



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

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 19, 2018, 6:30 p.m. at Petit Library**

**WNA board members:** JAE Evangelisti, Alice Honig, Grant Johnson, Lynne Odell, Kate Palermo, Glenda Ranallo, Natalie Stetson, Charles Tremper, Marilyn Zaleon

**WNA members and friends:** Liz Dwyer, Jane Kalkbrenner, Harry Lewis,

1. Welcome and introductions:  
Grant Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:35; those present introduced themselves.
2. Approval of the September 17 meeting minutes: Alice Honig moved and Natalie Stetson seconded approval; passed unanimously.
3. Fiscal report: Natalie Stetson reported: \$5.00 in checking; \$1,072.14 in planter fund; and \$2,758.48 in savings. No outstanding bills except planter expense from SU. Interest earned: \$.19 (savings); \$.09 planter)
4. Neighborhood SPD report:  
None; no response from Officer Bresett; no discussion. October 9 meeting of TNT will discuss crime trends on the Eastside. Officer Bresett's cell phone number is (315) 901-1288; he encouraged calls when something is happening.
5. Business: Old
  - UNSAAC 2017/2018 street amenities update:
    - Outdoor galleries: first, featuring owls, installed in front of Petit; 2<sup>nd</sup> to be installed near Community Garden, likely in November.
    - No update for coming year
  - Westcott Street Cultural Fair--Recap:  
Grant thanked those who helped staff the table; 3 cookbooks sold; no new memberships. Discussion turned to the survey results which Lynne prepared. Of 100 distributed, 41 surveys returned, 31 with contact information which will be added to the Listserv. Range of suggestions made, with dog park topping the list (1 "NO" vote) and Neighborhood Watch coming in 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion ranged over those WNA could do something about and those requiring City intervention. Grant will add names to the List and Natalie will begin preparing an email thanking respondents for their interest and highlighting possible solutions and

providing referrals on issues (sidewalk repair/clearing, potholes, etc.) needing action by the City.

- Euclid crosswalks letter to DPW:  
Not yet written; to be handled via email or at the November meeting

#### 6. Business: New

- Business membership solicitation (Glenda):  
Board letter of introduction to business, including landlords as proposed by JAE, to be prepared. In addition to soliciting for membership or a contribution, there will be an opportunity for business owners to raise questions and concerns with WNA.
- Westcott Street Planters program—the future:;  
Demands to keep planters watered have been considerable and whether to end participation in the program was discussed. Various options—involving business owners in their maintenance, hiring SU to water throughout the season—were discussed. Grant will contact SU to see if changes are possible in amount of support they offer for maintenance throughout the summer.

#### 7. Item reports:

- Eastside TNT: Glenda will attend the October 9 meeting
- Committee updates: Marilyn reported she can now update the online events part of the Website.
- Discussion of the coming 2 years' UNSAAC grant money: \$27,000 to be spent over 2 years. Anticipate replacing all 10 existing trash cans, with combination trash/recycling components, and add 2 new ones. An additional one at Westcott and Hawthorne was proposed.

#### 8. Neighbor input: Possible sources of assistance for projects was discussed: scouts, those owing community service, etc.

#### 9. Upcoming events:

- Eastside TNT: October 9, 7 p.m., cafeteria Nottingham High School. Julie LaFave, Syracuse Parks Commissioner and police representative will provide update on crime trends in the area.
- Syracuse Fire Department Station 10 open house, October 13, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Corner Cambridge and E. Genesee.
- Arts and crafts Society walking tour of Berkeley Park, October 13, 2-4 p.m. Meet at corner of Stratford and Berkeley Park.
- Neighborhood Website events: <http://westcottsyr.com/events/>
- Westcott community Center calendar: <https://westcottcc.org/calendar/>