

**Facilitator** Lisa Matthews

**Attendees:** Hon. Nader Maroun, Sam Linnett, Andrew Maxwell, Derrek Thomas, Peggy Chase, Ben Walsh, Joe Driscoll, Tim Rudd, Chol Majok, Natalie Spinola, Terrence M. Reider, David Baker, Jimmy Monto, Caroline West, Paul LaDolce, Stephen Skinner, Becky Jackson, Caren Snyder, Missy Zawacki, Mike Tollner, Amy Rood, Marissa Papaw, Janice Mazella, Judy Lewis, Minch Lewis, Beverly Labier, Anna Maria DeSocio, Pauline Tucci, Margaret McVicker, Tina Cosentino, Lee Fordock, Adrai Finch, Sam, Fernie Pelosi, Joyce Driscoll, Dan Horan, Mike Parzych, Annelise Bucci, Wesley Feuz, Mary Begell, James Arena, David Haas, Jerry Haas, Jessica Kempisty, Andrew Snider, Karen Schroeder, Ann Marie Bergold

**Ground Rules were posted at the front of the room****Minutes**

Jerry Haas motioned to waive and accept the January 27<sup>th</sup> minutes, Amy Rood 2<sup>nd</sup> all were in favor

**Issues for City Department Officials**

Lisa Matthews stated that Lt. Shoff is now Captain Shoff, he has received a promotion! Hon. Nader Maroun mentioned that Captain Shoff will now be in charge of the 3- 11pm patrol and will continue with community policing. EVERYONE APPLAUDED and congratulated Captain Shoff.

**Facilitator Nominations**

Facilitator Ballots were passed out to the group listing 3 nominations: David Haas, Missy Zawacki and Dan Horan. Tina Zagyva passed out and collected the ballots. A total of 39 voters participated, each member was asked to circle their 2 choices. Tina Zagyva and Tina Cosentino counted the ballots together. Lisa Matthews announced David Haas (total 33 votes) and Missy Zawacki (total of 36 votes) as the two new facilitators.

**Presentation:** I-team Adria Finch, Andrew Maxwell, Samantha Linnett [www.InnovateSyracuse.com](http://www.InnovateSyracuse.com)

Adria Finch updated the group on the I-teams Priority Area 2 work: Economic Barriers

Q. Are you focusing on the overall economic development for the city?

A. Economic Opportunity is different than Economic Development.

Dan Horan mentioned an initiative in rural Mississippi, an economic czar is getting international businesses and colleges to train people in the manufacturing jobs being brought to the area. There is a need for someone to say 'Here is what we need to do as a community'.

Q. Will the SCSB be mandating newer teachers to live within the City?

A. Hon. Nader Maroun stated that there is already a resolution in effect to hire City residents for City jobs. Currently, the Council is encouraging the school board to look into the same policy, however, it would take a lot of sorting out as there are unions they must go through. A local hiring Ordinance has been passed by council, any City contract over \$100,000 must meet a local hiring goal. Also, with any airport improvements, they must hire 30% of local residents.

Q. Is this short term or long term, in terms of the airport/construction projects?

A. Mr. Maroun replied, Both. Hotel Syracuse and Price Rite are hiring right now for full time positions in their targeted zipcodes. Hon. Maroun went on to state that over the next 10 years there will be over 1 billion in construction between the I-81 and new buildings for housing projects. The challenge will be getting people trained and ready to fill these positions.

Q. Has there been a big effort in training?

A. No, not yet but the I-team is working on 1) Understanding the problem 2) Idea Generation 3) Figuring out how to make ideas happen 4) Implementation

Peggy Chase stated that the Czars out there marketing CNY are Centerstate CEO. It was suggested that we schedule someone from Centerstate to present to the group on their efforts to promote CNY jobs as well as present CNY as a good place to live. Jimmy Monto offered to contact Centerstate to schedule a presenter for upcoming TNT meetings.

**Special Projects:**

1) Mike Behnke had proposed a new sign for the Obama Rain Garden at Henninger, however, Hon. Nader Maroun spoke to the school district and they have agreed to cover the cost of the signage. Estimated completion is set for

summertime.

2) Lisa Matthews discussed that TNT had approved funding for the purchase of a few American flag pole holders, however, Beverly Labier was able to obtain additional funding to purchase enough for all of Eastwood. Annalise Bucchi thanked Beverly Labier for working with the Legion and the Auxiliary to obtain \$500 from each organization towards the purchase of new American Flags. Beverly has been at every TNT meeting for the past 10+ years and everyone thanked her for her volunteerism and commitment to her community.

3) David Haas and Margaret McVicker are working on Historic Signage. The two locations they have chosen are Stickley Building and the first Town Hall on Hills Ave. There is a possibility that if the remainder of the TNT funds cannot cover the historic sign, the team is looking into a stone that would list the historic information. Maragette mentioned teaming with ENA to assist with the endeavor. Nader Maroun recommended reaching out to Stickley to see if they can help with the cost of the signage.

### **Committee Updates:**

Beautification Committee: Natalie, a graduate student with ESF, introduced Visioning Voices. At ESF, the Center for Community Design Research has established a speaker series for host neighborhoods within the city. Last year the Southside of Syracuse was the first host neighborhood. Working with other organizations such as NEHDA, HHQ, Parks Department, ESF, etc. the speaker series examines how neighborhood environments impact the quality of life for residents. Nate Hummel will be the guest speaker discussing how placemaking effects economic development. There will be a walking tour, presentation/discussion, hands on workshop and a dinner. The final location and time will be determined in a week or so. If you are interested in attending this series, please provide Natalie with your email.

Park Committee: Dan Horan said that Jeff Romano was still working on the layout for Eastwood Heights Park and if anyone had any more ideas about the park before completion of plan to contact him. Mike Parzych said he attended a zoning meeting and this park was zoned as R-1; meaning it can be sold to a developer if needed. Hon. Nader Maroun stated he would look into it but did not feel it was a major issue.

### **City-Wide Update**

TNT City-wide Strategic Planning will take place on Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup>, Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday May 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30pm. It was announced that the meetings will take place at the Gifford Foundation 126 N. Salina st, please RSVP so that enough food is ordered for everyone.

Lisa Matthews introduced Tuckmans Model to the members. Lisa shared with the group what the Facilitators had learned at the Facilitator Training on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Lisa went through the stages Forming, Storming, Norming and Performing as well as discussed Facilitation best practices.

### **Announcements**

- 1) Nader Maroun asked everyone to keep Assemblyman Magnarelli's wife Karen in your prayers, as she has been dealing with health issues and is currently not well.
- 2) Karen Schroeder announced that the Eastwood Little League clinic will be on Tuesday and Wednesdays. Flyers on website and Facebook
- 3) Jimmy Monto announced that the Eastwood Neighborhood Association raised funds through their race in October of 2016 for 2 scholarships. The scholarship awards fund 2 high school students going to any college that live in the 13206 zip code. Information for the scholarships is on the ENA website and Facebook page.
- 4) Jimmy Monto informed the group of Tai Chi every Monday from 5:30 – 6:30pm at the Blessed Sacred Church, Free to all ENA members
- 5) April 22<sup>nd</sup> Community resource day at the Community garden in Eastwood Heights Park. Jimmy Monto announced that ENA is now partnering with various other organizations to help maintain the community garden.
- 6) 10 passes available for the Home and Garden Show at the Fairgrounds March 16 – 19. Contact Jimmy Monto
- 7) Bingo on Friday Nights at the American Legion at 6pm. Food is served.
- 8) St. Vincent and Blessed Sacrament Church will have fish dinners from 4pm – 7:30pm from Ash Wednesday until Good Friday.