



December 10, 2018, 6:30pm, Petit Library Meeting minutes -- DRAFT

NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 14, 2019, 6:30 p.m. at Petit Library

WNA board members: JAE Evangelisti, D.J. Hellerman, Grant Johnson, Lynne Odell, Glenda Ranallo, Natalie Stetson, Charles Tremper, Damian Vallelonga, Marilyn Zaleon

WNA members and friends: Zack Bloomer, Andrea Buckvold, Munjed Essi, Keith Foresti, Debralee Gertz, Tony Gigliotti, Sam Gruber, Brian LaClair, Melissa Montgomery, Konstantinos Petkopoulos, Susan Rainey, Deborah Rose, Peter and Sarah Saulson, Officer Smith (SPD), Heather Schroeder, Kyle Stillwell, Jeff Walter

1. Welcome and introductions:
Grant Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:35; those present introduced themselves.
2. Approval of the November 19 meeting minutes: Pending the correction of Officer Bresett's first name to Chris, Marilyn Zaleon moved and Damian Vallenlonga seconded their approval; passed unanimously.
3. Fiscal report: Natalie Stetson reported: \$5.90 in checking; \$1,072.32 (\$.09 interest) in planter fund; and \$2,668.92 (\$.22 interest) in savings.
4. Neighborhood SPD report:
Officer Smith distributed the area felony report (11/10/2018-112/10/2018). Discussion turned to parking which is still a problem on Harvard and everywhere in conjunction with the theater; comments also noted overall improvement in enforcement during the fall. Stealing packages and mail and car break-ins remain a problem. Question raised concerning reporting non-functioning street lights (contact city or National Grid).

Officer Bresett's cell phone number is (315) 901-1288; he encouraged calls when something is happening.
5. Special presentation: Westcott Remix. Damian Vallelonga and Zack Bloomer distributed an overview of the project and answered questions concerning new construction on the lot currently occupied by Dorian's which would include storefronts, office space, and small (studio, 1, 2 bedroom) apartments.
 - Fully accessible, sustainable building; brick facades; affordable rents; apartments with balconies; not student rentals, but for folks wishing to downsize, or, have smaller space in the neighborhood; designed to fit into city's smart growth initiatives to increase density and walkability.

- Concerns raised about parking and overall size of the building (3 stories, with 4th floor set back; polluted site (former gas station).
- Want list for businesses includes: grocery store; pharmacy; hardware store, post office.
- Reactions varied; many expressed support and enthusiasm, some with reservations. Exchanges between JAE and the presenters grew heated (over issues of tax support, etc.), with JAE ultimately leaving the meeting.

6. Business: Old

- Business membership solicitation: Deferred
- Euclid crosswalks letter to DPW:
Damian will send out draft to board members, with comments/approval to be handled through email.

7. Business: New

- Conflict of interest policy:
Grant will draft something.
- Westcott Remembers: Memorial brick for Jane Begley (former WNA board member; coordinator of house tours)
Charles will discuss with Sam Gruber; Susan Rainey.

8. Item reports:

- Eastside TNT: No one attended November meeting.
- Committee updates:
Web site: Marilyn will add current events there; no updates.

9. Neighbor input: Charles asked about sidewalk snow removal pilot project which was to include E. Genesee Street.

10. Upcoming events:

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