

Meeting Minute

Eastside TNT March 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Facilitator: Paul Harvey

Start Time: 6:34pm

Attendees: Beverly Griffin, Joan Royle, Michael Stanton, Paul Harvey, Karen Greenfield, Amelia Bittel, Tamica Barnett, Andy Leahy, Richard Levy, Heidi Hart, Shavel Edwards, Ellie Hanijian, Sam Gruber, MO- Moodie, Chris Carrick, Shelly Conture, Richard Levy, Donnella Monk, Stephanie Pasquale, Johnson Montgomery, Tim-IPad, Andrea Latchem, Paul, Shelley Conture, Lee Kennard, Nodesia Hernandez, Corey Williams, Miriam Perez, Jake Losowski, Laura, "MD", Lisa Hart, Adam, Heather Williams, Mary Beth Hinton, Matt Oja, Marilyn Zaleon, Sharon Sherman, Captain Ralph Bowering, Matt Micheletti, Heidi Hart, Laura

February 14 th meeting minutes: Sharon Sherman motioned to approve the minutes as written, Heidi Hart seconded.

Captain Ralph Bowering:

Captain Bowering fielded questions from the community. He also provided an overview of the crime activities on the Eastside. He reported that a number of burglaries in the area have been apprehended and arrested. He thanked the community for calling to report issues to ensure immediate actions taken.

ReZone with Michael Stanton: Michael gave a brief history of Rezone Syracuse and the comprehensive plan moving forward. City planning will engage with a wide range of people, organizations, the city administration and city departments to guide movement spending and actions over the next coming years. The affordable housing plan is another part related to Rezone plan, which is in collaboration with the Department of Neighborhood and Business Development. The plan hopes to ensure that houses that are extremely tax delinquent or oftentimes vacant can either be resold to become functional homes or be deconstructed and built up to be new affordable houses for the neighborhood.

Housing Affordability and Choice

This includes recommendations to address the critical need for quality affordable housing in the city. If approved in the final ordinance, the proposal would establish the first affordable housing requirements and incentives for developers and builders. It would require larger new construction and residential redevelopment projects to provide a portion of affordable residential units based on city income criteria. It also recommends the allowance of additional housing types like attached dwelling units, or row homes, and accessory dwelling units for owner occupied properties to increase housing choice and affordability throughout the City.

Improved Design Standards

The project also introduces uniform design standards to improve the quality of development across the city. The provisions will ensure more consistent decision-making. Areas addressed include parking, landscaping and planting, signage, lighting and the compatibility of development with nearby residential areas. New building and site design standards will improve safety and aesthetics and increase the predictability of the review process.

Streamlined Development Reviews

This allows for improvements to streamline the project development review process. It makes important procedural steps more clear and easier to understand. The steps will be more predictable and apply to multiple application types. Development proposals will have "major" and "minor" reviews based on size and significance. Historic preservation proposals will also tailor the size and scope of the review based on project size. For historic reviews, this creates an economic hardship appeals process for alterations and demolitions and establishes an affirmative maintenance and repair requirements.

ReZoning is a critically important project to ensure new opportunities offered for improving the quality of life across the city. Numerous public hearings have been scheduled.

Following his presentation, Michael responded to questions from the community.

Ellie Hanijan, SUNY ESF Student- Is currently working with members of the community to research the resident's knowledge and interests in the conditions of Syracuse Neighborhoods. This will include how conditions affect their health and wellbeing. Ellie is soliciting volunteers from the community willing to help with this research.

Tameka Barnett: Syracuse Fire Department has launched its smoke free detector program. The Fire Department will come to install smoke detectors free. If interested in educational sessions for special event, please feel free to contact Tameka at 315- 448-4771.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm