



## July 10 2017, 6:30pm, Petit Library Meeting minutes -- DRAFT

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 14, 2017, 6:30 p.m. at Petit Library**

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

**WNA members and friends:** Michael Greene, Samuel Gruber, Jane Kalkbrenner, Lindsey McClafferty, Nader Maroun, Richard Park

1. Welcome and introductions:  
Grant Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30; those present introduced themselves.
2. Approval of the June 12 meeting minutes: Alice Honig moved; D.J. Hellerman seconded approval; passed unanimously
3. Fiscal report: Natalie Stetson reported: \$851.26; \$3,755.00 (checking; final check to UNSAAC to be issued); \$2,576.55 (planter fund). Natalie will present a year-end report at the August meeting.
4. Neighborhood SPD report: None
5. Business: Old
  - UNSAAC 2016/2017 signage project update:  
Signs at Euclid and East Genesee have been installed; all agreed they look great—vivid colors, cut out letters. The installation of the large green “W” at Westcott and Harvard is scheduled for the latter part of August.
  - UNSAAC 2017/2018 street amenities update:  
Delay in getting underway, since Brendan Rose has been unable to contact Kate Hammer. D.J. reported draft plan for idea competition will proceed in August. In response to questions, amenities will be installed on public property, including area between sidewalks and streets. Some of these areas are not well maintained.
6. Business: New
  - Ward Wellington Ward tour: sponsorship  
Sam Gruber will lead tour, Wednesday, July 26, 5:30-7 p.m., with group to meet at Allen and East Genesee. Sam also reported the National Register nomination

for 414 Allen Street had been successful. Grant will prepare map and WNA will publicize the tour. D.J. Hellerman moved that WNA sponsor the event; Charles Tremper seconded; motion passed unanimously. Cost for WNA members will be \$5.00 (\$10 for others); wine and cheese will be available at 414.

- Syracuse Literary History:  
Sam Gruber is gathering information on local authors, with final selection to be made. Signs highlighting authors' connection to Syracuse will be posted at several points along the Connection Corridor. A number of authors have ties to the Westcott neighborhood and WNA would be able to use the information gathered for its own purposes.
- Streetlight audit, 3<sup>rd</sup> for 2017:  
Damian reported the goal was to complete by the end of July, so information can be collected and forward to Nader Maroun who will send it to National Grid, and lights replaced by the time students arrive in late August. Damian will contact the membership to solicit volunteers who will cover assigned streets and report to him. Nader reported that National Grid appreciated having this information. Alice Honig offered the group's appreciation for Nader's efforts. In response to Lynne's question about light along 690 that were out, Nader said he would work on this.
- Sam Gruber reported that Ed Smith School would be using Levy during the coming school year, meaning that there will be elementary and middle school children in the neighborhood. Concerns were raised about over grown sidewalks, street lights, and other safety issues.
- Huckster Hill Clean-up Team:  
Maintenance of the small green space at S. Beech and Westcott is needed. Brendan and Damian have undertaken this, but Damian said additional help is needed. Those wanting to help should report to the area Saturday, July 22, at 10 a.m.
- Westcott Street Cultural Fair: WNA sponsorship  
Susan Rainey and Sam Gruber described the historic connections between WNA and the Fair. After brief discussion, Alice Honig moved and Damian Vallelonga seconded the motion for WNA sponsorship at the \$100 level. Passed unanimously.

#### 7. Item reports:

- TNT summary  
Kathy reported 2 main topics:  
Mike Stanton from SEUNA reported on University area rental vacancies (at 1% in the near area, as high as 10% further away), with concerns expressed about the effect of the new student apartments under construction and lack of clarity from SU about whether juniors would be required to live on campus; and, secondly, the introduction of the Salt City Mapping app that allows tracking of vacant or run-down properties. TNT will not meet during July and August.

- Wrapping for planters:  
Solid bands of color will be installed to recognize planter sponsors and WNA branding.
  - Communications Committee Update:  
Newsletter will be prepared in time for the Westcott Fair.
  - Euclid Avenue: repaving, bike lanes, parking:  
Plans will be announced at a meeting, July 11, 5 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers. Nader Maroun provided some financial context: The Euclid project will cost more than \$900,000 (only \$2 million allocated for all street work throughout the city); issues of parking enforcement also discussed.
  - Stickle House update:  
Grant reported that the start of phase 1 of the exterior repairs had been delayed; awaiting the outcome of the bidding process and the selection of a contractor.
8. Neighbor input:
- Michael Greene, candidate for city council, announced he will host an event at Beer Belly Deli, July 18.
9. Upcoming events:
- Ward Wellington Ward neighborhood tour: Wednesday, July 26, 5:30-7 p.m., meet at Southwest corner of Allen and East Genesee Street.
  - Neighborhood Website events: <http://westcottsyr.com/events/>
  - Westcott community Center calendar: <https://westcottcc.org/calendar/>