

TNT Downtown and Lakefront Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2023

Via Zoom at 5:30 pm

Facilitators: Paul Harvey, Bill Lee, Linda Llewellyn, Eric Saxton

Attendees: Rene Battelle, Chris Bonner, Captain Bowering, Neil Burke, Steve Conrad, Jim Emmons, Shanzeh Farooqui, Paul Harvey, Bill Lee, Robbie Lewis, Linda Llewellyn, Matt Micheletti, Tim Nelson, Conor Rockhill, Eric Saxton

Call to Order: Bill Lee welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. He invited the attendees to introduce themselves to the group.

Ground Rules: Bill Lee briefly went over the established ground rules for online TNT meetings.

Draft Meeting Minutes for October 19, 2022: Bill Lee motioned to approve the minutes, Eric Saxton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Issues for District Representatives/Elected Officials/City Departments:

Syracuse Police Department - Captain Bowering was asked about gates and illegally parked cars in Hanover Square. He told people to call the non-emergency number when cars are illegally parked in that area and that the Parking Checker section will follow up. The Square will improve signage and make sure that gates are properly closed. In response to concerns about an increase in syringes being found in Franklin Square Park and neighborhood last fall, the Captain said that bike patrols should help (when weather warms). He will share crime statistics for our areas with Matt who can forward them to the rest of us.

Fire Department - Tim Nelson said that free smoke detectors are available to all city residents whether they rent or own their home. Residents can contact the FD about smoke detectors online at <https://www.syr.gov/Departments/Fire/Fire-Prevention-Bureau/Smoke-Detector-Installation-Program> or by calling (315) 448-4777. The Fire Department is happy to visit neighborhoods where they will bring a truck and talk about fire safety. There was no information to share about the recent fire at the Icon Building at this time.

TNT City-Wide Director's Update: There was no update tonight. The Lakefront city-wide representative has left TNT and there is a need for a new City-Wide Director (or two). Matt will talk to Linda and Paul, Lakefront facilitators, about filling the position.

City as Canvas: The Downtown mural is complete. Matt will check with Karen to find out what locations are being considered for the Lakefront Mural, and what the timeline is.

Special Projects: Bill Lee briefly explained the approval process. Tonight people who have submitted projects for consideration will give an overview of their proposal and next month residents of Lakefront and Downtown will have an opportunity to vote for proposals in their sector. Matt will provide everyone with links to the projects so that they can read the complete proposals for their sector prior to next month's meeting.

1. Meals on Wheels Alley Cat Charity Bike Ride - Linda Llewellyn - Requests \$500 sponsorship for the event in order to help meet the needs of food insecure residents of all TNT sectors. (Lakefront)
2. Poster Project Installation at the Central Branch Library - Jim Emmons and Rene Battelle from OCPL presented three options for poster art installations on the ground floor of the library. Art selected for the project highlights diversity of the area and features Native American poets and artists. (Downtown)
3. Beautification project in Hanover Square - Eric Saxton. This proposal will memorialize community members who have passed. City Council approval will be needed for approval of this art and planting proposal that will be inclusive of all neighbors that have been lost. (Downtown)
4. Leaf Composting - Steve Conrad - Purchase bins for collecting clippings and leaves in order to create an ongoing supply compost for the Franklin Square gardens. The Parks department will help determine an appropriate location.
5. Armory Square Creek Walk Mural - Russell Mason - The proposer was not present and Downtown already has their City as Canvas mural. The \$11,000 proposal exceeds the amount of money set aside for art. (Downtown)
6. Franklin Square Park Beautification - Linda Llewellyn - Project requests funds for continuing stewardship and beautification of Franklin Square Park and Plum Street Circle. Proposal includes a water cart to replace the one that was stolen and will be available for all Franklin Square garden projects. (Lakefront)
7. Community Garden - Shanzeh Farooqui - Purchase garden troughs to grow fresh vegetables and herbs for the community while modeling sustainable gardening practices. Hopefully this effort will grow throughout the community and will

attract more neighbors to gardening. She is working with Parks and Sutton Co. to find a good location. (Lakefront)

8. Tree I.D. - Robbie Lewis - This is an extension and upgrade of a previous Tree Walk project. Franklin Square Park trees will be identified with durable, professional labels. Maps for the tree walk are available in the park and at Freedom of Espresso. (Lakefront)
9. Pollinator Garden - Robbie Lewis - Continue creation of a native pollinator garden in Plum Street Circle. Proposal includes purchasing a curated list of native plants for the shady areas and a sign to identify the garden. (Lakefront)
10. People and Pets Fountain - Anne Montreal and Linda Llewellyn - Replace the small drinking fountain in Franklin Square Park with one that will have a pet watering bowl and water bottle filling station. The park is popular with pet owners, runners and walkers, and a water fountain that meets the needs of pets and water bottle filling would be a positive upgrade for visitors. Working with Josh Wilcox at the Parks Department on this project. (Lakefront)
11. Beautify 331 South Salina - Conor Rockhill - Project requests \$2000 to improve a downtown eyesore in a prominent location on the main thoroughfare. (Downtown)
12. Public Art Poster Project - Jim Emmons - Proposal to install a second Franklin Square-inspired laminated poster in one of two locations: on the ramp next to the first poster or along the 690 underpass. Posters are coated with a laminate that is cleanable and resists graffiti. (Lakefront)

Bill Lee noted that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be February 15, 2023.

Adjournment: With no further business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Llewellyn