

Facilitator Stephen Skinner, David Baker

Attendees: Jimmy Monto, Lisa Matthews, David Haas, Laura Serway, Terry Reiter, Amy Rood, Mary Klee, Melissa Bland, James Arena, Joe Tanguili, Anthony Lambert, Joe Driscoll, Joyce Driscoll, Beverly LaBier, Belen Cordon, Peggy Chase, Officer Hamburger, Chol Majok, Pauline Theu, Margaret McVicker, Sharon Monto, Lee Fordock, Mark Clemente, Lisa Cardinale, Robbin Humphrey, Grace Perry, Laura Fiorenza, Alek Fiorenza, Kathleen Joy, Tina Cosentino, Eri Valentu, Cassie Hammond, Tim Rudd, David Fali, Caroline West, M.K. BeGell, Colleen Bland, Jerry Haas, Becky Jackson, Janice Ridgeo, Francine Galuppo, Al Tassi, Erika Weldert, Nick O. Minch Lewis, Anna Maria DeSocio, Patti Fitzgibbons

Stephen Skinner reviewed the Ground Rules that were posted on the backside of the agenda.

Minutes: Jerry Haas motioned to waive the reading of the April 24th minutes & accept, all were in favor

TNT City-wide Board Election: Stephen Skinner explained the TNT City-wide board. Jimmy Monto, Lisa Matthews and David Baker were nominated last month for the Delegate position. David Baker declined the nomination. Through ballot vote, Jimmy Monto was voted in as Delegate. David Baker was accepted as Alternate.

Presentation: Belen Cordon | *Salt City Mapping, Neighborhood Business Development*

'Salt City Mapping' is funded by a 2 year grant to find a better platform for citizen engagement. This is a mobile/desktop platform that allows citizens to submit data on suspected zombie houses or houses with multiple code violations. There will be 3 logins for each TNT that can be used by multiple individuals. The data can be pulled for each TNT sector; this info will be put into the city system for code enforcement, grassroots planning as well as better data driven investments.

Q. If the front of the house looks ok, but there are 4-wheers and such in the backyard should this be reported?

A. Please do not go on someone's property, but if you can see if from the sidewalk take a picture and answer the survey questions in the App.

Q. Who is monitoring the data? **A.** Belen and sometimes interns

Q. Right now it is strictly info, any plan to connect with DPW or codes?

A. Correct, info will be brought to the attention of DPW or codes, but it does not replace reporting a complaint through the City line or webportal.

Q. How do you know a house is truly vacant/zombie? **A.** This is for all vacant properties, not just bank owned.

Q. Is this under the TNT program? **A.** No, it is through NBD office; an AG state grant funded this initiative.

Q. What about abandoned vehicles on vacant properties? **A.** Better to call the police on that issue.

Committee Updates:

Business Committee: Stephen Skinner stated that Jan Nastri has done a great job on the building left of Dunkin Donuts. The old Byrne Dairy has a lot of activity (possibly turning into a meat market).The Eastroom will have an exterior paint job soon. Crave, chocolate room, will be opening soon. Walter Price Funeral Home being lightly renovated, massive exterior improvements will be completed by mid July/August.

Parks Committee: Mike Behnke stated that the Parks Committee will be meeting with Commissioner Sims and ENA regarding the Eastwood Heights Park Master plan. There will be one more phase of the Sheridan Park pavers, which will be a path for the Fireman to the monument. Mr.Behnke will be painting the arbor at Sunnycrest Park. The county will be working on Save the Rain project to enhance the environment trails. Webster Pond has a youth fishing program all summer, \$10 ages 7-14; will receive worms and the fishing pole.

Beautification Committee: Lisa Matthews announced that the flag pole holders have been installed. The Sheridan Park pavers pathway is complete. The new bench has arrived and is at DPW waiting approval from Commissioner Sims to be installed at Eastwood Heights Park. DPW has also agreed to move the bus bench into the park as well. There are 3 pots that will be placed on Midler, Glenclove and Northcliffe, volunteers are needed to help water the plants. If you would like to adopt a pot, please call Lisa at 727-8242. The pots are retrieved around Veterans Day. On September 21st TNT Beautification and Parks committee will be assisting Visioning Voices with a speakers series. From 2pm – 7pm there will be workshops at the Palace Theater focusing on the importance of Parks. Volunteers are needed to help set up/take down. There is \$108 left in the Special Project funds, Lisa proposed that the group update the small butterfly garden. Minch Lewis motioned to spend the remaining funds on the plants at Sheridan Park, Mike Behnke 2nd.

Jimmy Monto stated that the Memorial Day Parade will line up at 8:30am at the American Legion, the parade will begin at 9am and last about 45 minutes. The community garden in Eastwood Heights Park has a total of 23 beds this year, 21 have

been reserved. Eastwood will have the next Ghost walk in October, it is a fundraising event for the Onondaga Historical Society.

Issues for City Department Officials

A resident living on Stafford Ave expressed concern over the lack of police presence on James St. There are several businesses that have been robbed and workers feel unsafe going into Pompcos building. Assemblyman Magnarelli was not aware of this issue and is a source of funding for COPS cameras. Mike Behnke made a motion for TNT to draft a letter to Assemblyman Magnarelli for cameras on James St. Laura Serway 2nd all were in favor. Officer Hamburger stated that there is a database that contains information on criminal activity within areas; a copy of this information can be made at the request of individuals. Chol Majok was also present and has offered to assist with the request for funding for COPS cameras. Stephen Skinner announced that index cards were passed out at the beginning of the meeting for residents to write questions/comments for the Codes Department, the questions will be compiled and sent to the department. At the next TNT meeting, a representative will answer the questions written on the index cards.

A mixed use business owner raised an issue about the County raising the sewer tax on mixed use buildings by 300%. County Legislature Peggy Chase stated that the county wants to raise the sewer tax on mixed use properties county wide to help maintain crumbling sewer infrastructure. Single family homes will see about a \$10 increase while multiple family dwellings and mixed uses will see a dramatic increase. There was a public hearing before the legislature met, there will be a budget hearing in August.

City-Wide Update

Tina Zagyva informed the group of the last TNT City-wide Strategic Planning meeting on June 1st.

Facilitator resignation/Nomination: Lisa Matthews informed the group that David Lima resigned as facilitator. Mike Behnke nominated Dan Horan as Facilitator, Jimmy Monto 2nd.

Announcements

- 1) Tim Rudd stated that the potholes will be filled in front of Huntington as there will be major renovations to the school. The current project proposal disrupts the walkability of Eastwood, an alternatives are being explored.

Jerry Haas motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9pm