

Facilitator John Meyer

Attendees: Pat Body, Marty Nave, Sarah McIlvain, Mars Stiegerwald, Liam Kirst, Ben Walsh, County Legislature Peggy Chase, Katelyn Wright, Gerry Scott, Katie Scott, Councilmembers Chad Ryan and Joe Nicoletti and Joe Carni, Caroline West, City Court Judge Derrek Thomas, Kim Morrell, Logan Reidsure, Ben Walsh, Patty Lynch

Presentation: YSAP Charles Jackson

YSAP (Youth Substance Abuse Prevention) is a 5 year grant funded by the White House. It is a bottom up community based model, the goal is for the community to keep it going. YSAP is here to help plan and mitigate the issues you see in your community, as you know your community the best. This works through networks, YSAP provides workshops, training, assistance with Town hall meetings, support coalitions, support via family navigator, partnerships with city and county agencies.

Q. How can you bring senior citizens up to date on drugs?

A. What is the fastest growing age group of binge drinking? – Seniors, also higher rates of STD's
Councilmember Chad Ryan stated the current young folks are into pharmaceuticals and heroin.

A. A quick survey of Syracuse 7, 8, 9 graders use marijuana and alcohol, synthetic marijuana a major problem. The synthetic version is coming out of China chemical companies where it is mixed in small cement mixers; potency varies.

Q. Why are the city kids into alcohol and marijuana and the suburbs are different?

A. Distribution of heroin comes from the city, kids from those communities see the danger. The suburb kids have access to pharmaceuticals that lead into heroin use.

Q. What is your turf? Do you partner with the county?

A. YSAP covers Syracuse only, and will partner with anyone who has interest with Syracuse Prevent Network.

Q. Have you contacted the Boys and Girls club?

A. Yes, reached out to just about everyone. This model is different than most agencies. It is purely grassroots driven, the community has to do the work.

Q. How many people are on staff?

A. Just Charles Jackson. He either does seminars, trains others or does a series of events. Media campaigns, workshops, each on teach one, whatever the community thinks will work for them. YSAP is technical support.

Q. Is this an ongoing battle?

A. It is a different strategy. People will still use drugs. Charles has a 30 person training room available for free. Contact Charles Jackson at 315-471-1359 cjackson@preventionnetworkcny.org
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Presentation: Landbank Katelyn Wright

AmeriCorps volunteers, Liam and Logan, have been attending TNT meetings. Overview of what has been down on Northside:

Pick up vacant and abandoned properties, about 30% of structures become demo candidates. Syracuse once had 220,000 residents and now has 147,000. Landbank works towards getting good buildings into hands of responsible buyers. Landbank maintains properties and is financially supported by the city and county. So far, Landbank has sold 420 properties to private buyers, 139 on the Northside to date). By 2018 Landbank will hit its peak inventory. If you see Landbank sign on a property, it means that it is waiting for a buyer. Once sold, the sign comes down. Homeownership month: looking for owner occupied, not landlords. Landbank will be discounting properties in early April, and will host Buyers Workshops with

Home Headquarters. Home Headquarters has been a major lending source for most of the projects. April 6th there will be a meeting at White Branch Library to discuss ideas and locations for Pocket Parks. Each property has \$4-5,000 in funds for landscape improvements and to develop ideas. Working with SUNY ESF students, the designs for the landscape will be flushed out by the students. Liam and Logan have been working with Syracuse City school Art Classes to pain boards that will go on the Landbank houses. (around the schools) For more information, follow 'Greater Syracuse Landbank' on Facebook or SyracuseLanbank.org and join the email list. There is a listing of properties for sale on the website as well.

Contentious issue around 1423 N. Salina St., which is a commercial property listed as \$29,900. It is a 7,000 sq ft single story building. The board of directors votes on the sale of properties, there were 6 offers and the decision has been tabled until the next board meeting. The board looks at things such as the amount of the bid, money being invested into the property for renovations, end uses

- 1) Dwell Equity Group: Co-works construction space: Trade Businesses
- 2) Cooney Air Conditioning & Heating: no real plan, would resell
- 3) Santino Crisafulli: using the building as storage and office space
- 4) Ed Morris: local resident, offered to have a Police Storefront
- 5) Dang Properties: management company
- 6) George Angelora: off site kitchen for catering

Facilitator John Meyer presented Katelyn Wright with a letter of support for Ed Morris, a local resident who has invested in an area on the Northside.

Q. The community needs a Police Community Center, Ed Morris offered to do this in the building.

A. There is a difference between a Police substation and a Police Community Center. Ed said he could not sign for a Police Community Center as he could not staff it. Dwell said they would offer space for a Police substation. A community center could be created in a house that the Landbank has in their inventory. A resident stated that the community would then be responsible for heating, taxes, etc. Katelyn responded that Dwell will be providing a Police Substation where they pay taxes, etc. If invited, Dwell would probably attend a TNT meeting.

Q. In regards to recommendation factors, is there criteria for the end use and how it impacts the community? If the community had a preference, would that be taken into consideration?

A. The use for both Ed Morris and Dwell is essentially identical, Landbank cannot take community personal preference into consideration. There is concern over prohibiting new investors from coming in vs. selling to locals (who may be the bigger dog in town)

Q. Are there other properties on Wolf st that are zoned Industrial? Does it need to be Industrial for Ed?

A. He is storing, not manufacturing. He might be able to work in a Commercial Zone, however, Landbank does not have an alternative building to offer.

Q. Will the Dwell contract include a Community Police Substation?

A. Yes

Q. Councilmember Joe Nicoletti asked what the Landbank's approach will be this year when the snow melts? There needs to be a better job with cleaning up properties.

A. Landbank does spring cleanups when the snow melts, this will happen soon. The contractors go out and evaluate the properties. Deer cameras are hidden in trees when people continuously dump illegally. The Landbank will send a plan to the council.

Q. Who will maintain the Art murals in the community?

A. Landbank will probably come back over and paint a solid color if the murals are vandalized.

Q. Kate Auwater will set aside certain money for the public arts, what will happen with damage? Great programs but it could have a backend cost and end up being an eyesore.

A. Landbank is working with the students, which is a low cost. Landbank does get calls from the codes department if there are issues such as people tagging a property. It has been proven that people will paint blank walls vs. Art murals. There will be a clear coat put over the murals to protect from weather.

Q. What is the most effective/efficient way to report issues to the Landbank?

A. The city Codes department does not always contact the Landbank directly for trash or boards ripped off, overgrowth, cars parked without registration or license plates, etc. Best to call the Landbank directly.

In addition to the Spring Cleanup of each property, the Landbank has created a new App that will re-evaluate the condition of each property. There will be work orders to do preventative maintenance, which lists cosmetics that could improve visual appearance of some properties. There are 230 properties on the demo list, preventative maintenance funds would be minimally applied to these properties.

Special Projects

Katie Scott had originally proposed \$1,500 for the Court Woodlawn Sign. This budget was not enough for both the sign and poles; an additional \$826.10 is needed to complete the project. John Meyer offered \$224 from his funding for plaques (total \$324) leaving \$100 and Pat Body offered \$336.72 from her Litter Campaign funding (total \$700) leaving her \$363.28. The remaining funds from last year will also be applied to the project. Marty Nave made the motion to accept the funding as stated, Sarah McIlvain 2nd, all were in favor.

Update from City-Wide TNT Board: Strategic Planning Proposal

Pat Body updated the group on the TNT City-wide Strategic Planning dates March 30th, April 27th, May 31st

Announcements

- 1) Captain Shoff has been promoted! Chief Fowler requested that Capt. Shoff receive input from citizen groups on Cameras as well as explain that the locations are Data driven. Each camera costs about \$10,000 a piece, they are high quality and cannot be destroyed by gunfire. Assemblymen Magnarelli has been instrumental in securing funding for many cameras. The cameras must be daisy chained and near wifi. Recently, retired police officers have been hired for live monitoring of the cameras. There were 2 arrests made from an event on Ostrander and Midland because of the live viewing.