

**Southside TNT October 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes****Facilitators** Patrona Jones-Rowser, Julius Lawrence, John Sexton, Morgan Williams II**Attendees:** Charles Pierce-El, Betty Pearson, Jaime Howley, Al Freeman, Andy Warren, Nicole Odom, Jed Walsh, Matthew Vincent, Betty Morey, Tae Cerutti-Brown, Palmer Harvey, Darnicia Huddisster, Katie Capella, Derek Carter, Chol Majok, Karen Schroeder, Councilor Brynn Lovejoy-Grinnell, Assmeblywoman Pamela Hunter, Nivian Tinsley-Dexte, Cedric Snow, Blake Carter, Councilor Tim Rudd, Jacki LaSonde, Hilary-Anne Coppola, Jackie Mclemore, Takarra Smith, Lynette Holloway, Sylvia Thomas, Shavel Edwards, Colin O'Neill, Sean Ryan, G.W. Morey, Dorris Harvey, Sam Rowser, Betty L. Pearson, Walter Eiland, Dany Philpot, Ken Garno, Mike Atkins

Meeting began at 6:02pm. Ground Rules were reviewed; Welcome and Introductions commenced.

**September 2, 2019 meeting minutes:** Al Freeman motioned to approve the minutes, Reverend Betty Morey 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor.**Board Vacancy Election:** Ballots were distributed to the voting members in attendance. Jaime Howley was elected by majority with 20 votes out of 22.**Facilitator Elections:** John Sexton explained ballot election process; ballots were distributed to the voting members in attendance. Out of 29 ballots collected, Patrona Jones-Rowser received 22 votes, John Sexton received 26 votes, Julius Lawrence received 25 votes, Morgan Williams received 25 votes, Mike Atkins received 13 votes, Betty Pearson received 19 votes, Tyronne Cannon received 11 votes. Patrona, John, Julius, Morgan and Betty were elected as facilitators by majority vote.**Issues for District Representatives/Elected Officials/City Departments:** The Police representative provided a brief crime report, questions were taken from the floor. Councilor Brynn Lovejoy-Grinnel provided an update. Councilor Tim Rudd took questions from the floor. Assemblywoman Pamela Hunter provided handouts in regards to tenant's rights information (tenant reform was recently passed by the state), Police cameras are in the process to move forward on South Ave.**Census 2020 Education & Awareness:** Chris Ivens, Partnership Specialist NY Regional Office.Mr. Ivens provided an overview of the Census mission: Count everyone once, only once and in the right place so that the correct information is delivered to the Office of the President. All Census information gathered is confidential and will only be used to produce statistics for funding distributed from the federal government (\$675 Billion) based on populations. [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

In March of 2020, individuals will be sent a card in the mail with an invitation code to fill out the Census questionnaire online; if people do not respond via internet, they will receive a paper version with the option to call in by phone.

**Save the Rain, Update on Salina St. Project:** Jed Walsh stated that there will be a meeting at Beauchamp Library next Tuesday at 6pm with designers and staff to discuss the Salina St. Project.**Meeting Location Discussion:** Charles stated that several members expressed concern with meeting at Danforth and would like to move the meetings back to the SSIC. It was stated that Charles made the decision to move the Southside TNT meeting in January the day of the meeting without appropriate discussion; it was suggested that we explore alternative locations as well as contact SSIC to see if we are still welcome to meet there before a decision is made. Betty Morey motioned to explore an alternative location, Dorris Harvey 2<sup>nd</sup> 14 were in favor, no opposed, one abstention. It was further suggested that the meetings continue to be held at Danforth until the new year.**TNT City-wide Update:** Takarra stated that TNT received \$22,500 lead initiative grant from the CNY Community Foundation for next year. Ken Garno, Chair of the Census Initiative, stated that are 4 events planned throughout the City with more in the works until the Census is completed in 2020. Ken is looking for 3-4 volunteers to assist in the events.

**Gala Funds Request:** The balance of the Gala fundraiser funds available is \$4,636.68. Patrona Jones-Rowser put forth a request to utilize funds to purchase fall décor for the planters along South Salina Street. The stacked pumpkin décor is about 36" tall and would be secured with a metal cable to the planter itself to prevent thievery. There are 25 planters total, with each item at \$89, and the cost of the metal cables with locks, totaling around \$2,500. Betty Morey motioned to approve the funding in the amount of \$2,500, Morgan 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16 were in favor with 2 opposed, 1 abstention.

**Task Force Updates:** John motioned to move past the TF updates, Jeff Morey 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Announcements:**

- Freedom Commons (450 Burt Street) Candidates Debate doors open at 6pm, free dinner, debate starts at 6:45pm.
- Tenant Teach-in on October 19<sup>th</sup> 1- 2:30 at Beauchamp Library.
- OG's Against Violence, Reduction of Violence event at SaltSpace, October 19<sup>th</sup> 12 – 4pm.
- Camille Coakley provided an email update on the unfinished bridge mural projects that were funded through UNSAAC. Home Headquarters was the fiscal sponsor for the project.
- It was requested to have a representative from the Onondaga County Health Department speak to the changes in lead testing, specifically in regards to WIC no longer testing children and other changes.

Walter Eisland motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm, Jeff Morey 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor.