



May 8, 2017, 6:30pm, Petit Library Meeting minutes -- DRAFT

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 12, 2017, 6:30 p.m. at Petit Library

WNA board members: Jesse Daino, Kathy Downing, D.J. Hellerman, Alice Honig, Grant Johnson, Zoe Meghan, Brendan Rose, Natalie Stetson, Charles Tremper, Damian Vallelonga, Jake Younts, Marilyn Zaleon

WNA members and friends: Jane Begley, Liz Dwyer, J. Evangelisti, Chris Fasuyi, Tony Gigliotti, Alex Grant, Jane Kalkbrenner (Petit Library), Daniel Kolinski, Lisa Lehmann, Michael Lehmann, Nader Maroun, Glenda Ranallo, Capt. J.J. Sweeny

1. Welcome and introductions:
Grant Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30; those present introduced themselves.
2. Approval of the February 13 and March minutes: Alice Honig moved; Kathy Downing seconded approval; passed unanimously
3. Fiscal report: Natalie Stetson reported: \$2,095.00 (checking); \$1,082.64 (savings); \$2,642.16 (planter fund), with \$0.16 interest earned from both savings and planter accounts.
4. Neighborhood SPD report: Capt. Sweeny reported a generally positive situation: trends on East side have been down (except for "opportunity" crimes), with burglaries split between break-ins and crimes of opportunity (unlocked doors, windows); some student-on-student crime nearer campus. Electronics are target for thieves. In response to query on gunshots near E. Genesee and Columbus, he reported it had been more than a week since any reports; Zoe mentioned broken car window on Westmoreland. In response to another question, he said fingerprints were taken when there was a chance of obtaining something useful. Finally he reported that a local spray painter had been located out of the area (someone with mental issues) and would be brought back.
5. Business: Old
 - UNSAAC signage project update:
Damian and Brendan distributed illustrations showing the 3 signs: a large green "W" at Westcott and Harvard, with vertical purple signs announcing "Westcott" at E. Genesee and Euclid. Signs will be set in concrete, with base containing WNA logo. They will meet with Pete O'Connor about authorization to install on public area between sidewalks and street.

6. Business: New

- Neighborhood housing meeting and discussion:
Natalie reported that meeting included representatives of WNA, the landlords, Ben Tupper, UNPA, SEUNA. Discussions focused on the construction of several large apartment complexes for students, possible effects on neighborhood rental properties, and SU's possible change to requiring juniors to live on campus. UNPA will take the lead, with the goal of hiring a consultant to develop a neighborhood plan to lay the groundwork for applying for grants to make the area more attractive to non-student renters. JAE expressed anger at all the construction and tax breaks involved. Neighborhood issues included perceived lacks in city schools, lack of certain amenities in the business district, noise and disruptive conduct centered on theater and bars.
- UNSAAC street amenities, 2017-2018
Committee (Brendan, Damian, Zoe, DJ) will meet next week. Discussion focused on public art, upgrading/decorating trash cans (with recycle options), and acknowledging planter donors
- Awards committee
In response to a call for volunteers, Jake offered to help. Discussions needed to determine what the group wants to honor. The Communications Committee will send out an email asking for nominations. Alice suggested yard beautification and general good neighbor behaviors as 2 things to recognize. Those selected will be featured at the annual meeting.

7. Item reports:

- TNT summary / Euclid bike safety
TNT: Kathy reported 2 proposed solution to deer (culling the herd vs. "humane" non-lethal remedies [Casey Institute]); Berry Park survey results will be posted on the UNPA site by May 15; TNT planning meeting to be held June 1.
Euclid bike safety: 2 proposals put forth (close Euclid to parking between Westcott and Comstock, with 2 bike lanes and 2 traffic lane; one 2-way bike lane on north side with permanent parking on south side)
- Westcott Leadership Roundtable: no report
- Communications Committee Update: nothing significant on Website; newsletter for annual meeting.
- Planter update: Planters to be set up next week. Proposal to purchase 100-foot hose and holder led to J. Evangelisti offering a 50-foot hose. Watering committee: Grant, Natalie, Damian, D.J., Jake, Lynne, Kathy..

8. Neighbor input:

- Charles asked about WNA sponsoring the Art Trail. Grant reported request had not yet been made. Damian will reach out to the group. Assuming a request for a contribution, Marilyn moved to donate \$50 (later amended to \$75 to match last year); Charles seconded; passed unanimously.
- J. Evangelisti mentioned a broken door at 131 Harvard and the non-response to parking complaints. Nader offered to follow up.

9. Upcoming events:

- Eastside TNT: Tuesday, May 9, 7 p.m. at Nottingham High School
- Westcott Art Trail: Saturday June 3, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday June 4, 12 noon-5 p.m.
- Neighborhood Website events: <http://westcottsyr.com/events/>
- Westcott community Center calendar: <https://westcottcc.org/calendar/>