

University Neighborhood Partnership Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Revised & Approved for Distribution – 4/24/07

WHEN: Tuesday, March 20, 2007, 2-3:30PM

WHERE: University United Methodist Church

WHY: Regular Meeting

Present: Barbara Karper, Le Moyne College
Beth Rougeux, SU
Giancarlo Moneti, Owner Occupant Resident
John Potamianos, Other Property Owners
Gordon Hershberger, Syracuse Property Owners Association
John Giroux, Syracuse Community Development (for Fernando Ortiz)
Tom Wolfe, Facilitator

Absent: Paul Roth, ESF Student
Julie White, ESF
Joanne Stewart, Owner Occupant Resident, Secretary
Kelly Attridge, Le Moyne Student

UNP Plus: Members Present:
Beth Theiss, Owner Occupant Resident (SEUNA Representative)
Barbara Humphrey, Owner Occupant Resident (WENA Representative)
Peter Kavanagh, Tomorrow's Neighborhoods Today (TNT Representative)

Members Absent:
Van Robinson, City of Syracuse (Common Council)
Karen Billings, Owner Occupant Resident, Study Session Coordinator
(Management Analyst, City of Syracuse)

WHAT: Tom W. called meeting to order at 2:03 PM.

Quorum

Yes

Introductions/Consensus Model

Given the new/first time members at the table, we introduced ourselves and Tom explained the consensus model of how the group operates.

March 15 Study Session

Tom asked for comments and concerns regarding the 3/15/07 study session that he was not able to attend. The following feedback was given:

- NYPIRG student wasn't available due to spring break
- Karen Billings was not present and did not take notes; nor did she ask anyone to take them in her place. Beth R. indicated that Karen Ventrone from her office took notes, and Gordon said that he also took notes. There will be an effort to bring the notes together and get as much of a recording of this session as is possible
- Not all panel members were adequately oriented regarding the questions
- Small crowd (about 20), but went full time and good discussion

Minutes

In Joanne's absence, Barb agreed to take minutes and get them to Joanne to be put in the proper format.

Meeting minutes for 2/20/07 were reviewed and modifications suggested. Most notably, Gordon H. asked that the minutes note in #4 of Giancarlo Moneti's list of questions that the Certificate of Sufficiency is suspended pending appeal, per Jim Blakeman. This will be added as a note to these minutes, and the amended minutes will be redistributed.

Gordon also asked that the minutes reflect that the Snow Removal Progress Report item was not a discussion, but rather that minutes from the UNP Snow Removal Pilot Team were distributed.

Agenda for Study Session #3:

It was agreed that we have heard enough complaints and we need to figure out a way to capture and distill ideas that address the concerns that have been expressed. We agreed that the next study session, scheduled for April 19, will concentrate on parking and traffic. We will ask SMTC and the City to provide background information to better define the issue, and constituent groups to bring forward ideas and proposals for consideration. Beth will invite SMTC and John Giroux will invite Joe Cecile from the SPD to speak for 10 and 5 minutes respectively.

The following groups will be asked to send a representative to speak for 2-3 minutes with ideas (name in parenthesis is person who will reach out to group): SEUNA (Beth T), WENA (Barb), Westcott Community Center (Barb), Thornden Park Association (Barb), Outer Comstock Neighborhood Association (Giancarlo), SPOA (Gordon), and TNT (Pete).

The following will be the plan for the evening

- **Van R.** – Welcome (Tom will contact)
- **Tom** – Will facilitate
- **SMTC** – Will have 10 minutes to present data from their current study. Beth will invite.
- **SPD/Joe Cecile** – will have 5 minutes to talk about the reality of enforcement and present his ideas for addressing the issues. John Giroux will invite
- **Neighborhood Organizations** – each will have 2-3 minutes for one representative each to present suggestions for addressing traffic/parking issues.
- **Zoning** – it was further agreed that it would be helpful to have Chuck Ladd present in case information or clarification of zoning is needed. John Giroux will reach out to Chuck and ask him to attend.

Joanne will be asked to draft the flyer and post it to the list for UNP to finalize. Once it is finalized, it will be sent out as widely as possible.

Tom noted that he would have a conversation with Van to determine Karen's status with the group, specifically if she is still the person who would be recording the study sessions.

An idea for the May meeting might be to get the Downtown Committee and Marshall Street BID to explain how to create and the advantages and uses of a special district

The minutes note that we completed our business by 3:20.

Next Meeting Agenda:

Review/Approve **March** Meeting Minutes

Review of **April 19** Study Session

Snow Removal Pilot Progress Report

UNP Financials

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