



## Westcott Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2026

**Board Members Present:** Chrissy Burd, Co-President, Carol Johnson, Co-President, Virginia Felleman, Sam Gruber, Heila Martin-Person, Kevin Montgomery, Marilyn Zaleon

**Board Member on Zoom:** Adam Felleman

**Others Present:** Chris Erato, Beth Kirton-Crane, Andy Leahy, Dana "Trish" Millhouse, Charlie Sam, Michael Stanton, Corey Williams

### **Welcome/Introductions**

All present introduced themselves to the group.

### **Approval of June Meeting Minutes**

Kevin motioned to approve; Chrissy seconded. All in Favor.

### **Financial Report**

Kevin reported that WNA received the CNY Arts grant, which will be used for the dog parade, along with a \$200 donation from Summit for cider and donuts. Our balance from both checking and savings is \$4,458. A letter was received from our insurance notifying us of a \$115 increase. Kevin asked for approval to pay the company \$1,003 Ginny motioned to approve; Sam seconded.

### **Guest Reports**

Michael Stanton reported that SEUNA members discussed the anticipated problems with student parties. While the city has a Nuisance Party Ordinance, the Deputy Chief shared that situations still don't go over very well. Neighbors are encouraged to call 911 to report disturbances but they must include their name along with the complaint.

Councilor Corey Williams talked about issues with the Wescott Community Theater that have been on the radar with codes. He talked about the recent stabbing of two individuals and the need for seeking an effective solution that will allow the theater to safely bring national tour events to the neighborhood.

This issue prompted further discussion of the appearance of less police control in the neighborhood where both motorcycles speed out of control on the streets, and drug

dealers operate openly 24/7. It was recommended that these concerns be shared at our Neighborhood Watch Meetings.

### **Old Business**

- i. Westcott Street Fair- the \$70 booth rental for the Westcott Street Fair has been paid. There is no discount for not-for-profits. We will need volunteers for the booth and make sure we have adequate materials to distribute.
- ii. T-shirt Design – Chrissy reported that she has only received one submission for the t-shirts which is an image of a map. Chrissy will work on alternative designs for our approval. She will use the same company for the shirts. She suggested that we have a more robust start date to ideally receive more design options.
- iii. Westminster Stairs – Sam reported the good news that the City Council approved the funding to repair the stairs. \$1.7 million will be bond funding and a total of \$3 million was allocated. While there are preliminary drawings, bids will now go out and specifications will be finalized. Construction will begin in 2027. Sam noted that it was most helpful that Hannah Ehrenreich as Chair of Parks Recreation and Youth Programs moved this project forward.
- iv. District Tax Credit Publicity – Carol will move this project forward by scheduling a meeting with interested members.
- v. Upkeep of the Harvard Bulletin Board – Adam shared that the board gets reviewed and updated every third Saturday when WNA members do a trash pickup. Sam added that he will monitor the board more frequently during his neighborhood walks.

### **New Business**

Library Renovation – Sam is committed to still move the extension project forward after a designated state grant was lost. To bring this attention back to the County Legislature's Facilities Committee and County Executive, Sam will draft a letter documenting the communal need for more space for our review and approval.

TNT – Sam mentioned TNT is tightening their procedures for the eight different districts and encouraging WNA to apply for grants now that are available in the amount of \$1500 on a rolling basis. They are also conducting a planning meeting to gather ideas for topics and speakers of interest to community members.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50.