



Jan.10, 2022, 6:30 pm, virtual Special board meeting minutes

NEXT MEETING: Monday, Feb. 14, 2022, 6:30 p.m., virtual

WNA Board members: Grant Johnson, Kate Palermo, Natalie Stetson, Charles Tremper, Damian Vallelonga, Marilyn Zaleon

1. Welcome/introductions:

Damian called the meeting to order at 6:30.

2. Looking ahead: board changes and WNA focus

Damian announced his decision to step down both as WNA president and board member, after 11 years on the board, citing his increasing need to focus on his role as developer of the Westcott site and perceived conflict of interest between his WNA role and that as a neighborhood developer. He emphasized his needing to speak from the developer perspective without having to balance that with his WNA spokesman role.

Damian also outlined a possible shift in emphasis for WNA, with less effort focused on securing grants to upgrade area amenities and more program time sharing information on how city programs actually affect the neighborhoods. Once we move into the post-Covid world and in person meetings and activities resume, WNA will be able to rethink its role and how and what it does. The December meeting, featuring the presentation on the new sidewalk program, had unusually high attendance, indicating neighborhood interest in this type of programming.

Damian again stressed the need to reach out to potential new board members, mentioning Galyn Murphy-Stanley and Carolyn Ostrander as possibilities,

3. Planning for the annual meeting:

Consensus was reached that, given uncertainties surrounding the progress of COVID, meeting via Zoom was the safest way to go. Time was set for 6:30 p.m., Monday, Mar. 14, with a speaker yet to be selected.

4. Approval of the Dec. 13, 2021 meeting minutes:

Marilyn proposed approving the December minutes so they could be posted online. Marilyn moved; ???? Seconded; those present unanimously approved.

5. Damian adjourned the meeting at 7 p.m.