



February 11, 2019, 6:30pm, Petit Library Meeting minutes -- DRAFT

NEXT MEETING: Annual meeting, Sunday, March 10, 2019, 1 p.m. at Munjed's

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

WNA members and friends: Chris Bresett (SPD), Jon Carlin, Audrey Edwards, Sam Gruber, Jane Kalkbrenner, Sharon M. Nabinger, Stefanie Noble, Kate Oja, Susannah Park, Susan Rainey, Katie Rook

1. Welcome and introductions:

Grant Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:35; those present introduced themselves.

2. Approval of the January 14 meeting minutes: Pending correcting the occasional typo, Alice Honig moved and Natalie Stetson seconded their approval; passed unanimously. Thanks to Glenda for taking the minutes; she will forward the corrected version.

3. Fiscal report: Natalie Stetson reported: \$5.90 in checking; \$1,072.50 (\$.09 interest) in planter fund; and \$2,669.38 (\$.23 interest) in savings.

4. Neighborhood SPD report:

Officer Bresett reported additional burglaries discovered by students returning from winter break, concentrated in streets around Thornden Park. Increased ticketing of illegally-parked cars was reported; Officer Bresett highlighted ticketing efforts along Euclid to insure street was clear for cleaning Tuesdays and Thursdays. Grant asked about the pistol whipping incident on Ackerman which had not yet been reported to Officer Bresett. Alice asked about the involvement of family services with young people involved in these incidents.

Officer Bresett's cell phone number is (315) 901-1288; he encouraged calls when something is happening.

5. Business: Old

- Business membership solicitation: Deferred

- Euclid crosswalks letter to DPW:
Letter requesting crossing signals at Euclid and Westcott has been sent to DPW and the common councilors, both the neighborhood and all at-large councilors. In addition to WNA, letter has been signed by UNPA (University Neighborhood Preservation Association), SEUNA (Southeast University Neighborhood Association), Erwin Church, and the Ed Smith Parent Teachers Organization.
- Westcott Remix/Mural updates:
Owners of Yeti's have contacted local artist Jaleel Campbell concerning repairs to the Michael Moody mural.

The variances required for the Remix project have been denied; Damian reported plans would be revised and the project resubmitted at an unspecified date. Discussion then looped back to issues raised earlier: parking, unknown status of gas tanks and possibly polluted site, shadows and loss of sunlight from a 4-story building, and how to buffer the new building from the noise generated by the theatre. Sam emphasized the proposal's resulting in the positive engagement of business owners and residents in discussions about Westcott Street's future. Alice inquired about underground parking (expensive and not feasible)

- Westcott remembers Jane Begley:
Charles raised WNA sponsorship of a memorial brick for Jane Begley, long time WNA member and one-time vice president and coordinator of the house tours. JAE offered to help fund, with others helping as well. Charles, Sam Gruber, and Susan Rainey will finalize the wording and bring proposal to the April meeting.
- Annual meeting planning:
Speakers will be Mayor Ben Walsh and Sam Gruber and Bruce Harvey who will discuss the historic district nomination for the Westcott neighborhood (they will present a longer presentation at a venue for more people (WCC?)) Those present agreed to ask the mayor about his initiatives and to raise neighborhood quality of life concerns—sidewalk clearing, street repair, parking, policing.

6. Business: New

- UNSAAC 2019-2021 project update:
Discussion quickly turned to trash/recycling receptacles; their design and location. Committee to discuss these issues has not yet met, but will report out at the April meeting.

7. Item reports:

- Eastside TNT:
Attendee for February meeting (Feb. 12); no one volunteered. Agenda includes funding for special projects

- Westcott Leadership Roundtable:
Marilyn reported the Parks commissioner attended and provided updates on Wifi in parks, new streetlights,
- Committee updates:
No report; Natalie reported need for updates to business listings, with demise of Picasso's and the cell phone shop. Marilyn will add information once it is forwarded to her.

8. Neighbor input: None.

9. Upcoming events:

- TNT meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019, 7 p.m., Nottingham School.
- WNA annual meeting, Sunday, Mar. 10, 2019, 1 p.m., Munjeds.
- Neighborhood Website events: <http://westcottsyr.com/events/>
- Westcott community Center calendar: <https://westcottcc.org/calendar/>