

Meeting Minutes

Eastside TNT November 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Facilitator: Paul Harvey

Attendees: Kevin Cook, Gloria Sage, Shavel Edwards, Joan Royle, Captain Ralph Bowering, Beverly Griffin, Laura Lavine, Matt Micheletti, Jake Losowski, Lisa Hart, Heather W, Marilyn Zaleon, Karen Greenfield, Sam Gruber, Sharon Sherman, Jimmy Monto; Andy Leahy; Ashley Kennard, Kyle Otto, Kate Flannery

October 13, 2022 meeting minutes: Beverly Griffin motioned to approve the minutes as written, Kevin Cook seconded, all were in favor with a minor correction to the spelling of Laura Lavine's name.

Issues for District Representatives/Elected Officials/City Departments: Jimmy Monto council, 5th District fielded questions from the community and updated the committee on issues related to the community.

Facilitator Nominations: Attendees reminded there were numerous vacancies for TNT Facilitators. If interested, names of potential candidates should be submitted to TNT.

Captain Ralph Bowering:

Captain Bowering fielded questions from the community, as well as provided an overview of the crime activities on the Eastside. He reported that robberies continue to trend upward at the edge of the University Area and a majority of crimes involve car thefts. The majority of car thefts involved juveniles. Many have been identified and apprehended. Captain Bowering, encouraged the community to report any/all suspicious activities. He also updated the community on the outcome of an investigation involving Barry Park, alleging some suspicious behaviors towards a child. The allegations were unfounded. Captain Bowering responded to some questions/ concerns related to teens loitering around the dry cleaners and the body shop located on East Genesee Street, and discussed the laws governing teens as opposed to adults.

Matt Micheletti : TNT Special Projects:

Kevin introduced the project forms and guidelines to TNT. All project proposals must be submitted to the TNT committee. The Special Project website: www.TomorrowsNeighborhoodsToday.org/special project guidelines.

Matt reminded the group that each TNT area annual budget for \$ 8,750 for Special Project Proposals and \$ 2,000 for public art for the fiscal year ending June 30th. Upon submission, the TNT Board of Directors will review the proposals by each Sector and confirm/verify that those proposed projects conform to the TNT Special Project guidelines.

Karen Greenfield: Art Mural Project

Karen Greenfield was recently appointed the Operation Manager for the Arts Mural project. Karen updated the community of the ongoing Art Mural / City as Canvas project. The community was reminded that the project is dedicated to providing opportunities for local artists to put their mark on their neighborhood. Artist must meet certain criteria to participate. All information can be found on

the TNT website: <http://www.tomorrowsneighborhoodstoday.org/city-as-canvas> A google form is available to submit potential locations. Recently, the Eastwood TNT celebrated the display of their image on the Palace Theater.

The committee was asked to begin canvassing around the Eastside area for the implementation of an Eastside Art Mural Project. Both Sharon Sherman and Beverly Griffin suggested the possibility of the Boys and Girls club located on the East side. Sharon also suggested the possibility of a small group to meet to identify/discuss potential sites.

Facilitator Elections: All reminded that TNT continues to solicit individuals willing to work as facilitators. An election was held, both Beverly Griffin and Paul Harvey were both elected for another 2-year term.

Laura Lavine brought a friend to discuss some ongoing issues regarding a neighbor who has a significant history of hoarding cats, posing both health and other risks for the neighboring community. Captain Bowering communicated that he's familiar with the case and will follow up to determine outcome.

Announcements:

- Kevin Cook, community liaison for Lemoyne updated the committee on the September meeting held to implement a Neighborhood Association for the Salt Springs Area. Meeting at Bethany Baptist on October 27th community group for Salt Springs.
- Joan Royle, encouraged all to attend the Westcott Community Annual Meeting to be held November 3, 2022. Pizza will be served. She also shared work about the center and its programs.
- David Kirby recently created a video of the Meadowbrook gardens, history and bird houses. All encouraged to view.
- Laura Lavine, Westcott Area Cultural Coalition or WACC educated the community of the mission of WACC and the goals of the coalition. Goals includes the need to promote and develop arts and cultural activities in the Westcott neighborhood, thereby enhancing the desirability to live, work and play.
- Sam Gruber encouraged support for Clifford Ryan, a community activist who for the last 7 years has made a name for himself by intervening in violence in Syracuse. Apparently, Clifford lost everything in a recent house fire. He currently needs support from the community.
- Sam Gruber discussed the October 29, Halloween Dog parade held at Petit Library. The parade was hosted for dogs while parading them around the Westcott Neighborhood. It was great. Other community activities also have been planned to include historic walking tours of the greater Westcott Neighbor area.
- Sharon Sherman discussed the annual Westcott Cultural Fair held Sept 25, 2022 as it continues to highlight businesses within the community. All encouraged to participate in future events.

Good News:

- Gloria Sage communicated that, Jimmy Monto; legislator will be working with her on the issues involving needed sidewalks in her neighborhood.

The students requesting additional information about the Morning Side Garden have published a paper and video to be shared with TNT at a meeting.

Joan motioned to adjourn at 7:15@pm, Sam seconded, all in favor