

## **University Neighborhood Partnership Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**

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**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 24, 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  
Julie White, ESF  
Joanne Stewart, Owner Occupant Resident, Secretary  
Tom Wolfe, Facilitator

**Absent:** Paul Roth, ESF Student  
Kelly Attridge, Le Moyne Student  
Fernando Ortiz, Syracuse Community Development

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

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

**WHAT:** Tom W. called meeting to order at 2:10 PM.

### **Quorum**

Yes

### **April 19 Study Session**

Tom asked for comments and concerns regarding the 4/19/07 Study Session. The following feedback was given:

- Tom W. asked that minutes from the Study Sessions not be posted on UNP website
- Giancarlo M. asked the group to refer to the Syracuse Metropolitan Transportation Council website ([www.smtcmpo.org](http://www.smtcmpo.org)) to view full report

and compare that report to what was discussed at the 4/19/07 Study Session

- Beth R. added the University Hill Study ([www.universityhillstudy.com](http://www.universityhillstudy.com)) that included parking issues, solicited public comment

## **Minutes**

Joanne S. previously received modifications regarding the 3/20/07 meeting minutes via email. No new modifications were suggested at this meeting. The 3/20/07 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus for distribution.

Tom W. asked for contributions from members to help close a \$50 gap. He suggested “UNP Financials” be added to the next agenda.

Gordon H. asked “What will the process ultimately look like?”

Tom W. commented he hoped the UNP and UNP-Plus as a working group could find some “commonality” with regards to the issues of the Study Sessions, and therefore help the neighborhood “take a position as a community” and agree to advocate that position.

Beth R. commented the UNP has “amassed a lot of paper”. She offered to have Karen Ventrone from her office (Office of Government & Community Relations) compile a rough draft before the next meeting to include: issues raised, concerns that “keep bubbling up”, key themes, recommendations, and an appendices of models, studies, and research conducted by SEUNA and others.

Julie W. suggested UNP could work with this draft as a group.

Beth T. reinforced “buy in” from the neighborhood as very important. She said many residents are very skeptical of “this process”. They want to see results. This has been a long and difficult process, so, it will take awhile for people to believe and trust in it.

Giancarlo M. proposed a “parking survey”. Following is a copy of the proposal:

In order to make decisions about parking regulations, it is necessary to have a reasonably good knowledge of which ones are the cars that cause the problems. To this purpose, I propose a survey of the streets closest to the SU campus to ascertain how many of the parked cars belong to: (1) owner residents of the street, (2) commuting university staff, (3) commuting students, (4) students renting houses on that street or nearby.

A person (possibly a city officer ... but could be a volunteer) should record the plates of the cars parked in the following blocks: 700-800 Livingston, 700-800 Sumner, 700-800 Ackerman, 700-900 Lancaster, and 100-200, 400-600 Clarendon.

The survey should be conducted twice: once in the middle of the morning and other at night (say after 9PM).

A city officer can then find name and address of the car owner. From this information, we should obtain fairly reliable information on the distribution of the cars among the categories listed above.

Giancarlo M. also made the following comments about the survey:

- i. He proposes to survey 14 blocks. He estimates about 200 cars to be surveyed in the morning and considerably fewer at night. Two or 3 volunteers could do the survey in an hour (each).
- ii. He does not see a need to retrieve the owner of an out of state cars. Most likely they belong to students.
- iii. For the in-state cars, he does not see a need to retrieve the owner, but ideally he would like the name of the street where the owner lives, but a zip code would be enough.
- iv. Given the relatively small number of cars, he would hope that the burden for the NYS Motor Vehicle Bureau of retrieving the addresses of owners would not be too excessive. If it were too much, the number of blocks surveyed could be reduced.

Discussion ensued about parking and a parking survey. Several questions were posed on how to do the survey and when to do it. Tom W. proposed that the UNP endorse the concept of the proposed survey”. The proposal in concept was approved by consensus.

#### **Agenda for Study Session #4:**

UNP agreed the next and last Study Session scheduled for Thursday, May 17th will concentrate on “trash”. The Syracuse Department of Public Works (DPW) and Code Enforcement will be asked to provide background information to better define the issue, and constituent groups will be asked to bring forward ideas and proposals for consideration. Each will talk for only about 5-10 minutes. These groups will be asked to send a representative to speak: WENA, Thornden Park Association, SEUNA, SPOA, and TNT.

Following will be the plan for the evening

- **Van R.** – Welcome (Tom will contact)
- **Tom** – will facilitate
- **DPW** – will have 10 minutes to talk about what they do, how they do it, concerns and recommendations.
- **Zoning** – will have 10 minutes to talk about the reality of enforcement and present their ideas for addressing the issues.

- **Neighborhood Organizations** – each will have 5 minutes for one representative each to present suggestions for addressing trash issues.

Joanne S. will draft the flyer.

Meeting ended at 3:15.

**Next  
Meeting  
Date:**

Tuesday, May 22, 2-3:30PM

**Next  
Meeting  
Agenda:**

Review/Approve **April** Meeting Minutes

Review of **May 17** Study Session

Snow Removal Pilot Progress Report

UNP Financials

**Prepared  
By:**

Joanne Stewart

**Approved  
By:**