

## TNT Downtown and Lakefront Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2022

Via Zoom at 5:30 pm

**Facilitators:** Bill Lee, Linda Llewellyn (minutes)

**Attendees:** Maria Bonilla, Captain Bowering, Neil Burke, Jim Emmons, Katie Farkouh, Ethan Fung, Paul Harvey, Bill Lee, Robbie Lewis, Linda Llewellyn, Michelle Melfi, Matt Micheletti, Conor Rockhill, Joshua Wilcox

**Call to Order:** Bill Lee welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:31pm. 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 September 21, 2022:** Jim Emmons motioned to approve the minutes, Joshua Wilcox seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

**Syracuse Police Department** - Captain Bowering reported on batches of issues. North of 690 and W of 81 he cited thefts from vehicles and some harassment from vagrants. He said that violent crimes in the area are low-a statistical anomaly. He recommended that people lock their cars and don't leave anything out where it can be seen, especially with cold weather approaching. South of 690, there have been some burglaries in commercial locations, criminal mischief, harassments, and fights among people who know each other. He reminded attendees to report problems when they happen, especially on areas like the Creek Walk, so there can be follow-up such as SPD officers on bikes. When someone asked about cameras, Captain Bowering explained how the City determines where cameras are placed. He suggested that we contact our Councilors (Pat Hogan for Lakefront and Latoya Allen for Downtown) if we would like to recommend cameras in certain areas. For problems with vagrants or neighbors demonstrating a possible mental illness crisis, call 911 and they will triage and send appropriate help, not just police. They work with 988 (National Suicide Hotline) staff and others to meet people's needs.

**Parks Department** - Joshua Wilcox reported that the grounds staff is winterizing and getting ready for snow removal, etc. Clinton Square is being prepared for ice skating and plans are underway for the Christmas tree lighting. Burnett Park is

offering two days of free Halloween events, October 28 and 29. Infrastructure projects include underground utilities along the Creek Walk at Walton Street. A neighbor asked about lights she reported to be out on the Creek Walk and in Plum Street Circle. The poles are marked with tape and the information needs to be passed on to the appropriate department. The Tree Lighting Coordinator is working on holiday lights and lighting problems around the City. Some issues are complicated being caused by electrical issues underground. Josh will follow-up on the status of the Franklin Square lights.

**Facilitator Nominations:** Bill reviewed information on facilitator nominations with the group before voting on nominees for each sector.

**Downtown Sector:**

Eligible voters elected Eric Saxon and Bill Lee as Downtown facilitators using an electronic ballot.

**Lakefront Sector:**

Eligible voters elected Paul Harvey and Linda Llewellyn as Lakefront Sector facilitators using an electronic ballot.

**TNT City-wide Director's Update:** Neil Burke reported that the Downtown Sector mural at Jazz Central is almost completed. Next murals will be Southside, Eastside, Lakefront, Valley, and Northside. The process for the Lakefront will begin in February. The TNT contract with the City has been finalized and includes an increase in funding. We anticipate an increase in Special Project funds. An intern will help with the City as Canvas. Neil welcomed Matt Micheletti as the new Operations Manager who is replacing Tina Zagyva. Tina will be working for the City, responsible for overseeing ARPA funding (American Rescue Plan Act) for the City as Canvas project.

**Announcements:**

- Joshua Wilcox has keys to downtown bulletin boards so he can put up information about TNT meetings.
- Captain Bowering clarified how 911 and 988 work together to triage calls.
- Neil Burke reminded everyone that the downtown area will move to seasonal parking restrictions on November 1.
- Conor Rockhill announced that the Downtown Committee has received \$100,000 from the City for streetscape enhancements including lights, a kiosk and gateway signage.

Bill Lee noted that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be January 18, 2022.

**Adjournment:** With no further business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Llewellyn