

Meeting Minutes: December 11, 2019

Location: Cecile Center, 174 W. Seneca Turnpike

Facilitator: Carl Sharak

Meeting began at 7:07 pm and welcome and introductions commenced.

1. **Welcome:** Introductions.
2. **Minutes:** November draft meeting minutes were reviewed: Marilyn Madison made a motion to accept the minutes. Caroline West seconded. The minutes were approved by voice vote with no objections.
3. **Public Officials:** Bryn Lovejoy Grinnell fielded plow complaints. Monticello South was mentioned in particular, and that the postal truck slid off the steep crown of Monticello North and got stuck and problems along the Turnpike. Bryn said she will take specifics after the meeting or by phone. There was some discussion of inaccuracies noted in the city's online snow removal map.
4. **Syracuse Police** Captain Lynch offered crime reports. The group noted that the new reports are more helpful. He mentioned car breakins and larceny from vehicles. Sometimes juveniles look for unlocked cars, particularly in the SU area. In the Southeast district including Valley there has been a dip in stolen vehicles. The message seems to be getting out not to leave key fobs in car. The ATM at Ponchito's was burglarized, this is a multi county issue and an arrest has been made. Pat Haggeman noted the business closed. Bob Dougherty asked about burglaries and the Captain said some arrests had been made. Brynn asked about shot spotter impact in this area. The Captain explained that the sensors in 90-100 key areas help triangulate shooting location to within 25 meters. Sometimes sounds are misclassified, but it helps in some neighborhoods where people don't call about the shots. Bob asked about shots around Van Duyn School. It was noted that that does not relate to the school. People are being ticketed as the traffic pattern has been changed at Van Duyn. The Captain explained that parking checkers can be sent to key areas to address parking complaints. He also explained a bit about changes expected with the state ban on cash bail and that appearance tickets will be issued for non-violent charges instead of people being held on bail.
5. **Librarian** Jane mentioned activities scheduled over the holidays. The day after Christmas the Bellaires will play, on the 18th the Grinch movie, crafts, and on the 23rd Gremlins
6. **Special Projects:** Carl Sharak explained the special projects process to allot the sector's \$5000 and distributed forms. He noted past projects and the sector's stated goals in the 5 year plans including having a walkable Valley. It is time to recommend ideas. Proposals sheets will go to TNT operations manager Tina Zagyva for initial review to see they are within TNT guidelines. Anyone submitting a proposal should be prepared to manage the project. TNT operations can help with purchasing processes. Marilyn Madison suggested looking at the TNT website to get ideas about what other sectors are doing. Dorothy Matthews would like a meet and greet for elected \$300 and a party for seniors \$300. Bob Dougherty suggested a bike rack at the Cecile Center nearer to the building – those near the corner are too far from the center. Another suggestion was a GaGa pit a game octagon with sand in the bottom. There is one at Elms that is portable and one could be put at Heath Park. Estimated cost \$200-\$500. For something in a park Carl noted it may be wise to contact the parks commissioner first. Carl noted with the configuration of the room now there is a need for a portable screen for projection. Estimated cost \$300-\$500. Caroline West noted that there is expected to be a proposal from Webster Pond. Marilyn noted that guidelines say that proposals need to come from regular attendees. There was some discussion of whether there would be PowerPoint presentations of the proposals to be voted on in February. There was discussion of previously agreed upon sign for the fish sculpture. It is stored at Parks office until the creek overlook project is in the works. Bob Dougherty gave a brief update on the project. George Matthews asked about the need to revamp restrooms in the park near the planned project.
7. **Citywide TNT summary:** Dee Klees noted that the December meeting was an informal meeting at the Morris Construction community room that the Northside sector uses for its meetings. Board members attended and it was open to anyone who wanted to attend and several did from the South, East, and North sectors. The group discussed the upcoming special projects season and clarification of the process of facilitator election and another sector's concern and interest in allowing for phone in of nomination.
8. **Speed reader** on west hill is dead. Dorwin worked a few days but not. Brynn said Police Department said they are not maintaining. This was formally given to City Police.
9. **Spuggestions:** For special projects consideration George Matthews noted that 5 bench locations lack trash cans. He proposed adding 5 trash cans to sites without them.

10. **Committee Reports**

Beautification: Joe Romano and crew wrapped up the end cap painting along Cold Brook. Kathy Stribley noted there was some discussion of continued flooding issues near East Glen, city wants to underground the stream, improve and maintain channel, monitor storm flows. There is limited city and county awareness of the issues. 5 page list of issues going out to those involved in the discussion. Kathy noted that the county was going to look for funding. She said the neighbors near the streams are not asking for undergrounding the stream, but making it an asset in the community. The springs are high quality. She suggested sending a note to mayor and county executive. She said the city doesn't have an environmental staff and the county can't intervene. She noted that NYS Sen. Rachel May's staff is involved.

11. **Parks, and Planning committees had no updates from last month.** George Matthews.

12. **Announcements:** MAPA Board meets at 6 p.m. on the third Wednesday.

Flags: George Matthews asked if TNT was interested in helping with installation of flags for July 4, Memorial Day etc. holidays. TNT bought the flags and George needs help to install them. MAPA has been putting them up.

MAPA's Holiday Lights in the Valley contest. Send photos to syrvalley@gmail.com. To be judged next week.

Webster Pond: Caroline noted that Santa Claus will be at Webster Pond and the Legion

School concerts: Lisa noted the Meachem concert, Wednesday ELMS doing holiday read with the kids.

ELMS projects: January 9th at 6 p.m. student projects meeting with community change makers, Newhouse, community service outreach.

ELMS January 22nd visit to CNYWorks 6th graders field work. January 23rd 8th graders visit ESF for environment, kinetic sculptures windpower.

ELMS Gift bazaar on December 20 so each kid gets 2 gifts. Kids are making the gifts.

Clary is going into receivership and remodeling. Musical.

There was discussion of a need to support Valley schools and concerns about supporting all of the schools.

13. **Landbank to talk next month.** Bob, thanked Brynn for her service on Common Council and response to constituents, applause

14. **Adjournment 8:07:** Caroline West motioned to adjourn. Bob Dougherty second. All in favor, no objections.

Next TNT Meeting: January 2020