

CSA Business Meeting Minutes -January 15, 2015

Submitted by Maureen Kruger, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Jackie Ring at 7 PM

Introductions were made

Washington Park Conservancy Update

Doug Ebersman spoke of the Washington Park Conservancy's fund raiser, Splendor in September. Funds which were raised have gone towards the planting of new trees and repairs to the park's bridge. Their annual meeting at the Fort Orange Club will be March 19, 2015.

Guest Speaker Scott Jarzombek Executive Director Albany Library

Reported that Downtown Library updates so far include: additional staffing; opening of a new Children's Room and next month, a Makers Space for Textile, 3D Printers and Sewing.

John Quinn gave the Treasurer's Report

The Minutes of November 20, 2014 were approved.

City Report

Richard Conti spoke regarding the February renewal of the Permit Parking Program and the problem with the current vendor.

County Report

Chris Higgins reported the County Legislature passed two bills: Local Law J to protect children from toxic toys, (the first County to do so.) and Paid Family Leave for county employees who adopt children.

Police Report

Officer Bret Phillips informed us there had been 14 reported crimes with 6 arrests.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Clare Yates reported on 248 State St. - the handsome 19th century eight story apartment building behind 90 South Swan. The height is +/-105 feet, Cell phone structures on this building are inappropriate in a historic district. Why not use the roof of 1 Commerce Plaza - a building so high they would barely be visible.

Hidden House and Garden Tour

Maureen Kruger reported that the tour is scheduled for June 25, 2015. We are in need of houses and volunteers for various assignments. A volunteer sign-up sheet was distributed.

ReZone Albany

Jackie Ring spoke briefly about this initiative and urged members to follow developments on ReZoneAlbany.com

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

