

**Boulevard Appreciation Neighborhood Association (BANA)
Board Meeting: July 17, 2017
Site: Calgaxy Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Rugby Road, Schenectady**

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

Not Present (Excused): Jason Reyes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes for January 23, 2017 and March 20, 2017 Board Meetings, May 15, 2017 Annual meeting and June 29 special meeting of the Board.

Motion made by: Chris White

Seconded: Eileen LaCourse

Stephan Andersson abstains. Remaining Board members approve. Motion passes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

10 household and 7 individual members, total of 27 voting members. Rummage Sale brought in \$466. Wine & Cheese brought in \$163. BANA used funds to pay for PO Box, bank checks and tax filing fee.

SCHENECTADY UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS (SUN) REPORT

2017 National Night Out Tuesday August 1 at Woodlawn Park about Police, Schenectady Neighborhood Watch and Community Partnerships. Nicole Gentile (interns) handed out Free/Low Cost Fun Activities in Schenectady and organized resources by Neighborhood to visually illustrate to the City where there are and are not resources compared to others. Article in Daily Gazette about Garbage and Litter as EANA highlights trash and litter issues; request for City to enforce the laws to encourage better behavior.

SCHENECTADY POLICE DEPARTMENT – OFFICER PAT IRWIN

Officer Pat Irwin notes that break ins have decreased mostly because school is out. Incident last week caught on camera where kids were caught casing houses and garages to break in to. SPD to discuss plain clothes officers to patrol the alleyways. Members encouraged to have security cameras in the front and back.

BEAUFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Linda to maintain Lois's island and use as a nursery for other islands. First priority is Glenwood Blvd islands. September 30 to schedule BANA Plant Swap and Sale. Neighbors can donate indoor or outdoor plants; Linda to create list of neighbors that need plants dug up beforehand. Plants to be marked with price; funds to benefit BANA and Beautification efforts. Linda to visit the local nurseries to solicit plant donations. To collect plastic pots/bags to transport plants. Request to mow the first 2 medians in Glenwood as it's a safety hazard and a poor first impression. Chris to send out a poll to set up a date to clean up. Estimate a couple hours with a few volunteers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Next Social event and membership drive to be held September 30 with the Plant Swap and Sale. 1147 Waverly Place: Eileen volunteered to take pictures if trash is present and submit online complaint, if required. Next steps to attend City Councilman Ed Kosiur Meeting regarding traffic concerns. Chris purchased Door Hangers to hand out to solicit membership. Recommend

purchasing lawn signs stating “BANA Meeting 7pm tonight” the Board members can put in front of their houses or in the islands. Can also use to advertise special BANA events.

NEW BUSINESS

EANA Coordination on Anti-Litter Campaign: EANA to submit Proposal for the City of Schenectady for a city-wide campaign to stop littering and clean up curbs and sidewalks. BANA to submit issue areas in Proposal to City, including property near Ellis, property near the school, the islands and the alleys for clean up. Motion for BANA to include BANA high litter zones in the EANA proposal to the City of Schenectady.

**Motion made by: Chris White
Seconded: Stephan Andersson
Unanimous approval. Motion passes.**

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Chris White to submit request to the City to utilize the same trash day rather than current moving week day based on holidays. Other Cities/States are able to utilize this system; it cuts down on confusion and trash out on the wrong day for current and new neighbors.

Meeting adjourned 8:05pm. Motioned by: Chris White Seconded: Crystal Santos. Unanimous approval.

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Crystal Santos

NEXT MEETING: September 18, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church.