



## Oct. 11, 2021, 6:30 pm, virtual Monthly meeting minutes

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, Nov. 8, 2021, 6:30 p.m., virtual**

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

**WNA members and friends:** Paul Harvey, Alice Honig, Andy Leahy

1. Welcome/introductions:  
Damian called the meeting to order at 6:35. Those present introduced themselves.
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:  
September meeting minutes: Natalie Stetson moved; Kate Palermo seconded approval; passed unanimously.

Charles asked if additional information concerning SU's proposal to oversee aspects of park maintenance in areas bordering Ostrom were available. Thornden Park Association board will meet to discuss this issue; questions should be sent to Damian or Paul Harvey.

3. Fiscal report: Natalie reported \$239.43 in checking. (less money owed Damian for fair printing costs and web security); \$2396.45 in savings. Natalie reiterated her email message saying she would complete the form to restore WNA's nonprofit status before July 13, 2022 due date, \$600 fee..
4. Business, Old:
  - a. Good neighbor awards:  
Damian urged those present to keep in mind folks who might be recognized at the annual meeting, mentioning Harry Lewis, in addition to Andrew Besemer.
  - b. Special guest planning:  
Damian will email board as a reminder; discussion turned to a petition being circulated by Mike Stanton to limit the number of unrelated people sharing a house to 3; wording based on a Poughkeepsie law. Hesitancy to sign and concerns for the limitation were raised; Sam mentioned something similar had failed some years ago.
  - c. Westcott Fair recap:  
\$40.00 collected from cookbook and membership sales. Attendance was strong and several folks reported on attendees expressing interest in the neighborhood and some new arrivals, from local area and further afield.

5. Business, New:
  - a. UNSAAC renewal:

Agreement that it is unlikely WNA would submit a proposal, given the lack of both board and general active members. Discussions concerning the negative effects of COVID on WNA in terms of drawing folks to meetings and to more active participation ensued.
  - b. Board recruitment:

Damian set this as the main assignment for board members, since there is little back-up for board members who will cycle off over the next 2 years.
  - c. Westcott business group:

Jeannette Morales from Las Delicias took the initiative to bring together several others including Eva Essi, and one of the stylists in the 2<sup>nd</sup> level shop with the goal of starting a group. Damian joined the meeting held at WCC; with competing demands for the businesses, it has been difficult to get a group off the ground; not surprisingly parking emerged as a main issue.
6. Committee/item reports:
  - a. Beautification committee: no report; clean-up on Saturday, Oct. 16, to focus on raking and clean-up as well as trash pick up
  - b. Membership: No report.
7. Additional input: none  
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8. Upcoming meetings/events:
  - a. WNA Neighborhood clean-up, Saturday, 10/16, 9 a.m.-12 noon (meet at Huckster Hill; supplies to be provided)
  - b. TNT, Oct. 12, 6:30, via Zoom.