

Facilitator Stephen Skinner

Attendees: Hon. Nader Maroun, Hon. Joe Carni, Hon. Joe Nicoletti, Peggy Chase, Chol Majok, Lt. Shoff, Missy Zawacki, David Hass, James Monto, Mike Touraer, Lee Fordock, Jeff Romano, Jessica Kempisty, Andrew Snider, Dan Horan, Minch Lewis, Judy Lewis, Jerry Hass, Coleen Fox, Caroline West, Daniel Kolinski, Juanita Perez Williams, Ann Gold, Katie Vorndran, David Lima, Steve Sleight, Pauline Tucci, Mike Parzyck, Margaret McVicker, Jim Johnson, Joe Driscoll, David Baker, Karen Schroeder, Anthony Lambert, Mary Pat McHale, Linda Woodrow, Amy Rood, Anna DeSocio, Sue Straub, Delfia Bier, Katelyn Wright, Leslie Dendy

Ground Rules

Stephen Skinner reviewed the Ground Rules with the group and stated that members are welcome to make suggestions. Mike Parzyck requested that if residents raise their hands and must wait to be recognized by the facilitator before speaking, that the Facilitator respect those that raise their hand and not ignore some and call on others.

Minutes

Jerry Hass motioned to accept the November 28th minutes, Nader 2nd

Issues for City Department Officials

A resident asked if tickets were being given to illegal snow plowing and who do you call to report issues with snow plows? Nader stated that DPW supervisors have authority to issue tickets both for illegally parked cars on the street as well as plowing snow in the public right of way. If you see a snow plow putting snow on the sidewalk, etc. call the police department or cityline. 448-city. The best way to tell if a snow plow truck has a permit to plow snow in Syracuse is if they have a yellow light on their truck. Missy Zawacki presented crime data that was obtained through the city website for the Eastwood area, as was requested for her to do at the November meeting. Lt. Shoff offered to bring the most recent statistics to the next meeting.

Facilitator Nominations

As per the TNT bylaws, a sector can vote up to 7 facilitators in their sector. In the event of a vacancy, the sector can nominate an individual(s) one month and vote the next month at any point in the year to fill the spot. At the November 28th meeting, David Hass and Missy Zawacki were nominated by Mike Parzyck and denied by the facilitators. It was stated that there was some confusion as to what rules to follow and that another interested person was told in private that they could not be nominated as a facilitator until the September election. It was determined by the group that if Missy and David were the only two nominations a vote would proceed. Mike Parzyck renominated Missy and David Hass. David Baker nominated Dan Horan. It was decided that all 3 nominations would be voted upon by ballot at the February meeting. Candidates were asked to prepare a statement as to what they bring to the community and why they would like to become a facilitator.

Copies of the current TNT Bylaws were available at the meeting. A resident asked if TNT is a 501c3 and can the organization write for grants? Caroline West responded that it is, however, TNT is currently not able to write for grants as a CHAR140 document has been submitted to the IRS but has not been approved. Another resident asked if there was a list of the board members. Tina Zagyva stated that the website www.TomorrowsNeighborhoodsToday.org has a list of the current board members. Ms. Zagyva also pointed out a board email address that is listed at the bottom of their agenda; that the members may write to the board with any concerns or questions regarding the rules of the TNT organization.

Landscape Architect Presentation:

Jeff Romano, Landscape Architect, asked the group for suggestions on what they would like to see at Eastwood Heights Park. Suggestions included: water fountains, volleyball court, gazebo with small musical performances, track for bikes, misting tower, benches near the gazebo. It was pointed out that there is a vacant lot near across from the park that could be utilized for a storage shed. Jimmy Monto is waiting for approval from parks to install a 'Free Little Locker' that would contain chalk, soccer balls, jump rope, etc for the kids to utilize. Hon. Nader Maroun stated that there is a camera now at Syracuse Housing and he will be working on adding a few more to the area. Mr. Maroun also recommended that anything proposed should not only contain a budget for the installation, but also the maintenance. A member recommended that fruit trees be planted for shade, Nader stated that a few years back he had the trees removed at the residents request to prevent criminal activity.

Special Projects:

- 1) Mike Behnke proposed a new sign for the Obama Rain Garden at Henninger for \$427. Mr. Maroun offered to inquire with the city and school district to purchase the sign.
- 2) ENA proposed Flag Pole Holders for \$760.98. The new flag holders will be fabricated by Raulli and have a lifespan of at least 20yrs. Nader offered to follow up with Raulli to request a reduced quote. Lisa Matthews made a motion to approve the proposal for the current amount with the possibility of purchasing additional holders if the cost per unit is reduced, Jimmy Monto 2nd, all were in favor.
- 3) David Lima submitted a proposal for a bench at Eastwood Heights Park for \$1,175.27. Lisa Matthews made a motion to approve the proposal, Jimmy Monto 2nd, all approved.
- 4) Margaret McVicker presented an idea for historic markers in Eastwood. David Hass offered to assist Margaret with the proposal for next month.
- 5) A resident asked if there was any consideration into repainting the 'Eastwood' signage. It was stated that DPW will be scraping and painting the signs in spring.

Committee Updates:

Parks Committee: Mike Behnke stated that the Captain at station 17 has requested help in landscaping around Sheridan Park. If you would like to volunteer, contact the Parks Committee. There will be skiing at Sunnycrest Park, when the snow falls again.

Housing: David Baker placed a call to have 340 Midler Ave addressed during the Clean up 'Cuse event. The owner will accrue the charges of the exterior maintenance. 320 Greenway Ave outside painting put off until April 1st

Business Committee: Stephen Skinner stated that the old Dunkin Donuts on James St. has been cleaned up and looks good. The Palace Theater will be showing Disney's Inside Out for free on Monday night. This is a part of an ongoing Free Movie Night that will happen every other week. PalaceonJames.com for more information. The Palace Café will open sometime in mid-February, where they will serve breakfast and lunch. Stephen Skinner is working on acquiring the Eastroom Building by Springtime.

City-Wide Update

Stephen Skinner informed the group about the TNT City-wide Strategic Planning Proposal. It was stated that TNT would like to be inclusive and involve as many members as possible. A sign-up sheet was available for individuals to join the process.

Announcements

- 1) Nader Maroun thanked Jimmy Monto for being Santa for the holiday event at the Palace Theater. He also thanks the Palace Theater for hosting the event.
- 2) Karen Schroeder with Home Headquarters announced a program for individuals interested in purchasing a rental next door to their homes. Home Headquarters offers assistance to first time mortgages and a 1% off discount for people who work for the City and School District.