



TNT Area 6 ~ Eastwood



Huntington Elementary School
Monday, October 24th, 2016 at 7pm

Minutes: Facilitator Lisa Matthews

Everyone who lives, works, or owns property in the Eastwood area is a member of the Eastwood TNT and is welcome to speak and vote at all meetings of the Eastwood TNT.

1) Attendees Owen Kerney *Assistant Director for City Planning*, Pete O'Connor *DPW Commissioner*, Vince Esposito *Sewer Department*, Mark Ziolka *Sewer Department*, Peggy Chase *County Legislature*, Kathleen Joy *DOT*, Nader Maroun *Councilmember*, Christine Fix *Representative from Assemblyman Magnarelli's office*, Lt. Richard Shoff *SCPD*

2) Issues for City

- Shooting on Nickels & James st: suspect was identified, currently under investigation
- A resident mentioned some residents may not be receiving the City Services brochure, Trash is put out on the wrong days after holidays. It was mentioned that this information is disseminated on the city webpage as well as through the media

Christine Fix from Assemblyman Magnarelli's office brought flyers informing residents of a Free Electronics Recycling event on November 19th from 9:30 am to 1:30pm at Destiny USA. It was mentioned that this may be the last year they except tube tv's. There is no limit on the quantity of unbroken electronics that one can bring.

3) Presentation: Rezone Syracuse:

Owen Kerney, Zoning Administrator

Continuation from the July meeting discussion:
The Annotated Outline has been completed and is available on the city website or a hardcopy can be sent to you by request. The ReZone Syracuse project team is now working on developing the content. They will be asking for direct community input on the new material during public meetings scheduled for the first week in December.

Q. Will the new zoning map be based on the existing map?

A. The new map will be based on the new zoning ordinance. Although there will be new zoning districts throughout the City, most of the residential districts will remain unchanged, as they are working to preserve neighborhoods within the city. Many of the City's commercial corridors will be zoned for mixed use, such as Downtown, the Near E. side, Butternut St. and James St.

Q. There are a few current buildings, such as the Kinney building on James St. that you can't see around, restaurants cannot have outdoor seating and there is limitations on plazas with water features. Will the new zoning law address these issues?

A. The new zoning will address many issues relative to site and building design including lighting, façade design, store front windows, signage, parking locations and landscaping; these design standards will be a big focus of the new zoning ordinance.

Contact Information:

General email for the project: RezoneSyracuse@syrgov.net

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Website Link: <http://www.syracuse.ny.us/ReZoneSyracuse.aspx>

4) DPW Sewer Issues:

Commissioner, Pete O'Connor, Vince Esposito *Sewer Department*, Mark Ziolka *Sewer Department*

DPW has been working with SU to create a map with sewer data for the city.
Councilmember Nader Maroun commented that Leaves clog catch basins and it would be helpful to put a notice to residents on social media

Pete O'Connor stated that there are 11,500 catch basins throughout the city of Syracuse. All are

Eastwood Facilitators

- David Baker
- Stephen Skinner
- Jimmy Monto
- David Lima
- Lisa Matthews

TNT-6 meets the 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m, unless otherwise announced.

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not cleaned each year, there is a scheduled maintenance that covers 6 – 7,000 annually. If a complaint is made, DPW will clean it.

City Services Brochure: End of October is the end of construction/household debris pick up. November 1st is when DPW will start picking up leaves. **Do Not Put Leaves in Road (or any other debris), you will get cited with a \$225 fine that will be added to your taxes.** Residents will get 24hrs to correct the issue without penalty. If DPW damages your greenspace, call the City-line and DPW will fix it. Nader Maroun mentioned that the hours of collection may be during the late evening/early morning. Pete stated that DPW covers 411 Centerline miles to pick up yard debris. Starting November 13th, DPW will be going to 2 shifts (therefore no overtime is necessary) for snow plowing through April 15th. Crews are on night shift, they will go out at night to either collect yard debris or plow snow when it falls. There is no way around the beeping noise of these vehicles as they back up, it is a safety regulation.

Q. Why does the scheduled yard waste/debris go from April to June in Eastwood?

A. DPW started a pilot program 2 years ago to prevent yard waste from sitting on the curb for more than 2 weeks. By doing this every other month, DPW is now on time with collecting waste set to the curb. DPW also has the option for residents to bring their yard waste to DPW at the same location you can get free mulch.

Nader Maroun stated that DPW was behind each year due to too much volume of waste for a couple of reasons. 1) Residents placing more than their allotted 2 cubic yards at the curb 2) Illegal dumping of construction debris

Q. Recycle blue bin pick up, often has recyclables left in the bin or on the lawn.

A. Call it in

Q. Why are there so many trucks (5) to handle the debris pick up?

A. There is usually a payloader putting the debris in the trucks for removal. Once 1 or 2 trucks fill up, the rest of the crew would be left waiting for new trucks to arrive, so this is more time efficient. Also, you do not want to put different debris in the same truck.

Also, Pete made a comment that there is an ordinance that protects DPW if a resident puts debris over a sewer pipe or water box, so do not put your debris over these things.

Q. DPW leases a grinder for yard waste, wouldn't it be cheaper to buy one?

A. Pete stated that DPW has some equipment, however, purchasing a grinder might create future costs such as having residents buy the mulch the city creates (it is currently free). However the quality would increase

Q. In regards to sewer flooding, the city made revisions to update pipes, however they are too small?

A. Pete, updates were made as part of a large project about 10 years ago. Manholes that were combined are now separated. Department would need to know of which pipes are being referred to as too small.

Q. Will the new SU Skytop apartments effect water in the sewers?

A. Any new construction has to be able to handle storm water runoff. This includes underground catch basins and other techniques.

Pete mentioned that Leaves in the road narrow the road and it is illegal and unsafe for vehicle traffic. Same for snow plowing. This year DPW will be cracking down on people putting snow in the right of way.

Q. Snow plows don't hit roads sometimes for 12 – 18hrs.

A. Pete mentioned that all snow plow trucks will have a GPS tracker to help DPW become more efficient.

Q. Why do snow plows travel so fast?

A. Depends on the weight of the snow, sometimes they need increased speed to push the snow. This year, with the GPS tracking, DPW will be able to monitor speeds

Q. Who will be the one writing the citation for snow being placed in the public right of way?

A. Pete stated that there was an ordinance passed last year giving authority to the Commissioner and Superintendents of DPW to write the citations. They will also be enforcing plows to register with the city of Syracuse. If they catch someone they will first receive a warning, then a fine.

5) Committee Updates

- Eastwood Heights Parks Association emailed the Parks Commissioner about building more playgrounds in Eastwood. If you want to be involved, give Dan Horan your email.
- Mike Behnke mentioned that Sunnycrest Park will have cross country skiing, the parks department will be fixing the snowmobile.
- Stephen Skinner gave a business report. There is less activity on Collingwood and James st. Walter Price Funeral Home was supposed to close 3-4 weeks ago. There is rumor it will turn into a Hair/Spa/Day Salon. The building next to the Palace is being cleaned out. It is unclear if it will be sold or not.
- Mike Behnke gave a South Park Housing Task Force update. Mike and David Baker have been chairing this committee to get homes taken by Landbank. David has been instrumental in cleaning up property next to 320 Greenway St. If anyone would like to join, please contact David Baker.
- Lisa Matthews gave an update on the Beautification Committee. There was an email question on following up on past issues pertaining to bus shelters in Eastwood. The last bus shelter was placed on Rigi Ave and James St. Centro now has new criteria when determining the locations for new bus shelters. Lisa is currently in conversation with centro to place a new bus shelter on Mosley and James St. If anyone has suggestions on additional locations for bus shelters, please let Lisa know. Nader stated that since he has been a councilmember, he has helped place 3 in Eastwood; 2 on James st and 1 on Burnette Ave. He stated that the cost of these can be around \$10,000 each. A resident suggested placing one near Pompcoco.

‘Welcome to Eastwood’ Sign needs to be repainted. A work order needs to be submitted to DPW, Lisa will be working on the Teal Ave sign in 2017.

6) Board Member Appointed

Stephen Skinner volunteered to step down as the TNT city-wide board alternate and appointed David Lima to fill his spot on the board as alternate. Stephen Skinner made the motion, Mike Behnke 2nd, all were in favor

7) Special Projects

Lisa made mention of the Special Project funding, that residents should begin to come up with ideas to discuss next meeting. She mentioned that these funds are for ‘things’ to enhance Eastwood Neighborhood.

Lisa requested a motion to the escrow account for \$1,000 towards new pavers for handicap accessibility in Sheridan Park. All were in favor. A resident expressed concern as last year people were required to fill out a proposal form and present their ideas to the group for discussion before any voting occurred. Lisa stated she would bring pictures next time.

8) Announcements

- 1) A resident inquired about the Defrancisco Community Center discontinuing programming for youths. Nader commented that this community center is not funded by the city of Syracuse. He stated that he would follow up with Joe O’Hara on this issue and report back next month.