

**Southside TNT April 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes****Facilitator** Patrona Jones-Rowser

**Attendees:** John Sexton, Morgan Williams II, Betty L. Pearson, Julius Lawrence, Zeruiah Alex (Assemblywoman Hunter community liaison), Ashley Kang, Elizabeth Morey, Jeffrey Morey, Rich Puchalski, Mike LaFlair, Evelyn and Chino Ingram, Emily Winiacki, Charles Pierce-El, Jacqueline Rice, Talitha Baxter, Mae Carter, Hon. Helen Hudson, Shavel Edwards, Cimone Jordan, Amir Gethers, Sam Roberts, Brenda Muhammad, Jessi Lyons, Virginia, Jaqueline LaSonde, Arethea B.

Meeting began at 6:00pm. Ground Rules were reviewed; Welcome and Introductions commenced.

**March 1, 2021 meeting minutes:** Patrona Jones-Rowser motioned to approve the minutes with one correction, Julius Lawrence 2<sup>nd</sup>. All were in favor. Mike LeFlair offered to assist in earth day cleanups rather than organize one.

**Issues for Elected Officials/City Departments:** Zeruiah, community liaison for Assemblywoman Hunter), new bills in legislation extends the keeping the lights on until December 2021 - includes individuals and businesses with fewer than 25 employees. The budget has not yet been approved. Short term insurance policies (less than one year) for folks like Uber. Non-profit organizations looking for funding, contact Zeruiah immediately. 315-449-9536 [bibbesz@nyassembly.gov](mailto:bibbesz@nyassembly.gov). Council President Helen Hudson stated that there will be a CDBG public hearing on Thursday, April 8th at 5:30pm. All links are listed on the City website.

**The Castle Project: Evelyn and Chino Ingram**

Mr. and Mrs. Ingram provided a powerpoint on the project called The Castle at 2110 South Salina St. Follow the castle on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @thecastle603

**Task Force Updates:** Patrona stated that there will be an Earth Day cleanup in conjunction with the TNT City-wide lead awareness initiative. The Kwanza Garden sign, between Midland Ave and Kennedy (900 block Midland), has been completed and will be installed by Mothers Day. There will be work done to the pavers in the garden. Jaqueline LaSonde, Voters Education TF, stated that there will be an event on May 15th, Civic Saturday event; it will be held in the rear of Key Bank from 12 - 5pm. Morgan Williams, Economic Development TF, meets Tuesday morning at 11am on webex. If interested in joining email Cimone Jordan at [cjordan@syr.gov](mailto:cjordan@syr.gov)

**TNT City-wide Update:** Out of an abundance of caution, the city-wide TNT lead initiative will be repurposing funding that was earmarked for the 'Get the Lead Out' block party. Tina Zagyva stated that the funding will be utilized for the April 24th Earth Day clean up and lead awareness initiative, little libraries that will hold lead information as well as other resources and various other micro-initiatives.

**Announcements:**

- Julius Lawrence will possibly be on the Centro board.
- Contact [pjmrowser@gmail.com](mailto:pjmrowser@gmail.com) for a new round of the Blocks and Bloom program slated for mid June, early July
- JMA Wireless will complete construction later this summer; tours will be available late summer/early Fall.
- Jubilee Homes and Lift will be doing rideshares; taking folks to work and Covid rides.

- Thursday, April 8th and April 22nd there will be a farmstand at Cafe Sankofa. There will be a farmstand every thursday after that. The Brady Faith Center has taken over most of the old Nojams for a fresh produce market, butcher, catering service, hot foods; opening before May.
- May 3rd next meeting will hopefully be a primary meet the candidate forum; email questions to the facilitators ahead of time.