

## **Pine Hills NA Feb 21 2019**

### PHNA Board members present

Virginia Hammer

John Hammer

Gene Solan

Eric Schadow

Perry Junjulas

Marilyn Douglas

Carolyn Keefe

Paul Lundberg

Jonathan Duda

Leah Golby

Meeting called to order 7PM - V Hammer

### **Presentations**

#### Jordan Carleo-Evangelist

UAlbany Schuyler Building Project - Lake Ave

New Windows installed 90% of windows replaced - Energy efficiency increased

UAlbany Spending \$60M on College of Engineering

50% increase in space from current class rooms

Schuyler Building will become HQ of Computer and electrical engineering

College Started in 2015 - Enrollment is very good and increasing

Steps currently removed and being repaired -

Current building was not ADA compliant

New mechanicals and elevators need to be installed. Building will be renovated in two phases

Request for \$20M to NYS to renovate north wing

2022 and 2023 is project move in date

1600 students faculty and staff is the full occupancy of the Schuyler building - 10 year out

Parking study completed - Transit study

Reduce demand the number of people parking cars

Downtown corridor study.

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Plan to have a community presentation of the traffic study

Small increases in parking are included in the study.

Diagonal parking on Washington

On street parking on Thurlow

Lease church lots on weekdays for additional spaces

Job creation - 200 faculty, staff and researchers in new Engineering school - additional facilities position also.

1.7 Million CDTA rides per year originate from UAlbany

Alumni Quad is intended to be used for upper classes of Engineering students

Student parking fee is \$30 - Raise parking fee to park on campus - Parking permit fees for faculty and staff are locked in by collective bargaining contracts.

40% of UAlbany students are Pell eligible

Bike Share - CDPHP cycle uptown and downtown UAlbany bike racks

Encourage students to not bring car - incentive to these students for carshare etc, Handicap parking spaces in Thurlow Terrace lot.

### **Committee reports**

#### Zoning report

Ric Chesser and Leah Golby co-chairs, Paul Lundberg, committee member - Leah reported as follows:

1. Planning Board - proposed mixed use development in the vicinity of Western and Quail - PHNA together with the developers held a meeting on February 15 for neighbors to learn about the proposed development and ask questions. The plan is for the apartments to be marketed to all, not just students. At this point, the development is looking like it will be about 97 apartments, with a bit more parking than required. It will be mostly 1 and 2 bedroom apartments with a few 3 and 4 bedroom apartments. One of the proposed amenities is a dog park. There was a good dialog with many questions asked by neighbors. One concern raised by one of the neighbors at

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the meeting is that the proposal seemed to be shaping up to be a gated community. The developers will be presenting at the March Planning Board Meeting. Alfredo Balarin is the Council Member who represents the area. After the planning board meeting the PHNA Zoning Committee will submit report to PHNA Board with a recommendation for the board to either support, oppose or abstain from weighing in on the project.

2. BZA issue on Park Ave between Quail and South Lake - Porch removal with owner requesting to not have to replace the porch.

### Public Safety

Joe - Car larcenies are up - unlocked cars targeted

Daytime rear entry burglaries - Since Feb 4th 9 burglaries have occurred - 4 are in the Pine Hills.

### CUCR

Last CUCR Meeting was Wednesday Feb 13th Speaker was Albany Chief of Police

Natalie Sumski - Social Norms meeting next CUCR

<https://www.albany.edu/behavioralhealth/sumski.shtml>

March 16-24 spring break

April 6th Spring Cleanup at Ridgefield park - rain date is following weekend - Community members are encouraged to participate

### PHIG - Midtown Pine Hills

Next meeting Feb 25 6:30PM at 727 Madison Ave Friends House

Community Dinner March 27th at first Lutheran Church

Bike Racks to be installed in Midtown by DGS

Madison Park playground on the way

### UM - Upper Madison Improvement Group

Name changed dropped Improvement Group

Wed March 6 PH Library - Akum Norder speaking event

<https://albanypubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/4983001>

16 additional new banners being added to Madison Ave Light Posts

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New trees being purchased - need to be watered - 24 week for two years  
Looking into watering equipment for trees  
Large white planters are wearing out - Looking at options for different planters  
Movies at Steamer 10 starting in March  
Board has committed to adding 25 new members - PH has 33000 residents  
DeWitt Park - Local by design - Reviewing DeWitt Park designs

### Midtown Walk John Clarkson

Recruiting new members

Start to use see click fix to become familiar with app.

Permanent Student Housing Signs - researching if these signs violate the zoning code

Repeat zoning offenders to be checked,

Membership - Google List being cleaned up - Currently 135 members -

Bach Cello Suites Workshops - [www.bachcellosuitesworkshop.org](http://www.bachcellosuitesworkshop.org)

Bach Cello summer concerts

March 20 Guilderland Public Library - Talk on brains of musicians

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm