



**Feb. 8, 2021, 6:30 pm, virtual  
Monthly meeting minutes -- DRAFT**

**NEXT MEETING: Annual meeting, Monday, Mar, 8, 2021, 6:30 p.m., virtual**

**WNA Board members:** Grant Johnson, Lynne Odell, Kate Oja, Kate Palermo, Glenda Ranallo, Natalie Stetson, Charles Tremper, Damian Vallelonga, Marilyn Zaleon

**WNA members and friends:** Joe Driscoll (common council), Sam Gruber, Harry Lewis, Melissa Montgomery, Carolyn Ostrander, Sam Roberts, Emily Winiecke (SU)

1. Welcome/introductions:  
Damian called the meeting to order at 6:30. Those present introduced themselves.
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:  
Jan. 11 meeting minutes: Marilyn Zaleon moved; Kate Palermo seconded approval; passed unanimously.
3. Fiscal report: Natalie sent the following via email:  
\$108.24 (checking); \$2,395.91 (savings, with \$.06 interest.
4. Business, Old:
  - a. Westmoreland/E. Fayette bus shelter:  
Joe Driscoll has spoken with Centro representative; installation delayed until spring. Joe will contact Centro once weather turns.
  - b. WCC van fund raiser:  
\$10,000 is still needed. Joe Driscoll announced a virtual concert fundraiser featuring area musicians to be held, Thursday, Feb. 11, accessed through the WCC facebook page among others. Those present were reminded of the importance of the van to WCC programs which help older area residents and urged to contribute.
  - c. Board recruitment:  
Two people have expressed interest in the past: Sam Grumer; Melissa Montgomery. No other candidates proposed during meeting. Sam has sent Damian a couple additional names.
  - d. Annual meeting planning:  
Michael Collins, commissioner of neighborhood and business development will be featured speaker. Those present were urged to send questions for Collins to Damian in advance of the meeting. Marilyn proposed sending the membership form as part of the meeting announcement; a link to it will be provided. Additional suggestions from the floor included: inviting someone from SU to discuss the new semester and SU's plans to

deal with covid; the use of Levy during the current school year and city clearance of sidewalks abutting city property they own; and updates from business owners in light of covid. After discussion, decision made not to include these.

5. Business, New:

a. Deer management:

Culling of deer on the eastside will resume this year; locations are not publicized to prevent disruption of the program. 160 deer were killed last year, exceeding expectations.

b. SPD report:

Damian reported that overall the news was good: there has not been a spike in crime and there are fewer incidents. He also said the report was not easy to interpret. Sam urged that the positive findings be publicized, since there are media and other reports that crime has increased. Harry Lewis said report was being distributed to SEUNA.

Committee/item reports.

a. Beautification committee:

No report; plans for coming season will be shared at future meetings.

b. Membership: No report.

8. Upcoming meetings/events:

Eastside TNT (virtual): Tuesday, Feb. 9, 6:30 via Zoom.