

Facilitator Gerry Scott

Attendees: Pat Body, Caroline West, Kathie Baldwin, Chol Majok, Sarah McIlvain, Hassan Ilbrchim, Fortun Abdukudiv, Khadijo Abdukadir, Richard Baldwin, Kim Hayne, Felicia Salley, Captain Keith Muhammad, Sam Edelstien, Mary Salibrici, Anne Augustine, Tom Buckel, Logan Reidsme, Stephanie Pasqual, Russ Wojale, Joel Rinne, Joe Carni, Zach Zelififf, Belen Cordon, Peggy Chase, Katelyn Wright

April 26th Minutes: Richard Baldwin motioned to approve the minutes, Mary Salibrici 2nd, all approved

Issues for City Departments: Northside is filthy, no pride. Hon. Joe Carni stated that there are several initiatives to address the litter problem. Pat Body is currently working on an anti-liter poster campaign that will be translated into several languages. Mr. Carni is working with DPW to place several trash cans around the Northside, however they cannot be placed in front of businesses. Mr. Carni is also working with the County, Joanie Mahoney, to help with the litter issue.

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. Will this be a map? **A.** This program will develop a map of surveyed properties and questions answered. You will be able to see day to day, monthly progression.

Q. What will the city do with all this information? **A.** The city will take the responses, and prioritize how they address properties based on the citizen input. This does not replace City-line

Q. What is IPS? **A.** It is a program the Codes department uses to track complaints.

Q. How will the life of residents improve as a result of this?

A. There are over 1600 vacant residential properties that NBD is trying to do something with: demo, sell, etc. There are about 50 calls placed a week to the NBD office, this APP will NBD track the problematic properties and prioritize which ones need to be addressed immediately. There is a map of the current vacant properties, but NBD and Codes cannot see the issues the community sees on a daily basis to know which properties are of high priority to address. SPD will also have access to this data.

Q. Can you identify blighted properties or just vacant? **A.** Just vacant, report blights to Code Department.

Q. How much does it cost to demo a house? **A.** \$17 – 22,000 per property. It is all taken to landfill.

Q. How do you acquire properties to tear down?

A. There is daily coordination with the Landbank. Zombie properties are usually problematic because they are owned by banks; the taxes are being paid. This App would help put pressure on the banks. The city has a budget of \$500,000 for court ordered demos, the Landbank has a majority of the demos.

There will be a kick off event in June to train residents on using this APP.

Presentation: Sam Eddelstein | *Open Data Policy, Innovation Team*

There is a lot of data in the city, sometimes it is difficult to get from one department to the next. This open policy will help with that.

Q. How do we find out what data the city has? **A.** The I-team will be auditing the current data digitized within the city.

Q. How do citizens find out how much funding is given to organizations or housing projects? Once the money leaves the city, how is it spent?

A. There is not currently any data tracking this information, with citizen suggestions it can be organized and presented within this policy.

Q. How will citizens know when this information is available?

A. Within a month or so, the first set of data will be organized. The press will be notified through the Mayor's Press Secretary and the team will also come back to TNT for updates.

Q. Will this include Police and Fire data?

A. Yes, but it will be sensitive to certain information. There will be a survey on the website asking for suggestions on what the community would like to see.

Q. Has there been a forum for what constituents want?

A. Currently looking for ideas to gather input.

Presentation: Katelyn Wright | *Housing, Landbank*

The City seizes properties that are tax delinquent and sells them to the Landbank. There are currently 250 candidates in the Landbank inventory. About 30% of properties from the city are demo candidates.

Q. When you speak to people about being a Landlord, what is the cost?

A. Shockingly low, sold as is. Properties sell between \$5,000 – 35,000, as the Landbank would like the buyers to make money. Visit SyracuseLandbank.org/forsale for active listings.

Q. Do you need good credit?

A. If you do the labor, the cost will be lower. Landbank wants to see that you can get financing and have the skills to do the work.

Q. How do you know people will do the work?

A. Landbank places a Lien against the property that is attached to the deed. The Landbank will inspect the property after the 12 months is up, if no work has been done, the Landbank will take the property back.

Q. Can you agree to longer period of time?

A. Occasionally, if the work is more complicated.

Update from City-Wide TNT Board: Strategic Planning Proposal

Pat Body updated the group on the last TNT City-wide Strategic Planning upcoming meeting on June 1st. Gerry Scott mentioned that the Northside is currently in need of additional facilitators, there are currently 3 with the potential for 4 more.