



**Westcott Neighborhood Association
December 14, 2015, 6:30pm, Petit Library
Meeting minutes -- DRAFT**

NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 11, 2016

Persons registering in attendance:

WNA board members: Kathy Downing, Alice Honig, Grant Johnson, Lynne Odell, Natalie Stetson, Charles Tremper, Marilyn Zaleon,

WNA neighbors and friends: Matthew Broderick, Kate Hammer, Nader Maroun, Susan Rainey.

1. Welcome / Introductions:

Grant Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Those present introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes / Agenda:

Pending a second correction of Mr. Rose's name from Brendon to Brendan, Alice Honig moved and Kathy Downing seconded the approval of the November minutes; passed unanimously.

3. Fiscal Report:

Natalie Stetson reported \$1,179 in the account, with a \$.05 dividend. The check from the food co-op (\$149.08) is still outstanding. Grant asked the board to approve \$27,00 spent by Damian to promote Winter Weekend. In light of the increased online presence that resulted, Grant Johnson moved and Alice Honig seconded authorizing the expenditure. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Neighborhood SPD Report:

Officer Whittles was absent, but several members offered observations. Someone entered an apartment through an unlocked window at the Park Point apartments at Comstock and Adams; the occupant was assaulted with a knife by the intruder; injuries were not critical. Those present discussed posting safety tips and information on the WNA Website, similar to what SU offers as part of their crime updates. Lynne mentioned seeing a man coming down her driveway at 1 a.m. and Kate mentioned automobile thefts resulting from keys being stolen from apartments. Nader emphasized that 911 should always be called to report any suspicious behavior. SU's Dept. of Public Safety will reduce coverage during the holiday.

5. Business: Old

a. Euclid/Westcott Street corner safety project:

The second public meeting has been held. The property owner raised concerns about a shelter being used for illegal activities—drug deals, a congregating spot for the homeless, etc. The SU students have submitted their report, with final design work and actual building occurring during the winter and installation in

the spring. Nader raised questions focused on responsibility for ongoing maintenance (the city, a grant?), the desirability of improving the streetscape (installing new curbing, a sidewalk), and the need for better traffic control—lights to allow safer street crossings, better crosswalks.

- b. UNSAAC:
No new information.
 - c. Euclid bike lanes:
Recent meeting focused on Waverly and Comstock in light of SU's campus master plan. In addition, plans are in the works for South Crouse and the buildings occupied by Varsity and Faegan's. Kathy asked Nader if the striping on Comstock could be refreshed to provide a more visible lane for bicycles.
 - d. Winter weekend:
Grant and Natalie distributed flyers and were interviewed; businesses have not been solicited for feedback, but consensus was to continue the venture next year, hopefully with improvements.
 - e. Stickley House:
Awarded an additional \$200,000 grant, bringing total for phase one exterior renovations to over \$700,000.
6. Business: New
- a. F.O.C.U.S. age-friendly effort survey:
Distributed to those in attendance; process has goal to assess whether a neighborhood is friendly to older citizens.
 - b. Hashtag:
Deferred.
 - c. Board recruitment:
New members to be elected at March annual meeting; current board members asked to think about possible new members and talk to candidates. Matthew Broderick expressed interest.
 - d. Annual meeting planning:
Possible venues were discussed, Munjed's or Alto's were proposed.
7. Item reports:
- a. Website:
No report..
 - b. Membership:
Natalie reported 3 new members signing up via Paypal, bringing total to 27. Membership terms now runs from month one joins and must be renewed at the end of that month the following year.
8. Neighbor input:
- a. Holiday lighting (from Alice):
Nothing will happen for 2015; hope is to begin discussions by summer next year to have lights on by Winter Weekend. Alice asked if there were a way to engage SU design students in this process.
 - b. Cleaning up after pets (from Lynne):
Lynne asked for advice on how to approach a wheelchair-bound dog owner who does/cannot clean up after his pet. Calling Enable or Arise were proposed as was asking him if he knew of his obligation.
9. Upcoming Events
No December TNT.

