

Southside TNT September 12, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Facilitator John Sexton

Attendees: Julius Lawrence, Patrona Jones-Rowser, Shavel Edwards, Rich Puchalski, Anthoni Pope (community liaison Assemblywoman Hunter), Captain Lynch, Charles Pierce-El, Jeffrey Morey, Betty Morey, Al Freeman, Jerrod Murphy, Hon. Rita Paniagua, Maxine Thompson, Anne Downes, Jude Bazerman, J.M. Dunn, Aernese Bethen, Hon. Chol Majok, Joshua Wilcox, Alexa Gellar, Matt Potteiger, Ida Stewart, Jackie LaSonde, Ossie Edwards, Tina Zagya

Meeting began at 6:01pm. Ground Rules were reviewed; Welcome and Introductions commenced.

Draft Meeting Minutes August 1, 2022: John Sexton motioned to approve the minutes as written, Betty Morey seconded. All were in favor.

Issues for District Representatives/City Departments/Elected Officials:

Captain Lynch provided a crime overview analysis. A newsletter was distributed from Assemblymember Hunter's office. Hon. Paniagua stated that the council passed the redistricting map for the council. An issue was raised regarding the VEO scooters and their safety concerns regarding the placement after use. A resident expressed concern over an offensive smell on Midland and Newell St. as well as Mark Ave and Wood Ave. An update was requested regarding the funds for the business district on S. Salina Street; Hon. Paniagua and Hon. Majok stated that the cycle for applications is opening in the fall.

Park Improvements: Joshua Wilcox & Alexa Gellar

Ms. Gellar and Mr. Wilcox provided an update on the new upper Onondaga and Spirit of Jubilee playgrounds. Surveys for both parks were distributed. The Southside has received \$300,000 for park improvements; the Parks Department will host a few events for community feedback on how to allocate the funding. The Council approved an additional \$250,000 for a Veterans memorial for Kirk Park; exact location will be determined with the community. Questions were taken from the floor. A skate park was recommended for one of the tennis courts at Kirk Park. A suggestion was made to include space for music and an arts park at Jubilee Park. Some sort of swipe card was suggested for community members to use for the restroom usage. Betty motioned to extend the meeting by 15 minutes, Morgan seconded.

Facilitator Nominations:

Betty Morey motioned to nominate Julius Lawrence, Morgan Williams, Patron Jones-Rowser and John Sexton, Jeffrey Morey seconded, all were in favor.

City-wide Update:

Morgan Williams stated that the City as Canvas program is looking for additional locations for the Southside TNT, visit the website to submit location ideas through a google form. The Westside mural is complete, the Downtown mural is underway and the Eastwood TNT has selected their artist for the Palace Theater. TNT is now accepting Special Project proposals: \$8,750 for capital projects/events as well as an additional \$2,000 specifically for public art. Proposals are due by December 31st. TNTsyracuse@gmail.com

Announcements:

- The Kwanzaa garden was awarded \$6,000 in UNSAAC funding.
- Winston Gaskin Community Walk for Health & Wellness on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 9am.
- Syracuse Bike Party has a facebook page for bike events; Saturday Sept. 24 meeting at Clinton Sq.,
Cycle in the City on October 9th. Syracuse rides are 6-8 mile rides.

Elizabeth Morey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:24pm, Rich Puchalski seconded, all were in favor.