



**Feb. 13, 2017, 6:30pm, Petit Library  
Meeting minutes -- DRAFT**

**NEXT MEETING: Annual meeting, Sunday, Mar. 12, 2017, 3 p.m. at Munjed's**

**Persons registering in attendance:**

**WNA board members:** Jesse Daino, Kathy Downing, Alice Honig, Grant Johnson, Lynne Odell, Brendan Rose, Natalie Stetson, Charles Tremper, Damian Vallelonga, Marilyn Zaleon

**WNA members and friends:** Adam Crowley, Dragana Drobnjak, Aileen Gallagher, Tony Gigliotti, Michael Greene, D.J. Hellerman, Jane Kalkbrenner, Jim Lynet (SPD), Alex Lynch, Andrew Maxwell, Zoe Meighan, Eric Persons, Kyle Walsh, Keith Weil, Andrew Younts.

1. Welcome and introductions:  
Grant Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30; those present introduced themselves.
2. Approval of the January 9th minutes: Pending the correction in first item under Old business (changing \$1,600 to \$1,700), Natalie Stetson moved; Alice Honig seconded approval; passed unanimously
3. Fiscal report: Natalie Stetson reported: \$5.00 (checking); \$2,676.69 (savings); \$2,641.84 (planter fund), with \$0.11 interest earned from both savings and planter accounts.
4. Neighborhood SPD report: Jim Lynet reported burglary at 609 Clarendon during the SU break (back door unlocked, interior doors broken in); a robbery/home invasion at 1113 Westcott, resulting in injury to one party and theft of safe containing money (seen as a targeted crime); and attempted break-in at 129 Miles. Those present reported other crimes not listed on report being read from.
  - Neighborhood cameras (guests Alex Lynch and Eric Persons from SU). Alex presented overview of his research which supports the use of police cameras as the best deterrent to property crime. His handout shows that heavily student areas near SU have the most property crime (resulting partly from students not locking doors and cars, break periods when many houses are vacant, and the fact that many owner occupied houses have security systems). Ben Tupper and the Syracuse Property Owners Association (SPOA) and the SU student association will provide funds to install the first cameras. Jim Lynet said that cameras on north and south sides have reduced violent crimes and helped solve others, adding that certain crimes such as prostitution and drug dealing tended

to move away from the view of the cameras. Students have been surveyed about the cameras and Grant urged that in the future, residents and neighborhood groups be informed and surveyed earlier in the planning process adding that such groups could assist in communications with residents. Discussion was far-reaching, with questions being raised about the data, how long they remained available, and if other groups could use them. Alex urged those present to contact him with addition questions and concerns. Telephone: (518) 860-8793. Email: [amlync01@syr.edu](mailto:amlync01@syr.edu)

#### 5. Business: Old

- UNSAAC:  
Damian and Brendan will present their proposal for three markers on Westcott Street (at E. Genesee, Harvard, and Euclid) at the February 14 TNT meeting; they will ask for \$1,700 from TNT.
- Annual meeting details:
  - o Time and place: 3 p.m., March 12, at Munjed's
  - o Postcards to be mailed February 14; newsletter being planned
  - o \$60 for food
  - o Speaker: Terry Ettinger cannot make it; proposals included someone from Neighborhood Watch, Ben Tupper (to discuss the "grand bargain" whereby SEUNA and SPOA agree not to sue each other for a year), Damian and Brendan to talk in detail about sign proposals.
  - o Board recruitment: Zoe Meghan has agreed; Grant will not be stepping down from the presidency.

#### 6. Business: New

None

#### 7. Item reports:

- TNT summary: None (January meeting canceled)
- Communications Committee Update: None
- Website update: None
- Stickley House update:
  - o Grant drafted a letter to the Board of Zoning Appeals requesting that a variance be granted to the Stickley House to allow public visitors. Lynne Odell moved; Alice Honig seconded sending the letter as prepared; passed unanimously.
- Planter update: None.

#### 8. Neighbor input:

Lynne raised the Neighborhood Watch; Jane reported that a Watch group would be meeting at Petit, the first Monday in April, mentioning that many good ideas to increase safety had been discussed.

Zoe raised the future of Levy School, once there is no longer a need for swing space for schools being repaired. Senior Housing, a dog walk, and community space were among possibilities discussed..

9. Upcoming events:

- Eastside TNT: Tuesday, Feb. 14, 7 p.m. at Nottingham High School (Damian and Brendan to report)
- Re-Zone Syracuse neighborhood meeting: Thursday, Feb. 16, 7 p.m., at Nottingham High School
- Thornden Park Chili Bowl: Saturday, Mar. 4, 12 noon, Thornden Park Field House
- Neighborhood Website events: <http://westcottsyr.com/events/>
- Westcott community Center calendar: <https://westcottcc.org/calendar/>