

**Boulevard Appreciation Neighborhood Association (BANA)
Board Meeting: November 18, 2019
Calgary Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Rugby Road, Schenectady**

Board Members Present: Chris Marney, Crystal Santos, Jason Reyes, Linda Murray, Ron Geary, Eileen LaCourse (7:37pm)

Meeting commenced at 7:03 pm.

APPROVE OF JULY AND SEPTEMBER MINUTES

C. Marney

Crystal moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Linda seconded. Unanimous approval of July and September 2019 minutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

C. Marney

BANA Christmas carols scheduled for December 14, 2019 at 7pm, starting at 1033 Parkwood Blvd.

Chris Marney and Chris White purchased a house in the Stockade and will be leaving the Board. They are members until their Waverly house is sold. BANA is looking to fill both Board positions in the interim and transition the roles. Linda Murray expressed interest in the President position. Crystal Santos expressed interest in the Treasurer position. Eileen LaCourse expressed interest in the Secretary position.

The 2020 meeting schedule to be reviewed and determined by the Board shortly. Linda Murray recommended adding a potluck for January 2020 meeting, which will be moved from Martin Luther King Jr holiday, to allow neighbors to get to know each other and potentially join the Board.

SCHENECTADY UNITED NEIGHBORHOOD REPORT

A. Serre

- Each association agreed to donate \$10 for the upcoming Holiday parade on November 23.
- Speaker for meeting on 11/19/19 about the Census. SUN is looking for ideas to boost participation and increase funding.
- December meeting to be a Holiday party.
- Age-friendly community speaker for the January meeting.
- February speaker related to Building code.
- SUN looking for speaker on the Smart City in near future.
 - Per Chris, two public forums to be provided by the City.

NEW BUSINESS

C. Santos

BANA submitted an application for the second round of The Thriving Neighborhoods Challenge: painting select crosswalks to slow driver speed, working with Re-Tree Schenectady to plant and replace trees, and install new traffic patterns in intersections to slow driver speed. Crystal to present the budget and plan for sustainability to the Committee the first week of December.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Glenwood has new parking signs for No Standing or No Parking during certain times. There was a question on enforcement as this is used by residents to park. BANA has been unable to obtain a response from city officials on parking.

The Parkwood Daycare was issued a violation for operating in a residential area. Additional trash complaints to be issued by BANA about the daycare. Trash was thrown over the fence on the weekend. Trash pickup isn't until Friday. BANA encourages neighbors also submit complaints to the Schenectady Citizen Request tracker to expedite action.

A member was interested in BANA attending the monthly city council meetings to note the steps taken by BANA with no to little response.

The neighbors on the 1000 block of Ardsley had little to no communication to misrepresentation regarding the cost and timing of the new sidewalks. BANA provided details around the sidewalk replacement program.

Food Scraps 360 pick up Wednesday mornings every other week for \$20/month. There is a discount if you sign up a neighbor.

The Salon on the corner of Glenwood and Rugby to become the Busy Corner Café. The owner has successful restaurants in Albany. There is a concern over an increase in street parking as there are already safety issues leaving Center alley.

Crystal motioned to adjourn. Linda seconded. Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Crystal Santos, Secretary.