



October 9, 2017, 6:30pm, Petit Library Meeting minutes -- DRAFT

NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 13, 2017, 6:30 p.m. at Petit Library

WNA board members: Kathy Downing, Alice Honig, Grant Johnson, Zoe Meighan, Lynne Odell, Natalie Stetson, Charles Tremper, Damian Vallelonga, Marilyn Zaleon

WNA members and friends: JAE Evangelisti, Samuel Gruber, Jane Kalkbrenner, Kate Palermo, Officer Kevin Hamberger (SPD), Susan Rainey

1. Welcome and introductions:
Grant Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30; those present introduced themselves.
2. Approval of the September 11 meeting minutes: Alice Honig moved; Kathy Downing seconded approval; passed unanimously.
3. Fiscal report: Natalie Stetson reported: \$158 in checking; \$3,236.40 in savings; \$1,446.26 in planter fund.
4. Neighborhood SPD report:
Officer Hamberger had no specific reports on the Westcott neighborhood. He mentioned he had worked at the fair and except for a single injury, there had been no incidents and reiterated what a good crowd the event attracts. He reported that Juanita Perez-Williams had been out with police during one of the past weekend's incidents. His experience from the early 2000s mirrors today, with SU area crime often resulting from unlocked doors and visible valuables left in cars. Stealing packages from houses continues in the area. Neighborhood watches have been established on Victoria and Fellows.
5. Business: Old
 - UNSAAC 2016/2017 signage project update:
The installation of the large green "W" at Westcott and Harvard awaits final coordination with DPW; Damian reported that installation would likely be delayed until spring 2018 because of increasingly cold and inclement weather as November approached. He suggested a community painting party, giving neighborhood people and opportunity to participate and to coordinate the installation with the start of the street amenity projects.
 - UNSAAC 2017/2018 street amenities update:

The RFD for this project has been completed and flyers were distributed at the fair. October 17 is the deadline for submissions; People outside the neighborhood have responded. Outreach to SU's Design School and ESF's department of landscape architecture will be made and Damian will send a reminder email this week. Board members were encouraged to submit ideas.

- Westcott Street Cultural Fair summary:
Agreement that it was a success, with \$100 in memberships being received and 6 cookbooks sold (most in combination with a membership). 24 cookbooks remain to be sold. Currently WNA has 60 paid members, with some needing renewal. Thanks were extended to Grant, Natalie, Zoe, Damian, Lynne, and JAE Evangelisti, with Lynne and JAE recognized for their material contributions.

6. Business: New

- Westcott Remembers: Gerald Grant.
 - Lynne Odell moved and Alice Honig seconded spending \$60 for a remembrance brick for Gerry; passed unanimously. Wording will be worked out for approval by his widow, Judy. Sam mentioned he had written a post on Facebook.
 - Discussion of planters ensued in response to Alice's query about storage and re-installation in the spring. Grant will talk to SU about plant choice, since this year's selections were less successful than last year's (some neighborhood locations are less sunny than SU campus).

7. Item reports:

- Eastside TNT: Kathy reported September meeting had been a debate among the mayoral candidates (another is scheduled for Thursday at the Palace Theatre). Tomorrow's agenda is devoted to the draft plan to manage deer. All present agreed: lots of deer in most parts of the neighborhood.
- Communications Committee and Website updates:
Newsletter delayed.
- Grant reported that PACNY had awarded a \$10,000 grant to Sam Gruber and Bruce Harvey to conduct a survey to nominate the Westcott neighborhood for listing on the National Register. Sam added that individuals may research their houses and pass information on to them; he will send information on how to do this research.

8. Neighbor input:

- Sam Gruber mentioned the reinstatement of the neighborhood awards and reported several properties had recently been upgraded. Agreement that these would be announced at the annual meeting in March. Zoe announced that Jake who had offered to coordinate this effort, has relocated to North Carolina.
- Marilyn asked about the Westcott ballroom (in 400 block) since shut down, leading to more discussion on the house next to the Babcock Shadduck which at one time had a real ballroom.

- Damian urged attendance at tomorrow's (October 10) rally in Hanover Square in favor of the community grid option to replace the elevated highway. Three of the mayoral candidates (Juanita, Ben, Howie) will speak in favor of this option.

9. Upcoming events:

- Eastside TNT: Tuesday, October 10, 7 p.m., at Nottingham High School.
- Neighborhood Website events: <http://westcottsyr.com/events/>
- Westcott community Center calendar: <https://westcottcc.org/calendar/>