

February 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Facilitator Hilary Donahue

Attendees: Councilor Pat Hogan, Jeff Juli, Blake Carter (Assemblywoman Hunter's representative), John Ferguson (Assemblyman Magnarelli representative), Frank Cetera, JanJuba Arway, Shavel Edwards, Dustin Regner, Rick Destito, Leah Russell, Shawn Fiato, Jose Marrero, Brian Meese, Rich Puchalski, Peter Bardou, Commissioner Julie LaFave, Carrie Valenzuela, Jeremy Neumann, Mark Jackson Sr., Jylecia, Palmer Harvey, Demaris, Susan Hamilton, Ursula Rozum, Michelle Sczpanski, Magaly Nobles-Marrero

The Ground Rules were reviewed.

January 19, 2021 meeting minutes: Hilary Donahue motioned to approve the minutes, Pat Hogan 2nd, all were in favor.

Issue for City Departments/Elected Officials/District Representatives: Hon. Hogan provided an update on the status of the City's budget shortfall. Councilor Hogan can be reached at 315-491-3328. 401 S. Geddes St. was slated for demo; this has been placed on hold due to the City's budget shortfalls. The Codes department is working with the current owner to address the code multiple issues with the property.

Grace Massena Playlot Update:

Brian Messe, CPSI Architect 1 and Julie LaFave, *Commissioner of Parks Department*

Brian Messe provided an update on the project. Questions were taken from the floor.

Mr. Messe provided a powerpoint presentation regarding the playlot. Questions were taken from the floor. BMesse@syr.gov.net

Special Projects: Each sector has a total of \$3,750 for Special Project funding; \$500 of this funding must be utilized towards a new membership outreach project. *Any project proposal submission that did not have representation at the meeting was not considered. (As per the Special Project guidelines)

The following project proposals were considered for vote:

1. Free Little Libraries, Ursula Rozum: requested amount \$900 - **funded at \$650**
2. Care Box, Eric Weir: requested amount \$920
3. Westside Arboretum Trail, Frank Cetera: requested amount \$365 - **funded at \$354**
4. Traveling Printing Press Show, Carrie Valenzeula: requested amount \$976
5. Park Avenue Patriotic Puppy Parade, Shawn Fiato: requested amount \$3,750 - not funded
6. Mini-greenhouse, Leah Russell *Center for Court Innovation*: requested amount \$350

The members in attendance voted to approve projects 2, 4 and 6 at the requested amounts. Projects 1 and 3 were reduced to the amounts listed above.

TNT City-wide Board Director Updates: Rick Destito stated that Robb Bucklin is no longer the Westside board director, treasurer or facilitator. Westside board elections will take place in May.

Announcements:

- Greater Syracuse Land bank will have Green Lot grants available up to \$1,500. Shavel Edwards can be reached at Sedwards@syracuselandbank.org 315-422-2301 ext15