

### 1.23.23 Eastwood TNT Notes: Meeting opened at 7:00 pm

Facilitator - -Lisa Matthews

Notes Taken – David Haas

*(Space here for all who attended)*

**Ground Rules were read**

Motion to accept last month's meeting notes – motion passed & 2nd

**Questions/Announcements by City Officials:**

***Jenn Schultz (Common Councilor District 1)***

- 1. **1100 Oak Street:** The former U Frame it shop located at the corner of Rugby Rd and Oak Street was recently purchased by Matt Bronen from Brooklyn. In November of 2022 the property had appeared to be undergoing interior renovations without a permit. Codes cited them and told them they needed to apply for the proper permits before continuing renovations. Over the past few weeks constituents and I noticed that work had resumed. On Friday, I spoke with the renter who explained she was awaiting her tobacco license so she could open **A SMOKE SHOP AND CONVENIENCE STORE**. I advised her to contact zoning and codes to get the proper approvals. Later that day the Codes Dept declared and posted that the building was UNFIT for human occupancy and a STOP WORK order. In summary, the building is currently zoned RA-1 with a non-conforming use for an art gallery and needs a zoning change to open a convenience store.
- 2. The former DeRegis-Walser monument store (1152 Grant Blvd) has submitted application to the Zoning Office for a Use Variance application for a beauty salon that's being authorized on 1/26/2023 for a 2/16/2023 public hearing with the Board of Zoning Appeals. A public hearing notice will be mailed out to the neighborhood during the week before the legal public notice is published in the paper on 2/5/2023. The application will be posted on the City's website during that week as well. They will also be submitting a companion Re-subdivision application to combine 1154 and 1152 Grant Blvd into one new lot (the building and the undeveloped lot next door). You may be aware that in 2020 the previous owner attempted to get a zoning change in order to open a convenience store but it was denied due to the fact the community was not in support of another corner store at that busy corner.
- 3. New trash carts for Syracuse: There will be a public hearing on Wednesday, February 1 at 5:30pm in common councilor chambers regarding the proposed new trash carts. All are welcome to attend and it can also be watched on [youtube.com/cityofsyracuse](https://www.youtube.com/cityofsyracuse)
- 4. Lincoln tennis courts getting facelift and pickle ball courts – maybe something for Eastwood to look at.
- 5. Court Case on Jan 30<sup>th</sup> involving Rental on Shuart Ave

**Firefighter Tim Nelson** gave us his view on reporting issues with unhealthy neighbors or work being done in buildings within community that look unsafe. All can be a health or fire violations or cause for getting officials involved. **Be Proactive!!**

Buildings being used for unsuitable needs – 315-448-8695 – Permit Office

Fire Prevention Bureau – 315-448-4777

Fire Hydrants – Should be red if Regular; Silver if High Pressure – If water is running call Non-Emergency 911#

**Free Smoke Detector Sign Up** for 1 & 2 family Homes:

Sign up online: <https://www.syr.gov/Departments/Fire/Fire-Prevention-Bureau/Smoke-Detector-Installation-Program>

Call 1-315-448-4777

Fire Dept. will install Smoke Alarms in your home within the City of Syracuse.

**Police Lieutenant Brian Novinsky**

Violent Crime is down 5% compared to YAG.

Rape is up 25% vs. YAG

Robbery is up 14% vs. YAG

2 Murders in 2022 vs. 1 in 2021

**5 Year Average:**

Crime is up 2%

Shots Fired in down 75%

Property Crime is up 15% (Keep cars locked up and valuables in- side home and out of sight.)

Cars Stolen is up 29% (Don't leave your car running in driveway or running into store or getting gas)

Violent Crime is up 1%

Question was asked by Sean Radney about speeding on 690 – **Very problematic to stop speeding on highway (no room to pull over)**

**Discussion about Police Recruiting:**

4 new Police Officers from 2022 Class started in January 2023.

Recruitment is being aggressive but need more incentives to offer those interested.

Questions were asked why Fire & Police need to live in the City of Syracuse : Both sides offered up rationale on why this would be a benefit to recruitment as well as a drawback to living where you work.

**Committee Updates:**

**Lisa Matthews – Beautification Committee**

Lisa Matthews said that she worked with Sean Radney (ENA Board Member) to decorate the Eastwood Gateway Signs with Valentines Décor that Sean purchased as well as the Eastwood Friendly's Bus Stop. 8 Areas in total.

**Announcements:**

Historical Marker is up!

Voting on Special Projects will take place in February.

\$2000 to go towards Art project – Can be used to Spruce up the Historical Signs in Eastwood

ENA working to replant & reseed City Street Green Space.

*Adjourn Meeting at 8:15pm; Dave Haas brought Motion and Pauline Tucci 2nd*