



November 19, 2018, 6:30pm, Petit Library Meeting minutes -- DRAFT

NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 10, 2018, 6:30 p.m. at Petit Library

WNA board members: Alice Honig, Grant Johnson, Lynne Odell, Glenda Ranallo, Charles Tremper, Damian Vallelonga, Marilyn Zaleon

WNA members and friends: Latoya Allen, Chris Bresett (SPD)

1. Welcome and introductions:
Grant Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:35; those present introduced themselves.
2. Approval of the October 8 meeting minutes: Alice Honig moved and Glenda Ranallo seconded approval; passed unanimously.
3. Fiscal report: Grant Johnson reported (from Natalie): \$5.90 in checking; \$1,072.23 (\$.09k interest) in planter fund; and \$2,668.70 (\$.22 interest) in savings.
4. Neighborhood SPD report:
Officer Bresett reported between Oct. 1 and Nov. 19, there were 11 area burglaries concentrated in Comstock/Ackerman/Clarendon area. 8 were solved using recovered fingerprints and camera images (from S. Salina/Wood). Alleged thieves were in late teens/early 20s. Packages are being stolen from porches.
Discussion turned to recent snow storm and the delay in plowing streets. Latoya urged calling the city line (448-city), or, compiling lists and sending them to district councilor. Storm hit before winter crews fully in place; city short drivers and mechanics.
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:
 - 2nd outdoor gallery was installed near Community Garden on Harvard.
 - Business membership solicitation:
Glenda will visit business owners to encourage WNA membership highlighting accomplishments that have benefited the businesses. Discussions included whether business membership should be higher than for individuals. Discussions turned to other issues, including holiday lighting on Westcott (discontinued by the city to save money). One owner was willing to help fund.

Latoya will contact appropriate departments to attempt to locate the snowflakes and lighting.

- Euclid crosswalks letter to DPW:
Damian shared a draft of the letter to be signed by WNA and other neighborhood groups. Discussions ranged over how to publicize and reach as many residents as possible and involvement of other groups and even SU.
- Westcott Street Planters program: no report

6. Business: New

Business district updates (Damian)

- Expansion of former Papa John's pizza shop to accommodate diner, Rise N Shine
- Closing of Taste of India and spring opening of St. Urban's, a bistro featuring local food and wines.
- Temporary closing of Dorian's and construction of a 3-4 story multi-use building to largely fill that lot, with businesses (3-5) on first level, including a new Dorian's, and offices and small apartments (studio, 1-2 bedrooms on upper floors). Damian, one of the partners in the project, will present fuller description at the December WNA and TNT meetings.

7. Item reports:

- Eastside TNT: Glenda attended the October 9 meeting; no one from WNA attended the November one. October featured discussions on crime trends and park upgrades. Proposals for special projects grants are due by the end of January 2019.
- Committee updates:
Web site: Marilyn maintains current events there.

8. Neighbor input: Charles asked about the legality of extremely bright outdoor lights (3) along the side of a house in the 400-block of Columbus. Latoya will investigate.

9. Upcoming events:

- PACNY happy hour: Thursday, Dec. 6, 5-7 p.m. at Stout Brewing Co. (tentative)
- Neighborhood Website events: <http://westcottsy.com/events/>
- Westcott community Center calendar: <https://westcottcc.org/calendar/>