

Center Square Association Meeting Minutes January 21, 2016

I.Meeting was called to order at 7 PM by Jackie Ring

II.Introductions were made

Mike and Julie Keller, owners of the Lionheart Pub, and Shauna Collins of the Lark St. BID introduced a proposal to purchase and reopen DeJohns on Lark St. Their concept entails incorporating fine dining along with high-end beers and small plates. The Keller's and the BID wish to bring pride back to Lark St. for surrounding neighborhoods and visitors to Albany.

Albany Codes Director Robert Magee spoke of making the Codes Department more accessible and has been working on this process for the last three months. The department is seeking a new vendor so that the code agents would be working with up to date software and have established three departments within codes; Building Code Dept., Code Complaints Dept., and a front-end office position.

John Quinn presented the Treasurer's Report and Proposed FY2015-2016 budget. The budget was approved unanimously by the membership.

City Report - Councilman Richard Conti reported Resident Permit Parking letters have been mailed for renewal. With the renewal of the permits, there is legislation to expand zones in the vicinity of Albany Medical Center due to their expansion. He informed us that the Albany High School expansion project vote will be held Tuesday February 9th.

Chris Higgins Informed us that Albany County is in better shape financially than the city and the Land Bank is doing great and starting to sell buildings.

Police Report – Office Bret Phillips reported there had been 24 crimes committed within the course of 30 days, 10 arrests had been made.

Bonnie Mariano – The Membership renewal letters have been mailed to 107 members, which includes the Center Square Resident sticker for your cars. She asked members to encourage others to join the CSA.

Maureen Kruger Reported that the Hidden City House and Garden Tour would be June 23, 2016 and asked members if they or anyone that they knew would like to be on the tour this year.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

Submitted by Maureen Kruger, Recording Secretary.