

January 14, 2018, 6:30pm, Petit Library Meeting minutes -- DRAFT

NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 11, 2019, 6:30 p.m. at Petit Library

WNA board members: Grant Johnson, Lynne Odell, Kate Palermo, Glenda Ranallo, Natalie Stetson, Damian Vallelonga, Marilyn Zaleon, Alice Honig, Kate Palermo

WNA members and friends: Chris Bresett (SPD), Jane Kalkbrenner, Jeanette Morales (Las Delicias), Stefanie Noble, Chris Norcross (Yeti's), Annabel Otts, Susan Rainey

- 1. Welcome and introductions: Grant Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:32; those present introduced themselves.
- 2. Approval of the December 10 meeting minutes: Natalie Stetson moved and Alice Honig seconded their approval; passed unanimously.
- 3. Fiscal report: Natalie Stetson reported: \$5.90 in checking; \$1,072.41 (\$.09 interest) in planter fund; and \$2,669.15 (\$.23 interest) in savings.
- 4. Neighborhood SPD report:

Officer Bresett reported that Thornden burglars have been identified and caught. They are 14 to 16 year olds and 18 to 20 year olds. There was an increase in break-ins while students were away during the holiday. One out-of-state student had a home camera and contacted police to report a burglary in progress. The burglar was a juvenile and was caught. Officer Bresett said the difficulty with juvenile crime is that juveniles cannot be held and often continue burglarizing after release. Juveniles appear to be coming from the north side and committing crimes on the east side. A car was stolen on the east side, driven to the north side where it was run into a building. Police are watching these juveniles on the north side. Crime has slowed down with the return of SU students.

- Guest: Chris Norcross, Yeti's Frozen Yogurt owner. During duct installation, contractors drilled through the Moody painting. Chris has obtained a new permit to redirect the duct work through the roof. He will repair the brick work. Chris asked for artist names who could repair the painting. Damian suggested Julio because Julio had worked with Moody.
- 6. Business: Old
 - Business membership solicitation: Deferred

- Euclid crosswalks letter to DPW: Damian has contacted UNPA, WCC, Erwin Methodist Church and SEUNA and they are on board with submitting a request to install a crosswalk at the intersection of Euclid and Westcott. It was suggested to also reach out to WAC and Society of Friends. It was also suggested that Common Councilors and the Major be cc'd on the letter to the DPW.
- Conflict of interest policy: Deferred
- Westcott Remembers Jane Begley: Deferred
- Westcott Remix update Damian has given several presentations and received a lot feedback. A Forum will be held at the Westcott Community Center on Wednesday, January 23rd at 6:30 pm.
- 7. Business: New
 - Annual meeting planning:

Munjed's, Sunday, March 10th 1:00 to 3:00 was suggested. Damian will ask Munjed's before confirming place and date. Marilyn Zaleon moved to budget \$250 for the annual meeting. Alice seconded. Passed unanimously. Marilyn Zaleon will update the web site when place, date and time are confirmed.

Speakers suggested for the annual meeting include the Mayor Ben Walsh and Sam Gruber. Damian will ask the Mayor if he is available and willing to speak.

• UNSAAC 2018-2019 project discussion

We have the \$27,000 contract to replace trash cans. Damian said that Brendon Rose expressed interest in doing the design and fabrication work. It was suggested that a committee of board members be created to manage the project. Natalie, Grant, Damian and Lynne expressed interest in being on the committee.

- 8. Item reports:
 - Eastside TNT: No one attended January meeting.
 - Committee updates: Web site: Marilyn added current events.
- 9. Neighbor input:
 - Jeanette Morales, Las Delicias, expressed several concerns as a Westcott business owner. Jeanette regularly cleans up the park and would like others to help. Jeanette said that the "Save the Rain" project lead to clogged gutters and water into the buildings. Chris Norcross said that he also had water problems that he had to mitigate in the Yeti's site. Attendees suggested contacting the City or County or our District 4 Common Councilor, Latoya Allen, to get drains cleared of leaves. Jeanette also expressed concerns about any construction that is

planned along Westcott. Construction causes a disruption to her business. She would like more information sooner as well as better construction organization and planning so that she can make plans for her business. Jeanette was not aware of WNA and suggested WNA reach out to Westcott businesses.

• Lynne is investigating what it would take to build a dog park, using the Liverpool dog park as an example. Lynne called the City and County who sent her voluminous information. A dog park is a major project. A chain link fence could cost \$10,000. A cement pad with double doors would be needed. Preliminary thoughts on location include Thornden Park across from the pool. Sponsors would be needed.

10. Upcoming events:

- Neighborhood Website events: http://westcottsyr.com/events/
- Westcott community Center calendar: https://westcottcc.org/calendar/