

Meeting Minutes: June 8, 2022**Facilitator:** Neal Capone**Attendees:** Joe Bennett, Kathy Stribley, Captain Ralph Bowering, Shavel Edwards, Neal Capone, Connie Capone, Marilyn Madison, Hon. Latoya Allen, Linda Gainer, Aaron Southwick, Bob Dougherty, Joan Hanlin, Dan Downes, Lisa Lambert.

Meeting began at 6:35 pm, welcome and introductions commenced. The ground rules were reviewed.

May 11th, 2022 Meeting Minutes: Under committee updates, there is an amendment to have conversation with the codes department not the business department. Joe Bennett motioned to approve the minutes as amended, Marilyn Madison seconded, all were in favor.**Issues for District Representatives/City Departments/Elected Officials:** Captain Ralph Bowering provided a crime report overview. Questions were taken from the floor. Dan Downes from the fire department took a question of the cause of a specific fire, but the cause was unknown. There was a question asked if there is somewhere online or something where someone can look up the causes of fire and the answer was that there is not and most fires are undetermined but not suspicious. Someone asked why there are different colors of fire hydrants. They are supposed to be the same color red and the water department takes care of the coloring and there is talks about changing the colors and reflectiveness. A question was asked how the Quality of Life Committee would pick another representative. Hon. Latoya Allen said that we could think of someone at TNT to be a part of the committee and that issues with deer and tick populations are a problem in this area and is a quality of life issue that should be addressed. Bob Dougherty said that he would check how someone would be appointed. Hon. Latoya Allen suggested we have someone from the Quality of Life Committee.**Financial Empowerment Center:** Maria Maldonado-Lewis could not make it. Hon. Latoya Allen represented the Financial Empowerment Center. She discussed that if someone has financial goals, they can come to the center. They are working with individuals like the youth on financial education, increasing credit score, and more available to anyone and everyone in the City of Syracuse and Onondaga County. The services are free and a City of Syracuse program in partnership with Onondaga County and Home Headquarters. They also pair up with CNY Works to help mentor individuals.**Committee Updates:** Kathy Stribley, beautification and planning committees, stated that the county and city came and met with Chol about the stream corridor. The discussion was indeterminate between the county and the city. The FAHNN (Food Access and Healthy Neighbors Now) group met with the county Economic Development to get grocery stores for better food access in the Valley. The county Economic Development who have suggestions but no solutions. There are plans to have a farmer's market at the Valley Plaza in partnership with the Brady Farm. Aron Southwick from Brady Farm said that the first Sunday from 10 AM to 2 PM every month starts in July selling crops that are in season. The fifth Sunday of the month would be a larger event. The Brady Farm provides food for lower prices and they do have other farm stands in other neighborhoods. For the Taco Bell planned on W. Seneca Turnpike, Hon. Chol Majok tried to get rid of one of the driveways because of tough access but was rejected. Hon. Latoya Allen said that another issue that was brought up was the drainage and the developers came in to plan drainage under the street and will not go down the hill. Kathy is also concerned about the model of what the Taco Bell looks like with no windows because there are different models for the city (urban) than the suburbs. In beautification, people have been working on plantings.**City-wide Update:** No updates, our next Board meeting will be July 6th.**Announcements:**

- The playground at Meachem is being installed and will be done in less than 2 weeks.
 - Our Lady of Hope is having a Summer Kickoff on July 11th 2 PM to 6 PM rain or shine.
 - MAPA is having a music event this Sunday July 12th.
- Joe Bennett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM, Bob Dougherty seconded, all were in favor.