

## **Southside TNT August 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

### **Facilitator Patrona Jones-Rowser & Julius Lawrence**

**Attendees:** Lt. Navitsky, Jason Sharf, Russel Houck, Shavel Edwards, Rich Puchalski, Anthoni Pope (community liaison Assemblywoman Hunter), Tyler Kutty, Charles Pierce-El, Jeffrey Morey, Betty Morey, Maria Maldonado-Lewis, Jaqueline LaSonde, Walter Eiland, Jonathon Peluso, Jerrod Murphy, Karen Schroeder, Charles Garland, Mae Carter, D. J. Carter, Jerome Dexter, Dut Deng, Mike Smithson, Mr. Alexander Williams, Tina Zagya

Meeting began at 6:04pm. Ground Rules were reviewed; Welcome and Introductions commenced.

**Draft Meeting Minutes June 6, 2022:** Betty Morey motioned to approve the minutes as written, Rich Puchalski seconded. All were in favor.

### **Issues for District Representatives/City Departments/Elected Officials:**

Lt. Navitsky provided a crime overview analysis and an update on the gun recovery program. Anthoni Pope (Assemblywoman Hunter's liaison) presented the 2022 Exceptional Woman of the Year award to Ms. Patrona Jones-Rowser. Maria Maldonado-Lewis provided a brief overview of the Financial Empowerment Center. Josh Wilcox, Parks Department, stated that there will be survey for the Spirit of Jubilee park. A survey to rebuild the upper Onondaga Park playground was distributed; funding provided by Assemblyperson Magnarelli. Questions were taken from the floor.

### **Kirk Park Kayak/Canoe Launch Project: Russell Houck, Engineer:**

Mr. Houck provided an overview of the City's project to construct a kayak/canoe launch at Kirk Park adjacent to the Creekwalk. The construction would begin next year. Questions were taken from the floor. A comment form was distributed.

### **City of Syracuse Open Data Portal: Jason Sharf, Data Project Manager**

Mr. Sharf provided an overview of the open data portal and how to use it. Questions were taken from the floor. Data.syr.gov.net

### **City-wide Update:**

Ms. Jones-Rowser stated that the first City as Canvas mural unveiling was held at Delavan Studios by artist Cayetano Valenzuela. Facilitator nominations will occur in September.

### **Announcements:**

- Job Fair on August 10<sup>th</sup> at Destiny USA. JMA Wireless is also hiring folks from the City. Centro is hiring for driver; they will train anyone interested.
- The Land bank hosted leaders from Puerto Rico & Pittsburgh to discuss vacant properties.
- Home Headquarters has re-opened their windows and doors program for rental properties city-wide, priority zip code in 13205. The Southside/Sankofa 1% loan is official available. Emergency funds are still available, 50% grant up to \$25,000 for owner occupants.
- Patrona Jones-Rowser provided an update on the soccer goals; due to an increase in shipping cost the Gifford Foundation provided an additional \$1,000 towards the purchase of the soccer goals for Kirk Park.
- August 9<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in Council chambers committee meeting for a new map for the redistricting.
- Bunks Across America will build beds for kids on September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- September 24<sup>th</sup> 100 Black Men will host a 3-mile health walk from Kirk Park to Ballantyne.

Elizabeth Morey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:29pm, Julius Lawrence seconded, all were in favor.