



TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
Strategic Partnerships and Citizen Engagement

Virtual WebEx
South Orange, NJ 07079
September 14, 2022 8:00 am

Agenda

- CALL TO ORDER and ATTENDANCE 8:00 am
 - Trustee Summer Jones, Chair
 - Trustee Donna Coalier
 - Trustee Steve Schnall
 - Julie Doran, Deputy Administrator
 - Cat Fischer – Chair South Orange Downtown
 - Monica Burnette – VP, SHU
 - Laura Fernandes, South Orange Resident - **absent**
 - Sally Unsworth – NPP Grant Coordinator **-absent**
- Introduction of Trustee Steven Schnall 8:01 am
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES 8:02 am
 - Minutes approved – Trustee Schnall not eligible to vote
- PUBLIC COMMENTS 8:05 am
- REPORTS 8:07 am
 - NPP Grant Status – Sally Unsworth – absent – Seton Village
 - South Orange Website – Julie Doran – **website on hold until further notice; not focus on it while Village Administrator position is open.**
- OLD BUSINESS 8:09 am
 - **Citizen Engagement**
 - a. **Volunteer Management Status** – Laura Fernandes, Resident Volunteer Kiosk Project – Julie Doran – **Donna put Laura and Julia Flath in touch; Julia has volunteered to become Chair of the SOMAC committee**
 - b. **Kiosks and Municipal Grants** – Status – **The soonest that we here is November; no decision yet.**
 - c. **Community Board** – Next Steps – **Leaning to dissolve since we have a few neighborhoods that are interactive with each other and the government - Trustee Coalier, Trustee Schnall would like to table a decision until he has the conversation regarding this. Our next meeting is/was scheduled for October. Cat Fischer – The people selected never brought anything back and were not the most engaged with the neighborhood. Trustee Schnall – The neighborhood watch was very successful. We were trying to reach out to different people to get more involved. Looking to be more inclusive. Cat feels like all neighborhoods should just be invited into a meeting. We were controlling things too much.**

Ongoing/In Progress/Tabled

- Communication Plan
- Sizzle Reel Discussion/Village Website Images – **no movement; budget – Chris Moccia; get an idea of the budget – circle back around. Run with it.**
- Special Events/Heritage Celebration events
 - **Community Day – October 2nd**

▪ Veteran's Day – November 11th

• **Strategic Partnerships**

- a. Seton Hall University – Monica Burnette, VP of Student Services –
 - SHU is working with Sally to assist with HOLA Fest, Have a student on the NPP grant, also working on their own
 - Events open to public: <https://www.shu.edu/latino-institute/hispanic-heritage-month.cfm#> (Specific items - [DEI – Anti-racism training](#) on September 16th,)
 - Saturday Event - <https://www.shu.edu/weekend/schedule.cfm>
 - Public Safety Director, Pat Lavante, retired, interim person has started Sergio Oliva has started - <https://www.shu.edu/public-safety/staff-directory.cfm>
- b. South Orange Downtown – Cat Fisher, Chair
 - Fall Festival – Saturday, October 15th (11am -1pm)
 - Halloween Event – Sunday, October 30th in the afternoon
 - Holiday Market Advertisement
 - Downtown on Display Events
 - October 20th – Fashion show with the Jespy House; potentially in Spiotta Park
- c. Inventorying various contacts -
- d. Community Care and Justice (CC&J) – Trustee Coallier – Need help from Health Department and Village Administration for recruitment of open positions. Have a contract with Candice Davenport that does not include anything with Community Care and Justice. Trustee Coallier asked Candice Davenport to look at it and come up with a potential plan. Julie Doran has met with Chief Morillo and Candice Davenport so things are in motion. Contract with Maplewood Health is the end of December.

• NEW BUSINESS

8:45 am

• NEXT MEETING DATE – October 12, 2022

• ADJOURNMENT