



## Feb. 14, 2022, 6:30 pm, virtual Monthly meeting minutes

**NEXT MEETING: Annual meeting, Monday, Mar. 14, 2022, 6:30 p.m., virtual**

**WNA Board members:** Sam Gruber, Lynne Odell, Kate Palermo, Natalie Stetson, Charles Tremper, Damian Vallelonga, Marilyn Zaleon

**WNA Members and Guests:** Adam Felleman, Virginia Felleman, Alice Honig, Carol Johnson, Bonnie Kennedy (Petit), Andy Leahy, Jess Lindgren, Susannah Park, Galyn Murphy-Stanley, Kerry Thurston, Rhonda Vesey, Heather Williams,

1. Welcome/introductions:  
Damian called the meeting to order at 6:30.
2. Approval of Agenda/Minutes::  
The January meeting was for board members only.
3. Treasurer's report:  
Natalie reported \$113.02 in checking; \$2,396.69 in savings with \$.06 interest earned.  
Damian reported there were no outstanding debts, meaning that there was some money available for a small project or two. Sam mentioned a welcome to the neighborhood brochure.
4. Business, Old:  
Board recruitment: With several officers resigning or having served beyond term limits, the need for new members remains. Carol Johnson is interested but is uncertain what it entails, as did Rhonda Vesey and others.
5. Business, New:
  - Annual meeting planning: After brief discussion, those present agreed to invite Steve Harris, Syracuse city arborist to serve as featured speaker.
  - Sidewalk update: Clearing remains a work in progress. The build-up of ice due to small amounts of snow not being cleared and the residue left behind freezing and thawing to form creates unsafe conditions forcing pedestrians back into the streets.
6. Committee/item reports:
  - TNT meeting updates: Damian presented an overview of the Remix project. Their small grant projects include a Little Library near Berry Park, funding for an outer Comstock

project, for UNPA's Fun run, and for replacement more accessible metal picnic tables at the Westcott Community. Lynne raised funding for additional planters and banners and was referred to TNT funding.

- Monthly "clean-up" Saturdays will resume once the weather begins to clear; discussion turned to time to meet and areas to be covered.
- The rehabilitation needs of the Dunbar Center at Dell and Columbus were discussed and the possibility of drawing on UNPA for help.
- Andy Leahy reported on the creation of a new Facebook group for the near Eastside, the Greater Westcott Nation, to serve as a forum for announcements and communication. Group is open to both residents and interested outsiders.
- Membership Committee: No report.

#### 7. Additional input:

In response to a query about early morning trash pickups in the business district, the group was informed of the role of justice center inmates and program to manually pick up litter after weekly garbage collections.