

Meeting Minutes

Eastside TNT January 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Facilitator: Paul Harvey

Attendees: Kevin Cook, Paul Harvey, Kayla Hubbard, Karen Greenfield, Lynne Odell, Cindy Swatt, Ron Ehrenreich, Sandy Rott,, Stephen Waldron, Kris Dodson, Corey Williams, Vincent Scipione, Lee Kennard, Ryla Daly, Matt Oja, Marilyn Zaleon, Lee Hass, Sharon Sherman, Chris Bartlet, Beverly Griffin, Captain Ralph Bowering, Matt Micheletti, Liam Kirst, Heidi Hart Gorman, Khis Dodson, Andrea Buckvold, Freddie Bison

December 13, 2022 meeting minutes: Sharon Sherman motioned to approve the minutes as written, Heidi Hart seconded.

The Facilitators would like to thank all for your ongoing participation and support during this transitional period of TNT Operational Managers

Issues for District Representatives/Elected Officials/City Departments: There were no District Representative or Elective Officials in attendance.

Captain Ralph Bowering:

Captain Bowering fielded questions from the community. He also provided an overview of the crime activities on the Eastside. He reported that the number of burglaries is beginning to trend down in the residential areas based on the crime stats. He also reports that as the number of college students returns, the numbers may increase.

Matt Micheletti: TNT Special Projects:

All reminded that each TNT area has a budget of \$8,750 for Special Project Proposals and \$2,000 for public art for the fiscal year ending June 30th.

There were 4 proposals for special projects submitted to TNT. Each person submitting provided a presentation to the sector.

1. **Westcott Community Gardens:** The garden will serve as a gateway between the business district and the residential neighborhood. The garden will be named the honor of the late professor Evan Weissman, a former leader and advocate of the Westcott Garden who passed away in 2020. TNT funding will be used to purchase plants and supplies, hire landscaping services including removal of shrubs and debris as needed, and install a sign educating visitors about pollinator garden and honoring Evan Weissman. Total Cost: \$5,830.
2. **Thornden Park Signage:** Thornden Park Association requested funds to purchase a new home field sign for Thornden Park Bulldogs, our Pop Warner and football team and cheerleading squad. The Association will work closely with the Bulldogs organization and the Syracuse Parks & Recreation Department to design and install a "Home of the Bulldogs" sign in Thornden Park. The total cost \$1,147.00

3. **Restoration of the lilac grove.** TPA to purchase lilacs to be planted in the lilac grove by volunteers and students from SU. Total Cost: \$1,000.00
4. **The Red Table Project:** The Westcott Community Center is looking to replace a table located in the front courtyard. The table will match the red bench in an area and will be a wonderful place for anyone to sit and visit. In the past, tables have been a wonderful asset to our older adults, being able to sit and enjoy the scenery. Metal Picnic Table: Total Cost \$1,220.00
5. **Outer Comstock Art, Garden and Sustainability Trail:** OCNA plans to sponsor their first Art, Garden and Sustain Tour, August, 2023. The committee plans to contact Cornell Cooperative. The goal is to provide the community with opportunities to learn and share information. Total Cost \$2114.15

Karen: Greenfield: Mural Projects

The community was reminded that the project is dedicated to providing opportunities for local artists to put their mark on their neighborhood. Artists 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 at the Palace Theater.

The committee was reminded that voting to occur within the next couple of months for all mural project requests submitted

Amelia Bittel motioned to adjourn at 7:30@pm, Betty seconded, all in favor