

Center Square Association Meeting Minutes November 20, 2014

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

II. Introductions were made

Guest Speaker Susan Beaudion, Associate VP for Business Development at Schenectady County Community College (SCCC). Susan informed that SCCC has opened an Albany extension program at 112 State St. with free parking and CDTA Super Bus Passes for students.

Jackie Ring spoke of the locally produced film "The Neighborhood that Disappeared", private showing Dec 8th. 16 tickets were available for a drawing at the end of the meeting.

John Quinn - reported on the financial activity since the Sept 18th meeting. After income and expenses we have an ending balance of \$13,282.80.

Approval of Minutes – Oct 16, 2014 annual Meeting

Richard Conti - reported that the main focus of the Common Council was the new budget. Adoption of the budget is scheduled for November 24th.

The main issues:

- 1) Crossing Guards – Proposal to contract them out
- 2) Public Service Officers - big issue is inconsistency in enforcement. Proposal to transfer from APD to the Parking Authority
- 3) Reassessment - has not been done since 2007

Chris Higgins - Resolutions have been made regarding parking for Capital Car Share which is located at 208 Washington Ave. The Gun Buyback program was a success with the turn in of 39 hand guns including assault rifles.

Kevin Reedy Albany Police Department - reported that graffiti continues to be a major issue, citizens need to report when they see it. Car thefts are down in the area, reinforced with the upcoming Holiday Season not to leave packages in the car.

Demi McGuire Beautification Committee - 10 new trees have been planted with watering bags. The City Gardener delivered 2500 Tulip bulbs to Demi. She has approximately 500 that are still available.

Lea from The Breakers Coffeehouse and Provisions spoke about their opening by the 1st of Dec, Grand opening at a later date. They will offer organic baked goods/coffee, free Wi-Fi.

Chris Burke – With the frustration over the lack of parking enforcement, all are hoping that once The Parking Authority takes over, the program enforcement will improve.

Holiday Party Dec 11th 5PM to 8PM University Club free to members

Ticket drawing for the movie "The Neighborhood That Disappeared"

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:05PM

