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## **BANA Oct 19, 2015 minutes**

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### **Boulevard Appreciation Neighborhood Association (BANA) Board Meeting: October 19, 2015 Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Rugby Road, Schenectady**

**Present: Chris Marney, Stephan Andersson, Chris White, Tom Spencer;  
Absent: Eileen LaCourse (excused), Janet Tracey;**

Chris Marney, president, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. He gave a status on clean ups in the alleys, the number of association sign-ups (60), and the decision that there will be a public comment period at all board meetings. Four general membership meetings will be held during the year.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The intent of BANA in relation to a historic district designation for Waverly Place and Ardsley Road as well as residents' views (pro and con) were discussed. C. Marney emphasized that BANA had no intention of making an application for historic district designation and there was misunderstanding as a result of a survey that was taken by an association member. BANA would not push the issue one way or the other, he said. Schenectady has the two streets as future historic designations in its plans. Several individuals expressed their opposition to historic designation because of prohibitions on what can be done to homes to meet historic requirements as well as costs involved; some said such a designation would improve property values.

A homeowner described the City's response in picking up tires that were dumped in the alley. Eight tires were picked up at no charge.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Chris White/Kathy Tuttle moved approval of Sept. 21, 2015 minutes. Unanimous.

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION:** The articles of incorporation are completed and filed with the department of state.

**BY-LAWS** Motion by Joan Elliott to have the by-laws approved by the general membership; No second. Motion failed.

Discussion ensued that by-laws can be amended at the annual meeting. The proposed by-laws were posted on the website and sent to residents by e-mail. Public comment was taken and revisions were made based on the comment.

Motion to approve the by-laws by the board (Stephan Andersson/Chris White)

Ayes: Chris Marney, Chris White, Stephan Andersson; Nays: Joan Elliott; Abstention: Tom Spencer

Motion carried. By-laws will be filed.

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:** Possible potluck get-together. Holiday caroling. Organizers needed. Tom Spencer said he would be a part of a committee for the potluck.

**SAFETY:** Rugby Road has had an increase of accidents. BANA may need to talk to the City about more four-way stop signs for traffic control. Police drive-throughs in the neighborhood are needed. An assault occurred on Parkwood. There may need to be a clearinghouse process for concerns about safety issues.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:55 p.m. followed by a social time with cider and doughnuts.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** November 16, 2015