



January 8, 2018, 6:30pm, Petit Library Meeting minutes -- DRAFT

NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 12, 2018, 6:30 p.m. at Petit Library

WNA board members: Kathy Downing, D.J. Hellerman, Grant Johnson, Zoe Meaghan, Natalie Stetson, Charles Tremper, Damian Vallelonga, Marilyn Zaleon

WNA members and friends: Latoya Allen, Samuel Gruber, Diana Jaramillo, Jane Kalkbrenner, Nader Maroun

1. Welcome and introductions:
Grant Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30; those present introduced themselves.
2. Approval of the December 11 meeting minutes: Pending correcting Westcptt to Westcott under Westcott remembers, Damian Vallelonga moved; Kathy Downing seconded approval; passed unanimously.
3. Fiscal report: Natalie Stetson reported: \$5 in checking; \$3,341.91 (\$.14 interest earned) \$1,146.42 (\$.05 interest earned)
4. Neighborhood SPD report:
None; Officer Bresett's cell phone number is (315) 901-1288. No information on Neighborhood Watch reports was available. Nader Maroun provided some background for Latoya Allen, saying the Captain Shaw is a source for neighborhood reports.
5. Business: Old
 - UNSAAC 2017/2018 street amenities update:
Damian reported on the "Mini Outdoor Gallery" which will feature 2 and up to 6 installations (locations to be determined) of scenes to be constructed inside wood boxes with metal roofs. Containers will be designed during January-February, with artists identified to create the scenes, and construction done in order to install at least 2 of them by June. Additional money will be sought for the remaining ones. Diana Jaramillo provided a site drawing of the Urban Rest Stop to be installed at S. Beech and Westcott. It is hoped to have enough money to construct the benches from cedar. The bike rack at the site will be moved and plantings pruned. Discussion centered on whether the benches could extend into the existing sidewalk and whether the height would interfere with the mural's visibility.

- Euclid/Westcott pedestrian crossing signals:
Grant shared his initial draft of the letter expressing support for pedestrian signals, better visibility for the No turn on red signs, and clear crosswalks at the Westcott/Euclid intersection. Nader provided guidance on the letter and who to contact. Sam mentioned the incised crosswalks created as part of the Connective Corridor.
- I-81 resolution in support of the community grid option:
Discussion continued on whether this action is within the WNA charge, whether this action needed to be unanimous, what city-wide issues should be addressed by WNA, and the nature of past precedents. Action deferred.

6. Business: New

- Annual meeting planning:
Decision to hold meeting Sunday, March 11, at Munjed's (Damian will contact them), gathering at 12:30 and ending at 2:30 at the latest (to allow those attending to also attend that day's University Neighborhood Lecture). Grant will contact the mayor's office to determine if he or a representative would be willing to speak. Reports or information boards will describe the street amenities underway and other projects undertaken; displaying some of the I-81 posters is also possible. Sam Gruber mentioned the work of the awards group (J. Evangelisti and he), with awards for house/garden improvements to be announced at the meeting and the start of the nomination process for the good neighbor award (to be given at the Street Fair). Honoring Nader Maroun's years of service to the neighborhood was endorsed. Three of the board members up for re-election (Charles, Grant, Marilyn) agreed to run again; Alice will be queried. J. Evangelisti and Kate Palermo have expressed interest in the board and those present were encourage to seek out other nominees. Finally, Natalie suggested having a regular members' meeting in April, with the board retreat in May.

7. Item reports:

- Eastside TNT December meeting: Cancelled.
- Committee reports:
 - Communications: no report
 - Awards: Sam Gruber discussed certificates for those recognized for house/garden improvements. Damian will design certificate with money needed for framing.
 - Gustav Stickley house update: Phase 1 is 80 % complete. A \$250,000 NYS grant will be sought for elevator access and ADA compliance for the property.

8. Neighbor input:

Sam reported on the historic district nomination which will include some 2000 properties. Residents will have the opportunity to submit photographs, house histories, and other documentation.

9. Upcoming events:

- Eastside TNT: Tuesday, January 9, 7 p.m., Nottingham High School (Stickley house presentation).
- Neighborhood Website events: <http://westcottsyr.com/events/>
- Westcott community Center calendar: <https://westcottcc.org/calendar/>