

Downtown and Lakefront TNT Meeting Minutes  
November 15, 2023 via Zoom

Present: Captain Bowering, Jim Emmons, Paul Harvey\*, Bill Lee\*, Robbie Lewis, Linda Llewellyn\*, Maren King, Conor Rockhill  
\*Sector facilitators

Bill Lee called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm and welcomed everyone.

Participants introduced themselves and Bill reviewed Ground Rules for online sector meetings.

Conor Rockhill motioned and Jim Emmons seconded approval of the September meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Concerns for City Officials: Captain Bowering, SPD

- Captain Bowering talked about the break-in at Freedom of Espresso and shared the progress being made in stopping graffiti. He talked about a group of juveniles that are using stolen vehicles and smashing windows. The group is getting smaller and SPD is working on tracking the remaining juveniles down. The group has been tied into numerous thefts including firearms.
- Be on the lookout for male skateboarders (in their 20s-40s) who are responsible for some of the graffiti. Call the police non-emergency number or let Conor Rockhill know about new graffiti ([crockhill@downtownsyracuse.com](mailto:crockhill@downtownsyracuse.com)) and he will report the graffiti to the police.
- Captain Bowering shared highlights of crime data of our areas. Big crimes are down but robberies are up a little. Burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft are up. Sex crimes are usually committed by an associated person, not someone lurking. There was one shooting with injuries by an associated person. Bike units are out along the Creek Walk and in Franklin Square.
- Linda will share Captain Bowering's data with everyone.

Facilitator Voting: Bill shared the names of people who were nominated at the September meeting but voting was tabled for tonight. Matt Micheletti will put out a Google Form for the vote.

City-Wide Director Update: Linda Llewellyn shared information from the October 16 meeting.

- Special Project funds have increased to \$12,750 total per sector with \$2,000 for art and \$1,000 for marketing. The deadline for special project submissions is 12/31.
- The County is receiving more mural funds.
- Home Headquarters will continue to do TNT's accounting through 2024.
- SCSD is in need of more than 200 Book Buddies. The commitment is an hour a week.

Announcements/Discussion:

- The Parks department believes the Franklin Square Fountain may be back as early as April.

- It may be possible to beautify the 690 underpass with a temporary art project. There was discussion about using graffiti artists or projecting light/art. Syracuse University had some projectors that could be used by the community as a part of the Connective Corridor project—the projectors may still be available. Runners along the Creek Walk were in favor of anything that created more light on the trail.

Conor Rockhill

- The Cozmic Cauldron (quirky mystical things) has opened in the McCarthy Building on South Warren Street.
- Art Mart is open in the Whitlock Building next to Salt City Market.
- Armory Square businesses are conducting a winter clothing drive. People who donate new-ish coats/clothing will get a card with bonuses from the participating vendors. Any business with a bin is participating.
- The Window Wonderland Walk and (decorating) Competition is beginning downtown.

The next meeting is January 17 at 5:30.

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Llewellyn