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- Holly Katz called the meeting to order at 6:35
- Confusion re: new meeting time as website still says 7pm (2 e-mail reminders)
- review of the minutes
approved (PM/Dan Van)
- ^{Checking acct} City Bank # 1969 46
- ? re: having a realtor present to CANA -
Should be okay if this person
- Introductions of those present

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Codes - Dan VanR - Committee met to reorganize. Have achieved a number of goals, but will set up mtgs w city depts to finalize some of these issues

- Colin McKnight - Mansion neighbors had a mtg w La Jcy re: what action can be taken w burned bldg. Is there a conflict of interest w firefighters inspecting houses and inspectors' statement that primary concern of inspector is ~~not~~ how safe would firefighters be if called to these scenes?

Code enforcement impeded by conflicting priorities of various involved city departments.

Are vacant bldgs subject to code enforcement?

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- Suggestion that CANA convene discussion on historical preservation / fire (inspectors) +
- Wide variation in approach by AFD personnel
- Block by block process reportedly discovering scores of apts w/o certificate of occupancy - occupying resources + delaying reinspection of apartments
- AFD gets called away for fires - very inefficient + variable
- What training do AFD inspectors receive?
There is a NYS requirement
- Schenectady had inspectors from FD, have now changed it.

3c) - no report on cable

- 3a Police: - actively working on investigation of recent murder
- Auto larceny: - protect yourself by locking doors, removing valuables
 - Safe Corridor around colleges promoted as highly monitored way to travel. Use of cameras (public + private) being considered
 - Was there an incident on Fourth Ave today? Don't know - will check on this

3d) Neighborhoods Task Conference
panels: ① successful neighborhood efforts
② city officials for housing update, APD computerization
(brochure distributed) panel 1b: code enforcement

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Comm. on University & Community Relations

3e)

NOV 12 - next mtg likely to focus on safety
(handouts) sent notice re: social host law,
anti-burglary measures
working on new, centralized web info source for
safety

? Can students be reminded to clean up after
parties. Yes - call Tom 442-5888 HOTLINE

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Presentation by John Clarkson, Ex Director of NYS
Commission on Local Government Efficiency &
Competitiveness

- Commission published report ⁷³ recommendations
reviewed previous reports ^{desired to be practical}
^{provoke}
- hope to allow rather than force activity
- changes in municipalities' incentives program grants
- permanent incentives for consolidation in law ²⁰⁰⁷ 2008
- aid bonus for consolidating highway work
Many changes can take place w/o statutory change
Local governments may need technical assistance [&]
complexity of ^{regulations} laws that govern them
- Should negative incentives be used? Not recommended yet.
- Schools are eligible for incentives as are school/municipal
partnerships
- Does Commission have recommendations for ^{national} infrastructure remediation
There are NYS + federal funding streams in these areas. Look at need
but do not always ^{legally} require coordination. Some progress on
sewer & water systems
- Many laws governing operations of cities come down from times

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when cities were very wealthy. Structure is not a good fit for modern financial reality. (Info on Commission website)

? Is Commission "marketing" these ideas & possible cases/savings? There is ^{"How-to" Manuals} material for interested readers on the website. After 1 yr of grants will have much more info. Have done some small studies. ~~Have~~

In economic hard times discussion needs to proceed locally

2b)

Virginia

Madison Avenue Traffic Calming

Pine Hills area screened a film recently on this issue. A copy is available if others would like to borrow it (Loring) (handouts)

Pine Hills NA has a committee of interested parties investigating traffic calming to improve environment for bicycles & pedestrians. Lee Finkstrom - planner made ~~pp~~ slide presentation on "road diet" concept

? consideration of bus turn ins?

Study would need to be done by Capital Dist Transportation Committee

Overall goal is to reverse primacy of cars (1 passenger cars) and recognize pedestrians' & cyclists' needs

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