

TNT Downtown and Lakefront Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2023

Via Zoom at 5:30 pm

Facilitators: Paul Harvey, Bill Lee, Linda Llewellyn, Eric Saxton

Attendees: Rene Battelle, Captain Bowering, Steve Conrad, Jim Emmons, Shanzeh Farooqui, Paul Harvey, Bill Lee, Robbie Lewis, Linda Llewellyn, Dawn Marmor, Matt Micheletti, Conor Rockhill, Diana Rogatch, Clifford Ryan, Eric Saxton

Call to Order: Bill Lee welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm. He invited the attendees to introduce themselves to the group.

Ground Rules: Bill Lee briefly went over the established ground rules for online TNT meetings.

Draft Meeting Minutes for January 19, 2023: Eric Saxton motioned to approve the minutes, Conor Rockhill seconded, and the motion passed as written.

Issues for District Representatives/Elected Officials/City Departments:

Captain Bowering of the Syracuse Police Department asked if people had noticed an uptick in issues on the Creekwalk due to warmer weather. One resident noted that a lot of personal items are found along the walk (like drivers licenses), probably from car break-ins at the Mall or Iron Pier. Parking should be enforced on Plum and Solar if restrictions are posted. If there are parking problems, pass them along to Captain Bowering.

TNT City-Wide Director's Update: There was no update tonight.

Special Projects: Matt Micheletti briefly explained the approval process. Because there was adequate funding for all of the proposed projects, Eric Saxton moved and Linda Llewellyn seconded that the proposals be approved for both Downtown and Lakefront. The following special projects were approved:

Lakefront:

1. Meals on Wheels Alley Cat Charity Bike Ride
2. Leaf Composting
3. Franklin Square Park Beautification
4. Community Garden
5. Pollinator Garden

6. Tree ID
7. People and Pets Fountain
8. Poster Project Installation

Downtown:

1. Poster Project Installation at the Central Branch Library (five posters approved)
2. Beautification project in Hanover Square
3. Armory Square Creek Walk Mural
4. Beautify 331 South Salina

Downtown has funds leftover and must get proposals for how to spend the remainder to Matt in the next week. There will be an opportunity to review the new proposals and vote online. Several people asked clarifying questions and made suggestions for projects including a memorial garden, music, and other events.

Announcements:

There will be a new meeting schedule for the Downtown-Lakefront sectors. We will meet in the odd months (January, March, May, July, September, November) on the third Wednesday of the month beginning with the next meeting. We can schedule additional meetings (like the one customarily held in February to vote on special projects) as needed. We hope this will be an easier schedule for everyone to follow.

Bill Lee noted that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 15, 2023.

Adjournment: With no further business on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Llewellyn