

**Boulevard Appreciation Neighborhood Association (BANA)
Board Meeting: Nov. 12, 2018
Calgary Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Rugby Road, Schenectady**

Board Members Present: Eileen LaCourse, Chris White, Crystal Santos

Meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

C. White acknowledged a number of first-time attendees and noted that it was Veterans Day.

PRESENTATION

Presentation from Schenectady Neighborhood Watch leader Fred Lee. The video will be posted on BANA's website. Fred highlighted numerous ways BANA members can be involved in making the neighborhood safer.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

C. White spoke on behalf of C. Marney.

Highlighted the Schenectady City School District meeting the previous week and that it was very positive. BANA will work with the District to establish days of service for students to volunteer in the neighborhood. The goal is to get students involved in our community and interact with neighbors. Also to develop a direct funnel for student complaints to be addressed so we avoid police contact for minor issues.

THRIVING NEIGHBORHOODS CHALLENGE

C. White

BANA is a finalist for the BANA Community Square project.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

C. White

- Holiday Caroling will be held on December 15 at 7 p.m., meeting up at 1033 Parkwood Blvd. Thanks to Celeste for hosting.
- The 2018 Rummage Sale raised \$230 raised for BANA.
- Business letters were sent out to 20+ businesses. To date, one of them has purchased a membership.
- New meeting/neighborhood signs have been acquired and installed.
 - 7 permanent metal signs purchased and installed (Chris M and Chris W donated for \$200)
 - 8 meeting signs for board meetings (will go up before meetings)
- Union College Day of Service was a success focusing this year on several Islands on Parkwood. The photos are on Facebook and the BANA website. About 20 student volunteers came out to help.
- ReTree Schenectady: BANA members helped plant about 15 trees in our neighborhood, GE plot and in Niskayuna.

UPDATES

C. White

- Paving of 1048 Glenwood: Not a violation without evidence the paving was done after 2012. Neighboring property is being investigated though.
- Unregistered vehicles at 1094/1070 Parkwood. Not a police matter as off street. Zoning has referred to Parks/SNAP to handle.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Reminder for dues in 2019
- There is \$530 in the BANA bank account.

SCHENECTADY UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS REPORT

C. Santos

- The Holiday Parade is coming up on Saturday and all are invited to be in the parade with BANA and SUN.
- SUN will be meeting again the following week.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

L. Murray

This is the best time to start planning. BANA is looking to get a team together and get the community involved in island maintenance. We're planning another plant sale and potentially looking into a discount for a larger group order with spring sales.

C. White ended the meeting with a call for any interested potential board members.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Treasurer Chris White.