

Minutes of the Meeting  
PINE HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
January 17, 2013

**ATTENDEES:** John Hammer, Virginia Hammer, : Maryanne Schrank, Gene Solan, Doug Bullock, Tom Gebhardt, APD Officers Joe Acquaviva, Clifford Young and Dennis Durkin Jr., Dave Mankad, Mary Karen Noonan, Patrick White, BAR, Sherry Rose, Len Ricchiuti, Will Malcolm

Vice President **VIRGINIA HAMMER** called the meeting to order at 7 p.m., at the Albany PAL Headquarters, 844 Madison Av., and welcomed everyone.

The Secretary determined a **quorum of Board members** was present. (Hammer, Hammer, Solan, Schrank, Duda, Noonan)

**PROGRAM**

- Len Ricchiuti, APD (RET), Director of Albany Police Athletic League, gave an overview of the organization's extensive work with more than 3,000 children per year. Their Capital Campaign with a goal of \$300,000 to renovate the headquarters and be able to continue their programs was rolled out this week. He introduced Will Malcolm who enlarged upon PAL's opportunities for area children as well as Sherry Rose who is also part of the permanent staff.
- Due to illness, **INGRID FISHER**, University at Albany, will defer until February her update on voluntary tax assistance which graduate students will offer to neighbors in the second semester. Meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Husted Hall on the downtown U Albany campus between February and April 13. Stay tuned.

**AGENDA**

- **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Minutes of November 2012 meeting approved
- **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** John Hammer reported that there are currently 117 paid members.
- **TREASURER'S REPORT:** John Hammer reported the treasury now contains \$6,676.42 in the account of which \$4,500.00 is earmarked for a special project and the remaining \$ 2,176.42 is for general purposes. John added that the Midtown Plan is now on line. Mary Karen Noonan will contact Anton Pasquil, owner of Hudson River Coffee House, about PHNA ad hoc committee to advise us about how best to spend "kegs and eggs" dollars. Mary Karen and Anton would rotate attendance in this capacity.
- **COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE REPORT:** **JONATHAN DUDA** distributed an excellent issue of the PINE HILLS NEIGHBOR! Jonathan also mentioned that the tree lighting and party was a great success.
- **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION:** Well represented by **NEO'S JOE ACQUAVIVO, CLIFFORD YOUNG AND DENNIS DURKIN JR.** Most prominent lately have been the removal of electronics from cars!
- **LEGISLATIVE REPORTS:**
  - City Council still reviewing district reapportionment. PHNA views have been expressed; however it looks as though the neighborhood borders will change. John Hammer has made efforts to persuade the council to keep the boundaries as they have been.
  - Councilperson Golby introduced to Common Council motion to adopt concept of complete streets in Albany
  - County Legislator Doug Bullock said the Albany County Land Bank failed by a few votes. Also, he will keep us up-to-date on efforts to privatize the County nursing home.
- **ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT:** no report

**OLD BUSINESS:** Revised by-laws were approved; PHNA is grateful to committee that has worked on this since July 2012; "Good Neighbor" brochures revised

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** **THOMAS GEBHARDT**, Director of Personal Safety & Off-Campus Affairs, U Albany, announced that the *Committee on University & Community Relations* does not meet in January due to the university/college recess. At the next meeting, February 13th at 7 p.m. at the APD Center Station, 2nd floor meeting room, guest speaker/s from the City of Albany will update on the "Midtown Education District Enhancement District" final report. All are welcome!

**ADJOURNMENT** – 8:20 P.M. Following adjournment, there was an opportunity to tour the PAL facility.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 21, 2013 at Hannar Cultural Center at LaSalle School, 391 Western Av., Albany at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maryanne Schrank, Secretary