

**Boulevard Appreciation Neighborhood Association (BANA)  
Board Meeting: May 15, 2017  
Site: Calgaxy Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Rugby Road, Schenectady**

Present: Chris Marney, Joan Elliott, Eileen LaCourse, Crystal Santos, Chris White, Stephan Andersson,

Not Present (Excused): Jason Reyes

**PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT:**

President Chris Marney gave an update on BANA membership. We have 27 paid members to date and plan to hold a membership drive. We will canvas the neighborhood with flyers. Membership is a primary goal. We will continue to work on traffic issues. The Board will work to reach the City for our traffic issues, including safety, speeding and potholes. Rummage Sale in conjunction with EANA to be held on June 3, rescheduled from May 6 due to inclement weather. Looking for donations for that event. Chris White and Chris Marney are hosting a wine & cheese fundraiser on June 10 for the \$400 501(c)4 application.

**TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT**

We have 27 voting members with 17 memberships, 7 individual members and 10 household members. We used the membership fees for the PO box, checks and paying taxes.

**SCHENECTADY UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS (SUN) REPORT**

SUN meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month in City Hall. BANA was formally accepted into SUN and is a voting member. SUN currently is looking for a new President. Crystal Santos provided updates related to the BANA committees, including Health Coalition, Drug Task Force, Community Policing Efforts, and Civilian Police Review Board, and the local Neighborhood Associations. Schenectady PD is looking for qualified candidates.

**BEAUFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Linda has completed a walkthrough the neighborhoods and which islands are currently maintained. She'd like to have perennials planted the islands. Lois, a Parkwood resident, requested that BANA take over maintenance of the island in front of her home. For fall, Linda plans to plant easy perennials that can be easily divided. She'd like to offer resources on the BANA website for island maintenance and workshops.

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

Lieutenant Daryl Mallard and Patrick Irwin noted Schenectady has 8 zones. BANA falls into Zone 4, from Nott Terrace to Eastern Avenue to the Niskayuna town line. The SPD platoon is split into three shifts. Third platoon has 34 FTEs, including 28 patrol officers and 4 sergeants. Largest and busiest shift is 3rd shift. In a 2-year period, Platoon 3 handled 46% of the calls that came in. They put out 17-22 officers per shift. The 3rd platoon officer typically maintains the relationship with the Neighborhood Associations. They have a foot patrol and bike officers, in addition to the squad cars. In progress or violent crimes require at least 2 officers. There is a 911 central dispatch center that is county-wide.

An issue Officer Patrick Irwin has noted an issue within the alleys is theft and break-ins. He recommends residents install cameras, organize a Neighborhood Watch, lock doors, and close garage doors. Be an advocate for yourself; call the school district to complain and let them know if a group of kids are not in school. Kids are being bussed in from all over and it's harder to know where the kids live. Unless charges are pressed, the kids do not learn their lesson. The District Attorney maintains a list of households with personal security cameras and can contact residents if they caught anything.

Violent crime is down over a 5-year low. A lot of the shootings were gang-crime related and were prosecuted by a special task force. We may see an increase when these individuals are released.

SPD rolled out online reporting on Schenectadypd.com. They plan to offer kiosks to document reported incidents within the next year. No matter how small, they recommend that you report an incident so the SPD has the information and can put clues together.

SPD plans to put out decoy packages around Black Friday to catch thieves. They are asking for volunteer residents. Email Officer Patrick Irwin if interested.

#### **ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS and OFFICERS**

Votes are unanimous. The submitted Board has been elected.

Christopher Marney, President  
Stephan Andersson, Vice President  
Crystal Santos, Secretary  
Chris White, Treasurer

Eileen LaCourse, Director  
Jason Reyes, Director

Officer positions are elected annual.

Board terms are:

Christopher Marney, 3 years  
Stephan Andersson, 2 years  
Chris White, 1 year  
Crystal Santos, 3 years  
Eileen LaCourse, 2 years  
Jason Reyes, 3 years

Meeting adjourned 8:21pm.  
Minutes submitted by Secretary, Crystal Santos

**NEXT MEETING: July 17, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church.**