



December 11, 2017, 6:30pm, Petit Library Meeting minutes -- DRAFT

NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 8, 2017, 6:30 p.m. at Petit Library

WNA board members: Kathy Downing, Alice Honig, D.J. Hellerman, Grant Johnson, Lynne Odell, Natalie Stetson, Charles Tremper, Damian Vallelonga, Marilyn Zaleon

WNA members and friends: Chris Bresett (SPD), JAE Evangelisti, Jane Kalkbrenner, Rachel May, Kate Palermo

1. Welcome and introductions:
Grant Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30; those present introduced themselves.
2. Approval of the November 13 meeting minutes: Pending corrections (correcting plants to plans and \$3 to \$3K), Damian Vallelonga moved; Kathy Downing seconded approval; passed unanimously.
3. Fiscal report: Natalie Stetson reported: \$5 in checking; \$3,341.77 (\$.14 interest earned) \$1,146.37 (\$.05 interest earned)
4. Neighborhood SPD report:
Officer Bresett introduced himself and highlighted break-ins at student apartments over Thanksgiving break (about half were not forced entry). Discussion ensued about how to get students to lock doors and take other precautions; warnings apparently fall on deaf ears. People were asked to be aware of package deliveries, since these have been targets. Damian asked if data were available on whether or not the neighborhood cameras were helping solve crimes. J. Evangelisti raised parking issues around the theatre (the current city administration will not take action on this), on Harvard and elsewhere in the neighborhood and how to handle the "crossover" hours around 6 p.m. Charles raised parking problems at the Korean Church (on the 1800 block of E. Genesee)
5. Business: Old
 - UNSAAC 2017/2018 street amenities update:
Planning meetings will continue to flesh out the projects: changes to area near the mural at S.Beech and Westcott and the Look See Here installations.
 - Euclid/Westcott pedestrian crossing signals:

Grant will draft a letter expressing concern for pedestrian safety and share it with the board to support adding crossing signals to a very busy intersection. Discussion veered off in several directions touching on other intersections moving infrastructure from a less busy area, etc.

- Westcott Remembers: wording for Gerry Grant brick:
Westcott
Remembers
Gerald Grant
Friend, Mentor
WENA president.
- Missing street lamps (Allen/Clarke; Allen/Harvard):
City plans to purchase poles and have lights re-installed.

6. Business: New

- I-81: resolution in support of community grid
At the request of SEUNA, Grant brought a draft resolution for approval. Vigorous and far-reaching discussion ensued as to whether WNA should take a stand; whether enough information was available; whether any consensus could be reached. Discussions trended toward supporting the grid (once it became better understood, with both Alice and Lynne needing more information. Grant will draft a letter for approval by the board.
- New board member recruitment:
Attendees were asked to think of possible new members and reach out to them. Four current members' terms expire: Alice Honig, Grant Johnson, Charles Tremper, Marilyn Zaleon. Both J. Evangelisti and Kate Palermo expressed interest.

7. Item reports:

- Eastside TNT November meeting:
Kathy Downing reported the meeting was given over to detail reports on the state of city school buildings. Tomorrow's meeting will focus on the Stickley House project, followed by a holiday party.
- Committee reports:
 - Communications: no report
 - Awards: J. Evangelisti and Sam Gruber met; discussion focused on criteria, with historic preservation, property/garden improvements, good neighbor behavior identified.

8. Neighbor input:

Lynne shared an AARP publication on livable communities, passing it on to J. Evangelisti. Copies may be ordered at:
AARP.org/Livable-Communities/Publications

9. Upcoming events:

- Eastside TNT: Tuesday, December 12, 7 p.m., Nottingham High School.
- Neighborhood Website events: <http://westcottsyr.com/events/>
- Westcott community Center calendar: <https://westcottcc.org/calendar/>

