagya

The Ground Rules were reviewed.

May 17, 2022 meeting minutes: Hilary Donohue motioned to approve the minutes, Rick Destito seconded, all were in favor.

Issue for City Departments/Elected Officials/District Representatives: Dan Downes, Fire Department representative, stated that the Fire Department will provide and install free smoke detectors to home owners. Mr. Downes took questions from the floor. Jen Tift, Neighborhood Business Development, provided an update on vacant property demos, sensors in Land Bank properties, and the former Syracuse Developmental Center on Wilbur and Grand St. project. Captain Lynch provided a brief crime overview. Questions were taken from the floor.

Joe Cecile, Chief of Police

Chief Cecile provided a brief overview of his history with the Police force. Nuisance properties were discussed, specifically in regards to loud music and problematic corner stores. Firework season is coming up, there are specific firework details ready to go during the busy season such as July. ATV's/motorbikes cannot be chased by the police. Air force one follows them by air and then Police are able to confiscate the illegal vehicles. The only way they can be retrieved is by paying a heavy fine due to legislation passed by the common council last year. Questions were taken from the floor.

Announcements:

- The next meeting will be August 16th
- Tina Zagya stated that the Delavan building has been prepped for the City as Canvas mural to be painted by local artist, Cayetano Valenzuela. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and event sometime in July, the date will be announced via email and through canvassing the area around the mural location.
- Covid test kits available from Assemblywoman Hunter's office.
- Shavel Edwards provided an update on several Land Bank properties.

Pat Hogan motioned to adjourn at 7:11pm, Rick Destito seconded, all were in favor.