

Southside TNT June 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Facilitator John Sexton

Attendees: Betty L. Pearson, Morgan Williams II, Julius Lawrence, Clarise Shelby-Colby, Joe Bennett, Walt Dixie, Cimone Jordan, Kayla Johnson, Sarah Evans, Talitha Baxter, Nyatwa Bullock, Bill Kinne, Karen Cordano, TC, Shavel Edwards, David Maynard, Rasheada Caldwell, Brenda Muhhamad, David Rufus, Perrine Wasser, Davona Lynch, Hopeton F Smalling, Charles Garland, Desaree Dixie, Rich Puchalski, Twiggy Billue, Vernon Williams Jr., Tajuana Cerutti, Amir Gethers, Ronnie White Jr., Alfonso Davis, Jaqueline LaSonde, Ocesa Keaton, Yahkeef Davis, Kerry Kennedy

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

Draft Meeting Minutes May 3, 2021: Julius Lawrence motioned to approve the minutes, Betty Pearson seconded. All were in favor.

Issues for Elected Officials/City Departments:

Cimone Jordan, *Southside City Planner with NBD*, Argyle Terrace in Kirkpark will be shut down from July 1st to September 1st to make the area ADA compliant. Cjordan@syrgov.net.

Meet the Mayoral Primary Candidates: Each candidate was given 4 minutes to introduce themselves; who they are, why they are seeking this position, what makes them the best person for this position, what they will do if elected to the position and what do they like best about living in Syracuse. Early voting starts June 12th through June 20th. Primary is on June 22nd.

Councilor-at-Large (Democrats):

Rasheada Caldwell, Alfonso Davis, Walt Dixie, Amir Gethers, Kayla Johnson, Ronnie White, Jr.

Onondaga County Legislator: 15th District (Democrats):

Joe Bennett and Bill Kinne

Onondaga County Legislator: 16th District (Democrats):

Charles Garland and Vernon M. Williams, Jr.

Commissioner of Education (Democrats):

Twiggy Billue, Nyatwa Bullock, Karen J. Cordano, David P. Maynard

Announcements:

- CITY OF SYRACUSE CALLS FOR INPUT ON E. COLVIN STREET SIDEWALK AND STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT SLATED FOR 2022. "The City of Syracuse Department of Engineering is inviting neighbors on the Southside and Eastside to provide public comments on the preliminary plans to improve the road conditions, sidewalks and streetscape on E. Colvin Street, from S. Salina Street to Jamesville Avenue by Friday, June 25. Construction is planned for 2022. The project, currently in the design phase, will focus on increasing mobility for pedestrians, cyclists, and enhancing the greenspace along the .5 mile-stretch. The plans call for the road to be fully repaved with bike lane striping added as a safety measure for cyclists. Additional improvements will feature new Americans with Disabilities Act concrete sidewalks, ramps, and restriped crosswalks. Lawn areas and snow storage sections are proposed to be created near Garfield Avenue

and the Oakwood Cemetery, between Moore Avenue and Benedict Avenue. Area residents can also review and comment on design alternatives online at <https://www.cscos.com/eastcolvinstreet/>. In addition to the online option, questions or comments about the project and any design alternatives can also be sent to Russell Houck in the Engineering department by email to rhouck@syr.gov. The comment cards and [summary information flyers](#) sent to residents within the vicinity of the project can also be returned by mail to: City of Syracuse Department of Engineering, 233 E. Washington Street – Room 401, Syracuse, NY 13202, Attn: E. Colvin St. Paving Project.”

- Shavel Edwards, with the Greater Syracuse Land Bank, Community Forum on June 12th at noon in the parking lot on the corner of Salina St. and MLK Blvd. in regards to RD Realty Group LLC, low mixed income property development.
- Juneteenth event on June 19th in the Key Bank parking lot, 2209 South Salina St. There will be food, music, vaccine info will be available.
- *Peoples Community Development*: lending library for seniors program, podcasts focusing on nutrition and mental health, rapid response funds for emergency situations. Located at 2311 South Salina Street or call 315-498-1238.
- Colvin’s Ways: In partnership with HHQ, property enhancements with funding available. More information soon to come. Contact Rasheeda Caldwell for more information.
- June 20th Jubilee Homes Southwest Showcase honoring the late Bobby Green from 3pm to 6pm at the Spirit of Jubilee Park.
- Jubilee Homes of Syracuse, Build to Work program, will host employer of the month with Syracuse DPW on June 15th at 2pm.
- Thursday morning roundtable discussion held at the Mary Nelson Resource Center, has been postponed for August.

Julius Lawrence motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:23pm, Morgan Williams II seconded, all were in favor.