

Welcome and Introductions: Residents, and City Departments

Approval of June 2016 minutes: Motion by Carl Sharak, seconded by Jeff Wright.

SPD Captain DeFavaro distributed map showing recent Valley incidents (two fires, one taxi driver robbery, four business burglaries and several residential burglaries. Wings Over Syracuse safe contained cash and papers, video being investigated; LouJane Store -alarm sounded and scared burglar away; Mobil “smash & grab” burglar got 50 packs of Newports; 5846 South Salina burglary got 150 packs of Newports, and lotto scratch-offs. Residential burglaries involved bikes, sneakers, etc. Juveniles going door to door offering to do yard work, then residents notice property is missing. In one case, a witness saw the bike was taken, handed off and was ridden away. Be sure all doors and access points are locked.

Presentation:

1. **Rezone Syracuse:** Owen Kearney & Heather Lamendola – Our land use law is nearly 100 years old (1922 First Zoning Ordinance). Rezoning prioritizes development for the future (growth) Input on Land Use Plan critical to redefining the zoning; new ordinances will use language that people can understand. There are zoning categories that are no longer being used, and others that do not exist to meet current needs. NYS requires plan to be developed and NYSERDA grant (\$300,000) pays for Clarion Associates handling the work. Rezone Syracuse details are available on the City website. August 2017 is the projected completion date

Ryan McMahan, Onondaga County Legislature Chairman, reported the proposed Inland Port location will not be in DeWitt. Competing proposals are from Honeywell (Geddes site) and CSX yard. Ryan supports the Geddes site adjacent to the Camillus landfill. Attendance at the Amphitheater is over 20,000 now. One of the nearby stores reported business is up by 100%. Parking needs to be paved to be ADA compliant for wheelchair accessibility. NYS appreciates any feedback.

Committee Reports –

- Parks and Beautification – Carl Sharak and George Matthews spoke about installation of the new bench near St. James on Salina Street and locations for the garbage cans. Plantings from Hafners – work is slow due to the weather. George mentioned getting annuals from the City greenhouse.
- Public Safety & Planning –Family Dollar store designer met with Kathy Stribley, Carl, George and Sue Boyle. Plan was redone, but they haven’t come back yet. Kathy thinks the buffer was saved and the trees are protected. Good meeting overall. (Heather Lamendola will contact the developer July 14th to get the changes).

Citywide TNT Board Chairperson, Caroline West reported that the new city-wide board has begun meeting and the board members’ energy and commitment is encouraging. Sector funds will be \$5000 again this year.

Announcements:

- Webster Pond Neighborhood Watch meets Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul’s Methodist Church
- Meachem Area Parks Association meets next Wednesday, July 20 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Cecile Center. MAPA Anti-Littering campaign has started, volunteering on scheduled Saturdays and will meet at the Cecile Center.
- Valley Field Days will run for four days this year – July 20 to 23, 2016.
- Valley Nature Run will be August 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Citizens Academy – Dee Klees announced the upcoming sessions – eight Wednesdays.
- Unity Church- Rev. Washington announced their series of public programs, next meeting will be on Memory Loss 7/20/16

Next Valley TNT meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at the Cecile Center at 7:00 p.m.