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**Boulevard Appreciation Neighborhood Association (BANA)
Board Meeting: July 18, 2016
Site: Calgary Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Rugby Road, Schenectady**

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

Absent: None

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting were tabled to the September board meeting.

PRESIDENTS'S REPORT:

President Chris Marney reported that the meeting would focus on traffic safety issues in the neighborhood. He cited two recent accidents, one at Rugby Road and Waverly Place and another at East Alley and Rugby Road. The BANA website has been updated and accomplishments and a calendar of events were added.

He announced the Parkwood Blvd. Aug. 13 Block Party and said those interested in attending should contact Richard Agniello at 1120 Parkwood Blvd. who is chairing the event. The BANA board was encouraged to attend.

Marney informed the board that there was a City bicycle master plan and a survey associated with it.

FUTURE EVENT

A fall potluck supper sponsored by BANA was suggested as a future event, possibly to be held at the Calvary Presbyterian Church (if permission were granted) and used as a get-together for residents. Chris White agreed to take the lead in planning.

NEW BUSINESS

BANA plans to participate in a re-tree effort to replace trees that have been cut down by the City. Re-tree of Schenectady is a voluntary organization that will work with BANA on this project. Joan Elliott agreed to follow through with the necessary arrangements.

DUES

ACTION: (C. White/J. Elliott) BANA is to accept annual dues (\$20 per household) for BANA membership.

Approved unanimously.

C. White, the treasurer, will arrange for a bank checking account at SEFCU.

Dues will be for a year, regardless of when they are paid. E-mails will be sent to the BANA mailing list to inform them that BANA will be accepting dues.

BANA LETTER TO CITY RE: TRAFFIC SAFETY ISSUES

C. Marney read a proposed letter to John Collucio, superintendent of Schenectady's Signal Control, about BANA's concerns about traffic issues. (The Mayor had directed the neighborhood association to this official.)

The letter cited concerns and asked for a meeting with Mr. Collucio or his representative to talk about options to resolve issues of concern. The next BANA meeting of Sept. 19 was suggested as a meeting date. It was suggested that C. Marney might appear at a Schenectady City Council meeting during the public "privilege of the floor" and cite BANA's concerns about traffic issues. The letter will have a cc to the mayor and city council.

PUBLIC INPUT

Parking is an issue with some households having multiple vehicles or parties that prevent other residents from parking in front of their houses. Although it was acknowledged that the residential streets are public, it continues to be a problem that the City might address. Resident noise and how it might be reported was addressed. Trash and its collection was another area of concern.

FUTURE MEETING

The next meeting of BANA will be at 7 p.m. Sept. 19, 2016 at the Calvary Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Rugby Road, Schenectady.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.