



**Westcott Neighborhood Association
January 11, 2016, 6:30pm, Petit Library
Meeting minutes -- DRAFT**

NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 8, 2016

Persons registering in attendance:

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

WNA neighbors and friends: Kate Hammer, Mona Hahn, Nader Maroun, Asomgyee Pamoja, DeannaSheward.

1. Welcome / Introductions:

Grant Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Those present introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes / Agenda:

Natalie Stetson moved and Alice Honig seconded approval of the December minutes; passed unanimously.

3. Fiscal Report:

Starke Donnally reported \$1,151.34 in the account, with a \$.05 dividend. The UNSAAC check and reimbursement for the street corner project have been received. The check from the food co-op is still outstanding.

4. Neighborhood SPD Report:

Officer Teri Lore reported several burglaries in the SU area, some the result of doors or windows being left unlocked while students were away on break, and others resulting from windows or doors, some damaged, being forced in. An attempted break-in in the 100 block of Fellows while the house was occupied, resulted in a 14-year-old's being arrested. An arrest has been made in the break-in and stabbing at 417 Comstock. Damian reported that his business partner, Brendan Rose, had been mugged on Buckingham.

5. Parking at Papa John's lot: The booting of cars after reportedly brief periods of parking there while patronizing other area businesses has caused considerable anger in the community. Norman Roth is within his rights to do this and is doing it to satisfy his tenant, Papa John's. The group agreed that signs could be clearer and could direct people to appropriate parking nearby. Both Papa John's and the Westcott grocery have signs concerning parking and the goal is to make them simpler and clearer.

6. Business: Old

a. Euclid/Westcott Street corner safety project:

The SU design students have submitted their proposal in fulfillment of their course obligations; a final design proposal will be developed over the next couple months, with the goal of a report at the WNA annual meeting in March. DPW has agreed to make some improvements, such a better curbing. Nader Maroun emphasized the need to talk with the owner and bring her into agreement before going public with any proposals.

- b. Annual meeting:
Agreement reached to schedule meeting for Sunday, March 13, at 3 p.m., with Munjed's as the preferred venue and Taste of India as back-up. Board recruitment and elections will be held; five current board members have terms expiring this year: Jesse Daino, Alice Honig, Grant Johnson, Charles Tremper, and Marilyn Zaleon. Agenda items will include: a summary of the year's projects, neighborhood news, a survey to solicit neighbor input, and a speaker. Consensus was quickly reached to ask Terry Ettinger to speak about beautification and what individual property owners can do.

7. Business: New

- a. Hashtag:
Damian reported that the social media hashtag would be: #westcottsy
- b. Website safety section:
Kate Hammer will forward safety information SU has prepared for off campus students.

8. Item reports:

- a. Website:
Damian reported that 4,000 unique users had visited the Website and had viewed more than 14,000 pages, making for a good first six months. Damian also reported that \$800 remains in the initial fund for ongoing maintenance and improvements to the site and the need to apply for a short-term grant to secure additional money (precise predictions as to money and improvements needed are not possible). Damian also purchased technology to allow events to be imported easily from other groups' sites.
- b. Membership:
Natalie reported renewals sent out to those whose memberships expire in January and that March and that the annual meeting produces most renewals.
- c. Cookbook:
Natalie reported she would see the project through.

9. Neighbor input:

- a. Thornden Park Association chili bowl: scheduled for Mar. 5,
- b. Starke Donnally and Kathy Downing offered to attend TNT on behalf of WNA.

10. Upcoming Events

- a. Eastside TNT: Tuesday, January 12, 7 p.m., Nottingham High School
- b. Symphoria, "Meet the orchestra," Saturday, January 16, 2:30 p.m., Petit Library (for kids, but all welcome)
- c. Eastside Neighbors lecture series, Larry Hoyt, Sunday, January 24, 3 p.m., Westcott Community Center.