

Southside TNT March 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes**Facilitator John Sexton**

Attendees: Julius Lawrence, Patrona Jones-Rowser, Morgan Williams II, Hon. Rasheada Caldwell, Mae Carter, Kate Littlefield, Lt. Brian Novitsky, Anthoni Pope (constituent liaison Assemblyperson Hunter's), Elizabeth Morey, Jeffrey Morey, Shavel Edwards, Richard Stenson, Farzaneh Khayat, Kim Phan, Council President Helen Hudson, Jacqueline LaSonde, Brenda Muhammad, Rich Puchalski, Brianca Hill, Tay Stenson, Nodesia Hernandez (constituent liaison Senator May), Brianca Hill, Eileen Collins, Anne Downes, Tina Zagya

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

Draft Meeting Minutes February 7, 2022: Julius Lawrence motioned to approve the minutes, Elizabeth Morey seconded. All were in favor.

Issues for District Representatives/Elected Officials/City Departments:

Lt. Brian Novitsky provided a crime analysis overview. There is a new cohort at the academy of officers currently working towards completing their field training. Utilize e-serve <https://www.syracusepolice.org/eServe/start-report.html> or the tele-serve at 315-442-5207 to file a Police Report for a quicker turnaround. Questions were taken from the floor. Council President Hudson stated that the CDBG funding should go live on the City website tonight. Contact Merike Treier with the Syracuse Downtown Committee for the festival funding applications. Shavel Edwards provided information on new listings. Nodesia Hernandez, constituent liaison for Senator May, provided her email for anyone to submit requests or concerns, is looking for someone to honor in the community as well as recommendations on youth for the NYS youth senate advisor board for 9th – 12th graders. nhernand@nysenate.gov

Community Forestry and Tree Equity: Dr. Lemir Teron LTeron@esf.esu

Dr. Teron, SUNY ESF, provided a presentation on community resilience and tree equity across Syracuse. The program addresses the health and environmental benefits of increasing the local tree canopy in partnership with the City and Onondaga Earth Corp. There will be a \$1,000 trained program stipend for those who are interested. Questions were taken from the floor. A link was provided for a brief survey.

Creek Maintenance and Update: Kim Phan with the Parks Department, Kate Littlefield with OEC

Ms. Phan stated that the city is looking for sites in the right of way for a free tree planting this season. kphan@syr.gov The classroom at Kirk Park to the bridge (150 – 200' span) will have a new fence with old trees removed. At the Midland bridge, the 6' chain link (200' span) will be removed as well as old growth and replaced with new fencing. There have been ongoing issues with poison ivy and invasive species around Kirk Park; there will be a onetime treatment of herbicide to address these issues as well as continued weeding. The specific herbicide is designed to be applied near water. This will take place early in the Spring, with signage displayed before and during the herbicide treatment. Questions were taken from the floor.

Special Project funding: Patrona Jones-Rowser requested to utilize unused funding due to the pandemic from the 2019-2020 fiscal year to purchase soccer goals for Kirk Park. Morgan Williams II motioned to approve allocating up to \$1,000 to purchase soccer goals for Kirk Park, Julius Lawrence seconded. All were in favor.

City-wide director update: Tina Zagya stated that the Common Council approved funding for the City as Canvas initiative. TNT is currently seeking potential mural locations and local artists for the program. For more information, visit <http://www.tomorrowsneighborhoodstoday.org/city-as-canvas>

Announcements:

- Tay Stenson, with Onondaga Earth Corps, oversees outreach for OEC initiatives. OEC is currently hiring youth ages 15 -25. tstenson@onondagaeearthcorps.org

Elizabeth Morey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:12pm, Julius Lawrence seconded, all were in favor.