



SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE
Strategic Partnerships and Citizen Engagement

Virtual WebEx
South Orange, NJ 07079
January 28, 2025 * 8:30 am

Minutes

- CALL TO ORDER and ATTENDANCE 8:30 am
 - Councilwoman Summer Jones, Chair
 - Councilman Bobby Brown
 - Councilmember Bill Haskins
 - Julie Doran, Village Administrator
 - Vacant – Chair South Orange Downtown
 - Monica Burnette – VP, SHU/Ghana Hylton
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Approve Minutes 8:30 am
- PUBLIC COMMENTS 8:33 am
- STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS 8:35 am
 - Seton Hall University – Monica Burnette, VP of Student Services or Ghana Hylton
 - Lunar NY starts tomorrow. Spotlight in CBS News. Populate popular events for Black History Month. Student Government relationships have been going well so far. Monday, February 24th - Currently in the process of trying to bring to campus the traveling Black History Museum. In the University Center event lounge space as well. Historical elements. Each exhibit will have a QR code. @hallstudents student events. reposted it on @SetonHall as well.
 - We are potentially looking at the crosswalk. The first step was to get the speedometer for County Road. We reached out to the Engineer and Public Safety meeting.
 - Launched a new internship program in South Orange Downtown. Unpaid
 - South Orange Downtown – Vacant, Chair -
 - Hannah Zollman stepping in for today. Hannah is the Chair. Beyond the Gates event. Business networking event the end of March. Community and Career Center.
 - Annual public meeting from 6pm - 9pm; New staff member helping on beautification efforts to hear what is ahead.
 - Game Changer on 4th and Valley, Craft Club Studio
 - Ribbon Cutting on Baked by Izzy - Tuesday, February 4th
 - Craft Swap from 10 - 4/old crafts
 - Black History Month Networking Event from Papillion
 - Kiosk - outage and power; looking into this to see what is happening. (not resolved yet but in process - from Julie)
 - South Orange Rescue Squad (SORS) - Nik Engineer, President of SORS
 - Fundraising Events for later this year. Things we are thinking about. Ongoing collaboration with the other departments, including Fire Department and Police Department. I am looking to engage much more holistically and broadly.
 - CPR Training - May 4th for the run

Ongoing/In Progress/Tabled (Strategic Partnership)

- CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT

9:00 am

- Volunteer Management Status
 - Advisory Committee Update -
- Winter Photo Contests/Repository Status - Selected
 - New Photo Contest - Students/Kids - Art Work; Updated by Clyde
- Town Upcoming Heritage Month
 - Getting Councilmembers to Participate
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- Podcast Status - February 4th; 7:00 pm (first episode)

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- NEW BUSINESS

9:20 am

- Funding for New Residence Meet & Greets – Make them aware that these are happening - There is some funds available but might cut depending on the next tax rates
- Changing Timing of Meetings

- NEXT MEETING DATE – February 25, 2025 (tentative)

- ADJOURNMENT