

Pine Hills NA Mar 21 2019

PHNA Board members present

Virginia Hammer

John Hammer

Eric Schadow

Marilyn Douglas

Carolyn Keefe

Ric Chesser

Jonathan Duda

Leah Golby

Meeting called to order 7PM - V Hammer

Presentations

Panel of Common Council Members

Judy Doesschate - Ward 9 - New Scotland - Common Council
Reaches out to other council members.

95% of the time works with Mayor and other council

Flooding committee organized to find and implement solutions for repeated flood issues.

Ginnie Farrell 13th West to Washington Lancaster to
Small part of PHNA area

Ginnie has served on other boards and organizations in the past
Common council is very different.

Ginnie - Communication - building list of constituents
Hand delivered newsletter was very expensive.

Judy - Member of all four NA's that are part of 9th Ward
Attend meetings from all 4 NA's - Judy sends a detailed and complete email
update regularly.

New Scotland streetscape meeting - Next Thursday March 28th 6pm 1st
Congregational Church

Quality of life issues

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New Scotland streetscape - New lighting - bump out curb - new trees - signage -
ADA issues
Woodlawn park - needs work
Tree planting

Ginnie

Attends many meetings - member of PHNA
Quality of life issues - smaller issues that affect the people

Questions:

Rezone still working on a rewrite - any action on smoke shops - six month review
Two year review - 400 page document - need to have planning board review
Suggested writing a letter to the planning board
Pay as you throw \$90 fee

Home ownership question:

63% of the city of albany is tax exempt - state lands, colleges and federal
properties

Write to governor and legislators on state aid.

Troy has a redevelopment group of tax exempt organizations to assist with the
rebuilding of Troy.

Albany community development agency -

Historic preservation district - Historic preservation credits are available

John Clarkson question on tree replacement:

Paved green strips of land between sidewalk and curb - looks bad and makes run
off worse

County legislation may be a source of funding for projects.

Committee reports

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Zoning report

Paul/Leah/Ric

Large development at 237 western - western and quail

Workshop planning board - last week -

Virginia and Leah met with developers

97 Apt - 2 commercial

5:45 planning meeting next Tuesday at Henry Johnson Blvd

Park ave - BZA issue PHNA zoning committee does not support the request to replace the porch on the house.

Mild Wally's Restaurant closing

Public Safety

Joe and Nate with APD

Copper thefts have been reported

Arrests on burglaries

Pine Hills Market robbery arrest

CUCR

Last meeting was Natalie Sumski - Social Norms report

CUCR - Message of what CUCR does

Next CUCR meeting April 10th DGS commissioner to speak

Students are on spring break

March 27th Community Dinner Western and state - please bring canned food item donation

April 6th Pine Hills Clean up Ridgefield Park

PHIG - Midtown Pine Hills

Next meeting March 25th 6:30PM at Hanner meeting

Community Dinner March 27th at first Lutheran Church

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Madison Park playground - old playground being removed - new equipment has been donated

UM Upper Madison

Film series started in March

April 4th - This Island Earth - Sci Fi 1950's next

Ash trees in front of PC are dying from Emerald Ash borer -
\$1000 PC grant to pay for trees - Trees need watering 1st two years -
PHNA Purchased a watering system 60 gallons - Billy to water trees

Midtown Walk John Clarkson

Luke walked area -

John looking at list of repeat offenders.

Steamer 10

Many programs coming up

<http://www.steamer10theatre.org/>

Doug Bullock

Project Strive - properties - Turned over to Land Bank

20 Benson St - Taken over back taxes

Anaerobic digester at North sewer plan will reduce food

Ban on styrofoam - food establishments cannot use styrofoam

Shopping bag band

General Announcements

April 27th Community Garage Sale 9AM to 3PM

Meeting adjourned 8:45pm