



**Dec. 14, 2020, 6:30 pm, virtual
Monthly meeting minutes -- DRAFT**

NEXT MEETING: Monday, Jan. 11, 2021, 6:30 p.m., virtual

WNA Board members: Kate Oja, Glenda Renallo, Natalie Stetson, Charles Tremper, Damian Vallelonga, Marilyn Zaleon

WNA members and friends: Paul (WCC).

1. Welcome/introductions:

Damian called the meeting to order at 6:34. Those present introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

Once those present determined that 6 board members constituted a quorum minutes from September and October were approved. Sept. 14 minutes: Damian Vallelonga moved; Kate Oja seconded approval; passed unanimously. Oct. minutes: Marilyn Zaleon moved; Damian Vallelonga seconded approval; passed unanimously.

3. Fiscal report:

Natalie reported: \$ in checking; \$ in savings (\$ interest earned)

4. Business, Old:

a. Bike racks and trash can labels:

Damian has secured bike racks; repainted; not able to install right now, in storage; He will coordinate with DPW in Spring to get installed

Garbage can labels done, Damian is working with print shop to see if they'll adhere to metal and is awaiting a price quote on 13 labels to explain how to separate out and position the returnables.

b. Westmoreland bus shelter:

Last month Joe and Damian discussed corner of Westmoreland and Fayette (had a bus shelter attached which is no longer there – for Centro), wondering if that's something Centro can assist with. Centro says it warrants a shelter.

1. Joe called today but wasn't able to reach anyone. Sent a follow-up email and will continue to follow-up.
2. Stop downtown on corner of Fayette and Warren that has inside heaters – is this something that could be expanded to other spots?

6. Business, New:

a. SU update::

Damian participated in a call with SU and SPD team to review the fall semester. Compared to other universities SU's semester was a success and students on the whole behaved responsibly. SU sanctioned events to allow students to socialize safely; in person classes suspended in early November. SU anticipates a partially in person spring semester, beginning Jan 25 and ending Apr. 30, with no spring break. Plans call for vaccinating students, staff, and faculty. To report unsafe student behavior, please contact DPS at (315) 443-2224 or 711@syr.edu This email is monitored 24/7.

b. WCC van fund:

To continue providing services to seniors, meals, transportation, WCC needs to purchase a new van. Paul Harvey described the efforts so far, developing plans with the Westcott Leadership Roundtable, hoping to recruit 200 donors giving \$200 each. There is a Go Fund Me page; checks may be sent to WCC. Damian will send out an email urging support. Kate proposed printing a flyer; Glenda supported this with both offering to distribute them.

c. SPD meeting representative:

Damian reported the SPD no longer could spare an officer to attend WNA meetings. Damian will request Captain Lynch to send WNA area reports. TNT's January meeting will feature a discussion of issues relating to policing.

d. Possible UNPA/WNA grant collaboration:

Damian described SEDCO, a city grant program for neighborhood businesses. Neighborhood groups may apply to assist area businesses. Efforts so far have not elicited much interest from Westcott businesses. The goal is to try again in 2021.

e. Business vandalism / break-ins and arrest

Damian reported 2 separate incidents of property damage in the neighborhood. The first involved gouging and damaging parked automobiles in the Euclid/Cumberland area. No one has been arrested in this, but cameras show and older man may have been involved. Discussion turned to a possible political motive, since some of the vehicles and/or properties had lawn and other political signs (Black lives matter; Democratic candidates). The second saw damages to businesses on Westcott and those down toward Erie Blvd, including broken windows and other acts of vandalism. A juvenile was arrested and released; more damage followed. Upon a second arrest followed by juvenile detention, these damages stopped.

7. Committee/item reports.

- a. Beautification committee: No report
- b. Membership: No report

8. Additional input:

Paul discussed updating the Morningside Cultural Trails phone tours with updates on new public art, the new trash cans and other improvements to the area.

9. Upcoming events:

a. Eastside TNT (virtual): next meeting Jan. 12, 2021.

10. Meeting adjourned at 7:25.p.m.