

## **Center Square Association Meeting Minutes for March 17, 2016**

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

### **II.Introductions were made**

Sustainability Advisory Committee – Ewa Sobczynska and Lori Quillen spoke regarding SAC’s bi-monthly meetings which are open to the public every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Goals are to help the city adopt and promote sustainable practices. They have a volunteer program on subcommittees from Energy, Water, and Transportation.

Membership Committee Report – Bonnie Mariano reported that we have 105 household members, 127 individual members and 15 – 20 new members.

Albany Library Executive Director – Scott Jarzombek reported that there are three seats open of the nine elected board trustees. The vote date is May 17<sup>th</sup> 2016. The proposed 2017 library tax levy was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Lark Street BID Executive Director – Shauna Collins spoke of upcoming events such as Champagne on the Park, May 5th 2016, celebrating the BID’s 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The BID’S monthly socials highlight the communities’ bars and restaurants. Shauna introduced Jason Pierce and Daniel Atkins who will be opening the Savoy Taproom this spring, the former home of Justin’s on Lark. Pierce and Atkins spoke about bringing back the Jazz Brunch and providing exciting culinary creations, along with classic cocktails.

Treasurer’s Report – John Quinn was not available. Jackie Ring read his report.

City Report – Councilman Richard Conti was not available.

County Report – Legislator Chris Higgins spoke regarding the new city garbage fee, stating that he thinks it is not a fairly distributed among all households The Land Bank has sold 10 more properties and has a new website.

Police Report Officer Kevin Reedy reported on one robbery, 16 car break-ins and some criminal mischief violations.

House & Garden Tour June 23, 2016 – Maureen Kruger reported on the number of homes we have for the tour and the need for more. She asked for volunteers for various tasks that need to be done prior to and the day of the tour.

Spring Tree Planting Program – Demi McGuire – The Spring tree planting will be on State St. from Lark to South Swan and one property on Dove. T.

Spring Cleanup – Jackie Ring - The Spring Cleanup date has changed due to Tulip Fest. It will be April 30. County Grant Application - CSA is applying jointly with Hudson/Jay Neighborhood Association for a member item grant from the Albany County Legislature which will be used for neighborhood beautification.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

Submitted by: Maureen Kruger, Recording Secretary