

Minutes from March Albany Democratic Club General Meeting

Albany Library, March 28, 2019, 7 p.m.

- [The meeting](#) started with brief opening remarks from Bryan Marten and introductions of attendees.
- Mayor Rochelle Nason spoke on The Exchange Club and its monument in Albany. Her talk, "A Torch in the Heart: Albany's Shrine of Freedom," looked at the history of freedom shrines across the US, including Albany's Shrine of Freedom at the corner of Key Route Boulevard and Solano Avenue.
- Mayor Nason also spoke on the role monuments serve in Albany and possible ways to reimagine the center of town.
- Mayor Nason then spoke briefly on the city's strategic plan and how to prioritize goals.
- Following the mayor's talk, Bryan Marten led a discussion on the Mueller Report and ways we can respond, including upcoming [events](#).
- Albany city councilmembers Nick Pilch and Pete Maas and Mayor Nason described recent and upcoming issues before the city council and committees, including the Sugar Sweetened Beverage Tax, the city's strategic plan, possible ways to reorganize our election process, transit corridors, the city's carbon-usage website, creek restoration, redistribution of various funds, and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), and local and regional housing issues.
- Bryan gave the treasurer status for Gabi Baty and reported finances are stable.
- Bryan invited members to volunteer for club positions, reviewed bylaws, and discussed membership rates, asking for input on the rates.
- Bryan adjourned the meeting at 9 p.m.