

Westcott Neighborhood Association

Agenda Notes

January 13, 2025

Attendance:

WNA Board Members:: Meredith Dodd, Kevin Montgomery, Carol Johnson, Samuel Gruber, Kimberley McCoy, Adam Felleman, Susannah Park, Galyn Murphy-Stanley

Other Attendees: Marilyn Zaleon, Judy Jerome, Corey Williams, Andy Leahy, Pat Hogan

Zoom: Heila Martin-Person, AK Myers, Virginia Felleman

2. Approve December Meeting Minutes

Carol Approved, Sam Seconds

3. Financial Report

\$19 left over from CNY Arts Grant

\$2,392.50 current bank account balance

\$16 less than we started with in 2024

4. Old Business/Committees

a. Review of music at Munjed's Dec. 29th end of the year Westcott Words and Music Programming.

- Adam requested receipt in kind for WNA membership for the work he did for the concert. This request was granted.
- 80 people attended the concert.
- Munjed has booked Alan Fellows band - WNA takes this as a sign that the owners saw the benefit of having music at their restaurant.

b. CNY ARTS - diminished program funds for 2025. Which programs to fund?

WNA received \$900 for programming this year down from \$3500 last year. With this change we can only support one program with this grant. We will accept the grant.

- WNA approved the allocation of the CNY Arts \$900 grant towards the Halloween Dog Parade. We will need to solicit funds for the rest of the program.

The date for the HDP is **Saturday, October 25, 2025**

Cost:

Band: \$1000.00

Poster (Kate P.): \$200 (will need to pay less)

Ask Summit to sponsor again.

- Contact Sharon from WAC regarding funding for arts programming:

- Westcott Remembers **Set Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Poetry **Set Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Pop-up Concerts                      **Set Date:** \_\_\_\_\_
- Westcott Words and Music   **Set Date:** \_\_\_\_\_
- Westcott Words and Music: supporting local artists and local venues  
420 people participated in events.  
21 distinct artists/performers  
18 were paid

c. Beautification Update

- Litter Pick-up postponed in January.
- Spring Planting - get in touch with Dave Kirby for guidance on how to build interest.
- Monitor sidewalk snowplow - make sure the map is being followed.

Link for more information on [Syracuse Snow Removal](#)

<https://www.syr.gov/Living/Winter/Sidewalks#:~:text=By%20ordinance%2C%20a%20with%20a,evening%20following%20the%20snow%20event.>

Link for [Sidewalk Snow Removal](#)

<https://syr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/minimalist/index.html?appid=c5f4741f61f8435d8c79f994ba024290>

- Earth Day 2025: WNA will take the lead on programming - Andy  
**Date: Thursday, April 22, 2025**

d. Harvard Place

- Zeke has made progress on Kiosk but cannot finish until the weather warms.
- Harvard Place Artbox: Kevin has the box
  - There is new plexiglass that slides in and is screwed.
  - AK Myers and the coop house (560 Collective) volunteered to be the new artists for the Art Box.
  - AK Myers will pick up box and hardware from library on Tuesday, Jan. 14

e. Membership Email

- Appeal letter from brochure that Heila did. Expand e-list/social media - possible snail mail

f. Other

- WNA is responsible for Westcott area hardscape
  - Andy will email Corey to see if City has cylindrical trash can insert with the dimensions we need for can on Euclid and Westcott
  - W needs to repainted

5. New Business

- a. Annual Meeting details, Speaker - Pam Hunter
  - Venue possibilities: Munjed's, Erwin Church

- **Date: Sunday, March 9, 2025**
  - **Time: 3:00 pm**
  - Ask Tina Z if she will speak, too.
- b. New board members & officers
  - c. February meeting speaker, City Auditor Alex Marion - Bike Infrastructure
  - d. Announcements

Corey Williams, Pat Holden Common Counselors:

1. Agenda for voting session
  - Public Works
    - Bond for Westminster Stairs \$2.4 million
      - Rachel May secured \$900,00 for this.
      - Safety and liability risk
      - 100 year old stairs - only one repair in this time
      - Keeping for new generations.
2. 805, 807, 809 Comstock open lots on corner across from Women's Building
  - Norm submitted a design - not a lot of momentum forward. Probably going to be student housing.
3. Andy's question on water bonding
4. Thornden Swimming pool will receive full rehab. Date for start is unknown. There has been no further discussion on amphitheater. Josh Wilcox contact.
5. Scooters and Contract Renewal. Veo's contract expired 12/31/2024. Veo didn't meet expectations so an RFP will be put out. There will be no interruption of services while this proceeds.
6. Susie asked about fines on trash and recycling cans given to residences - can there be education on proper use in many different languages?
7. External audit of City IT department.
  - 5.8 million IT budget - on what?
  - What does the IT landscape look like?
  - Review Expenditures
  - Part 1: 150 apps are used. Why? Streamline?
  - Part 2: Blackhole ERP - modernization project. (Oracle / Kronos)
8. Pat Holden is candidate for Mayor
9. Pam Hunter was elected to serve as speaker pro tempore, officially the sixth-ranking position in the 150-member State Assembly.
 

See: [Syracuse's Pam Hunter promoted to a top leadership post in New York Assembly](#)  
 Updated: Jan. 10, 2025,  
 Link: <https://www.syracuse.com/politics/cny/2025/01/syracuses-pam-hunter-promoted-to-a-top-leadership-post-in-new-york-assembly.html>
- 10:
  - **Neighborhood Watch**  
**Date: Thursday, January 30**  
**Location: Petit and Zoom**

- **TNT Area 5 - Eastside**

Tomorrow's Neighborhoods Today, Inc

<https://www.tomorrowsneighborhoodstoday.org/eastside>

TNT Area 5 Eastside regularly meets on the 2nd Tuesday at 6 :30 p.m

via Google Meets: <https://meet.google.com/svj-jnbu-dtv>

Other Organizations with hyperlinks:

- **Outer Comstock Neighborhood Association**
- **Southeast University Neighborhood Association (SEUNA)**
- **Thornden Park Association**
- **University Neighborhood Preservation Association (UNPA)**
- **Westcott Neighborhood Association (WNA)**
- **Westcott Community Center**