

Center Square Association Meeting Minutes November 19, 2015

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

II. Introductions were made

Liv Eisenhardt, resident of Center Square and student of Albany Girls Academy, spoke of her Robotics Team Recycling App Project. The project is to promote increased recycling and decreased trash levels. Liv provided a website and survey during the presentation for residents to take part.

CDTA Director of Planning Ross Farrell spoke of the Washington Ave. & Lark St. bus stops. CDTA is planning to consolidate stops in the area around Lark and Washington Avenue into one large BusPlus station with space for three buses to park. The project is to move bus shelters away from the Lark and Washington intersections, where awaiting crowds sometimes force pedestrians off the sidewalk. He discussed working both with residents and businesses for the best outcome and provided CDTA's website for more information.

Shauna Collins, Executive Director of the Lark St. BID, informed us of the BID's calendar of events through 2015 and gave an update on the Halloween Party at the Lake House which was a success.

Treasurer's Report – Jackie Ring provided copies of John Quinn's treasurer's report.

City Report - Councilman Richard Conti reported again on the trash fee for multi-unit properties at the cost of \$15 per month. Some oppose the fee, stating it will hit the lower income residents and suggesting the fee should be for all residents not just 2-4 family housing.

Country Report – Chris Higgins was not available.

Police Report – Officer Bret Phillips thanked CSA for the baby gift they had sent. He advised residents to be careful this time of year with package deliveries and the increase of cars being broken into on weekends.

Chuck Houghton, Membership Committee – Thanked Jenny Quinn for all her good work on membership. In order to try and increase membership in the New Year, the membership committee is implementing four initiatives:

1. Shift from primarily just collecting dues at the annual December party to a rolling anniversary date system;
2. Paid resident members will be given a dated resident membership window sticker for their vehicles when membership receipts are mailed. It was designed by Michelle Bruck.
3. Simplify the pricing of membership on the CSA web page;
4. Work to recruit members via "social media" such as, Facebook and Next Door Center Square.

Holiday Party – Maureen Kruger asked for volunteers and donations for the silent auction and said she would be soliciting donations from local businesses.

Jenny Quinn conducted the election of officers by written ballot for the 2015- 2017 term. The following were re-elected: Jackie Ring – President; Ben Chi Vice - President; John Quinn – Treasurer; Maureen Kruger – Recording Secretary; Michelle Bruck – Corresponding Secretary; Chris Burke – Director of Community Outreach; Demi McGuire – Director of Beautification.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM

Submitted by Maureen Kruger, Recording Secretary