

HPNA September 20, 2006

I. Introductions and Welcome

A. Officers Present: (Note: officers noted are those elected at this meeting) Roger Bearden, Ellen Picotte, Richard Brash

B. Members Present: Elizabeth Griffin, Melissa Mansfield, Brian Levine, Marie Newman, Richard Conti, Sarah Bearden, Erin Tobin, Ron Brusclin, Mac Mowbry, Ed Smart, Richard Berkley, Mike Colbert, Loren Grugen, Bill Jones, Stephanie Richardson, Paul Miller, Bryan O'Malley, Marina Marcou, C. John Carson, Kathy Bilos

II. Administrative:

A. Bryan O'Malley was appointed Temporary Secretary for the meeting.

B. Election of 2006-07 Officers

1. Mac Mowbry presented the Nominating committee's slate.

a. Roger Bearden, President;

b. Ellen Picotte, Vice-President;

c. Richard Brash, Treasurer.

d. It was noted that at this time, the position of Secretary is vacant.

2. Mac noted that new names can be submitted by gathering an appropriate amount of signatures before the next meeting.

3. A motion was made to accept the report of the Nominating Committee. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted. The Temporary Secretary then cast a unanimous ballot for approval of the Board.

C. Approval of Minutes from June 19,2006

1. Brian Levine noted a change that was necessary under "Old Business"; sub-heading "CANA" from "They voted to put" to "They voted *to recommend* to put"

2. Ellen Picotte noted a change in the "Old Business"; sub-heading "HRC" section from "The building is vacant but has been renovated." to "The building would be converted from a 2 unit to a 3-unit."

3. Ellen Picotte noted that "New Business"; sub-heading "Donation" should be changed from "HPNA would only" to "HPNA would."

4. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the minutes with proposed changes. It passed unanimously.

D. Treasurer's Report

1. Richard Brash gave the report of the Assoc.'s financial records. See attached.

2. It was noted that Weed and Seed money is used for any event connected to Law enforcement, most recently the National Night Out.

3. It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report.

The vote was unanimous.

2. Reports from Public Officials

A. Albany Police Dept.

1. A man of short stature, with white hair has been sleeping under stoops. He is thought to be non-dangerous; however, call Mike or Loren if you see him.

2. The car larcenies have seen an arrest made. There is still a pending investigation on the shooting at Myrtle and Dove. Dean was once again arrested by Loren.

3. Dana Park faces a lot of open container arrests. If you see people drinking in the park, call the police and they will get out to arrest. DGS has been working hard to improve the park, and is there everyday to clean up bottles.

4. A member noted problems with a peeping tom. Mike and Loren will check with the central office, and asked any residents who identify someone to try their best, without putting themselves in danger, to get a description. Others noted that they have had experience with peeping tom in the past.

B. Albany Fire Department

1. Vacant building inspection is complete and letters will soon be going out to find owners and their intentions.

C. Albany common Council Report

1. Richard noted that staff was needed for the City-wide reassessment

2. Police officers exam is approaching, there will be two, one will be for Spanish speaking officers.

3. Police Reorganization

a. evolving plan that as of right now will close down two stations, seek to improve officers ability to operate "mini-stations" from their vehicles

b. it is uncertain whether beat cops will remain for Lark St. and Park South

c. **The Council will hold a hearing on 9/26/06 in the Council Chamber.** Richard, HPNA, and other neighborhood association will hold **community forum to discuss with Chief Tuffey on 10/18/06 at Westminster Church**

d. members expressed serious concerns. Richard and Roger noted it is a plan in development and that we should monitor it and continue to note concerns to the Chief

3. Old Business

A. Historic Resources Council

1. 379 Madison Ave. request to turn a 2 person unit into a 3 person unit was denied

B. Board of Zoning Appeals

1. Lucky 13 convenience store request to move next door was denied.
2. Englewood Pl. request to become a B&B was denied.

C. Council of Albany Neighborhood Associations

1. The Neighborhood Works Conference is approaching
2. The Committee to Revitalize Albany took a trolley tour of many places in the City since not all members live in the City and know it
3. CANA will be hosting a \$25 fundraiser at the University Club.

D. Block Captains Initiative

1. Of the 14 positions, all have been filled except 2 (Delaware and Willett)

E. Newsletter

1. if you have items for the newsletter, send them to Jodi Danaher, jodidanaher@gmail.com

F. Website

1. Richard Berkley built the website, www.hudsonpark.org
2. Richard will be getting busier, if you have skills to do so and would like to help or assume responsibility, he will be glad to give it.
3. The HPNA listserv is up. Roger noted people should join and encourage others to do so too. Join by emailing Richard at richberkley@yahoo.com, and you can send mail to the list at Hudson-Park@yahoogroups.com. You can also join the list by visiting the group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Hudson-Park/>

G. Upcoming Events

1. location of Blue Moon now requires insurance, so it may have to be cancelled.
2. Rev. Smart has been kind enough to see if the Church's will cover the event, so it may be back on.
3. If need to, it was decided we may try to incorporate the Blue Moon Awards into the Brunch

4. New Business

A. Developing issues for 06-07

1. Issues of concern/areas to consider: Police restructuring, improve code enforcement, trash and garbage/clean up weeds and sidewalks, traffic safety, motorcycles, membership and build capacity, creation of an annual projected budget, formation of HPNA as 501(c)(3), develop affirmative member benefits with area merchants
2. Roger noted he thought that each of these areas could develop sub-committees that would work on them and involve interested members

B. Ideas for Guest Speakers

1. Ideas for guest speakers, with topic area, included:
 - Tom Nitido, city finances and reassessment;

- Eva Joseph, School superintendent;
- Jeff Cannell, Library reorganization plan;
- David Soares, update his proposals from last year;
- Traffic Engineering, traffic safety;
- Dan Herring (or other), City's Comprehensive Planning Process;
- Erin Tobin, what it means to live in a Historic District

2. It was noted that speakers should advance the thoughts of topics being considered by the Assoc. while increasing membership

5. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.