

Boulevard Appreciation Neighborhood Association (BANA)

Board Meeting: March 19, 2018

Site: Calgaxy Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Rugby Road, Schenectady

Board Present: Chris Marney, Crystal Santos, Eileen LaCourse, Chris White, Stephan Andersson, Jason Reyes

Members Present: Kathy Tuttle, Linda Murray, Dave Murphy

GUEST SPEAKER

Chris Leonard is the new City historian, previously a vacant position for 7 years, located in the Efner History Center. He's lived in Schenectady for the last 14 years and is the Historian of the GE Realty Plot. He has a deep passion for history. He aims to work for historic tourism, advocate for historic preservation, and speak and present on historic topics. He is working with local activists at MiSci, Vale Cemetery and Union College. He's looking for the unspoken history, only in resident's memories. He has a number of projects, including documenting changes to the City from the turn of the century and food trends from Native Americans to Dutch to current day. The Historical Society handles most local finds; Efner History Center is purely municipal items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes for January 22, 2018 Board Meeting.

Motion made by: Chris White

Seconded: Crystal Santos

Unanimous approval. Motion passes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

SUN is looking for a Civilian Police Review Board representative for a two-year term. Schenectady Neighborhood Watch reached out to BANA to start a local chapter. They meet the first Tuesday of every month at City Hall.

FINANCIAL REPORT

\$685 currently in the bank; received more 2018 membership dues. The 501(c)4 application is still pending.

SCHENECTADY UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS (SUN) REPORT

Linda Murray presented as Master Composter & Recycler. Looking for Civilian Police Review (CPR) Board nominee. The requirement is to attend the monthly meetings at City Hall and provide an annual report, at a minimum, to SUN. Stockade N.A. is interested in joining SUN. Vale Task Force to review entrances into Vale Park. The goal is to improve the trail to MiSci and connect the Vale and Eastern Neighborhoods with new trails and entrances. Vale to hold 9 tours and 2 bird walks at \$7 each. The Vale Solar Panel farm received good publicity. Monolith to lease the land out for solar panels on unused land. They will plant a new tree for every tree removed.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

To reach out to Bernie McEvoy for free shrubs to plant in the islands. Door hangars to put on members doors to confirm what can and cannot be recycled. Current program is to "Skip the Straw". April 23 is the deadline for Spring Plant Sale. Linda to adopt an island and maintain throughout the year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chris White to put out door hangers when weather warms up to solicit members. Two pending FOIL requests; deadline for City to respond is April 4.

NEW BUSINESS

BANA to compile and submit a formalized BANA pothole list. To solicit members for list of potholes with specific location and offer submission form on website. This will put the City on notice. Chris White to determine date and rain date in late June for summer garage sale. \$75 for City permit. BANA to run member drive, plant sale or make money in other ways. To hold a pot luck with the Annual meeting in May 2018, date to be determined.

**Meeting adjourned 8:03pm.
Motion made by: Chris White
Seconded: Crystal Santos
Motion passes.**

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Crystal Santos