

**Boulevard Appreciation Neighborhood Association (BANA)
Board Meeting: January 28, 2019
Calgary Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Rugby Road, Schenectady**

Board Members Present: Eileen LaCourse, Chris Marney, Crystal Santos, Jason Reyes

Meeting commenced at 7:02 pm.

CALL TO ORDER

C. Marney acknowledged first-time attendees and noted it was the first meeting of 2019.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

C. Marney

Thriving Neighborhoods Challenge confirmed the BANA application for the pocket park was not funded for this first round, though they acknowledged we had great ideas. Another application was submitted to install trash cans in the alleys and was approved. However, the original application dropped out; Schenectady foundation reached out to BANA to handle \$3,500 to manage the project and install cans. We accepted and will pursue this opportunity. BANA website has been updated to take payments online. There is a page for businesses in the neighborhood or business members. 2019 Meeting Calendar was mailed to members. We are interested in adding events to the calendar.

APPROVE OF NOVEMBER MINUTES

C. Marney

Eileen moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Crystal seconded. Unanimous approval of November minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORT

C. Marney on behalf of C. White

We have 31 paid members to date. 100 have signed up for the BANA mailing list.

SCHENECTADY UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD REPORT

C. Santos

- Create Community Studios (Schenectady & Albany) offers classes, free for teens and sliding pay scale for low income families.
- Electric City Barn offers workshops and spaces to work
- Rail Bridge Project to create public art/interactive space under bridge with local history
- Schenectady & Me is collecting 500 collages to make into ceramic tiles and create modular seating in city parks. Request for BANA to sponsor tiles and/or seating for our area.
- Police department obtained grants for cameras to be located at red lights and catch speeding.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

C. Marney on behalf of L. Murray

Thank you to neighbors who helped out in the last snow storm. Neighbors are hanging winter coats and scarves on trees around the city for easy access to those who need it. City is issuing fines if the sidewalk is not properly cleared.

VOTE ON NEW BOARD MEMBERS

C. Marney

Motion to appoint Howard Becker, Ron Geary and Linda Murray as Board members. Eileen seconded. Unanimous approval. Motion passes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

C. Marney

Notice from National Grid that they are going to start work locally starting February 4-March 31. Chris White to share local vintage postcard pictures of the area. Chris to reach out to owner on donation of 1052 Parkwood Blvd Lot.

NEW BUSINESS

C. Marney

Request for 2019 Events or Speakers:

- Plant Swap on a nice warm day
- Pot Luck, hold at the Annual meeting again?

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Every Sunday at 5pm, First Reformed Church offers free jazz music.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Crystal Santos, Secretary.