

September 23rd, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Facilitator Missy Zawacki and David Haas

Attendees: Jerry Haas, David Baker, Jimmy Monto, Councilor Rudd, Councilor Driscoll, Peggy Chase, Beverly LaBier, Stephen Skinner, Sharon Owens, Greg Loh, Kathryn Argiro, Michelle Ratliff, Chief Buckner, Captain Fougner, Deputy Chief Trudell, Mike Parzych, Pauline Tucci, Jeanne Sullivan, Mary K. Begell, Matthew Richard, Al Tussi, Nicole Meeks, Bonnie French, Wendi Burnette, Melissa Eppard, Erin Loucks, Mary Beth Irving, Mary Margaret O'Hara, Nader Maroun, Esther Wise, Jessica Bruch, Mary Rougeau, Pamela Weber, Erich Weber, Jane Paltee, Judy Lewis, Sharon Waskiewicz, Katie Vondran, Melissa Miller, Andy Miller, Dianna Evans, Jay Subedi, Maria Pence, Bonnie Losurdo, Bernice Buck, Jenna McClave, Kathy Yeldon, Maria Czajah, Maria Biel, Lucas Burnette, Mary Anne Hahn, Annete Bresor, Maggie Burns, Jennifer Potter, Michelle Ratiff, John Ratiff, Nate Maxfield, Bob Andrews, Thea DiBuono, James Arena, Shavel Edwardo, Shameau Queens, Ramie Miller, Minch Lewis, Lynn Logan, Peggy Chase, Katie Hayduke, Chris Qione

The Ground Rules were reviewed.

June 24th, 2019 Minutes: Jerry Haas motioned to approve the minutes without reading them, David Haas 2nd, all were in favor.

Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) Jenna McClave, with Home Headquarters, and Mary Margaret O'Hara, FEC City Manager within the Department of Neighborhood and Business Development, discussed the FEC one on one free and confidential financial counseling program offered by the City of Syracuse; the program is not income based and is open to all City residents. To schedule an appointment, visit the website for the locations and contact information: Syr.gov.net/FEC or call HHQ 315-474-1939 xt. 5

Facilitator Nominations: Missy explained the nomination process; elections will be held by ballot in October. Missy nominated David Haas and David Baker, both accepted. David Haas nominated Missy, she accepted. Katherine Argiro self-nominated. Michelle Ratliff self-nominated.

Issues for Elected Officials/City Departments: Chief Buckner, Captain Fougner and Deputy Chief Trudell were present to address the issues and concerns of the Eastwood neighborhood. Captain Fougner presented a crime analysis for the Eastwood neighborhood; most vehicle thefts were due to the keys being left in the vehicle. Issues were raised in regards to the Erie Blvd. drag racing; call 911. Sharon Owens, Deputy Commissioner, stated that new technologies were being explored. The Officers were thanks for their service. A resident expressed concern over homeless individuals. Ms. Owens stated that the City has been seeing an uptick of aggressive panhandlers all over. There are several agencies responding to the concerns; call 211 to report any issue. Give your money to the agencies that help the individuals rather than the panhandlers themselves. A resident expressed concern over the lack of places for young folks to go; Ms. Owens stated that the City is looking into partnering with various non-profits to create a youth community center. A question was asked if an individual sees an ATV what should be done? Call 911, take a picture or go to the Police website and leave a tip on where those ATV's are parking. Councilor Joe Driscoll thanked everyone for coming out; the 'Tip a Few' bar will be having a Certificate of Use hearing. Input letters are needed to be submitted in writing by September 30th as the hearings are not open to the public.

Committee Updates: There is a potential to create a new committee regarding the crime issues in the neighborhood.

TNT City-wide Update, Tina Zagya stated that the TNT City-wide board has approved the Special Project Guidelines for the 2019-2020 fiscal year; applications due by the end of January. There were a few minor changes made to the guidelines; all capital improvement projects to be installed on City property must obtain proper permission from City departments before being approved and proposals from organizations that have participated with TNT frequently will receive priority. TNT was awarded two grants through the CNY Community Foundation for Census education and Lead Awareness and Education. The lead grant is almost near the completion of its first year; several events were held regarding lead and information was distributed through canvassing the Census tracts 23 and 54. TNT is working in collaboration with the Census Bureau as well as the City of Syracuse to host several educational events and to plan for making sure everyone is counted in 2020. Over the past year and half since Jimmy Monto has been President of the TNT City-wide board, we have grown as an organization; organization collaborations have expanded as well as several grants have been awarded to TNT through the CNY Community Foundation.

Announcements:

- ENA Community Meeting with the Mayor and Police representatives on October 22nd at Huntington Elementary

Jerry Haas motioned to adjourn at 8:25pm, David Haas 2nd.