



**Mar. 14, 2022, 6:30 pm, virtual
Annual meeting minutes**

NEXT MEETING: Monthly meeting, Apr. 11, 2022

WNA Board members: Sam Gruber, Grant Johnson, Natalie Stetson, Charles Tremper, Damian Vallelonga, Marilyn Zaleon

WNA Members and Guests: Fred Amrose, Anne Bellows, Andrea Buckvold, Adam Felleman, Virginia Felleman, Anthony Gigliotti, Holly Grant, Stephen Harris (city arborist, speaker), Paul Harvey, Serema Hemmers, Alice Honig, Carol Johnson, Bonnie Kennedy (Petit), Andy Leahy, Jess Lindgren, Lisa Lohman, Donnella Monk, Galyn Murphy-Stanley, Susannah Park, Kim Phan, Susan Rainey, Sharon Sherman, Kerry Thurston, Sally White, Heather Williams,

1. Welcome/introductions:
Damian called the meeting to order at 6:30 and introduced current board members..
2. Summary of year's activities:
Damian highlighted more frequent and expanded neighborhood clean-up effort involving 5 or 6 Saturday morning sessions expanded to include not just the Huckster hill area, but including trash pick-ups on nearby streets – S. Beech, Westcott, Columbus, Dell, Hawthorne, even a bit of Genesee as well as the front areas of Petit.
He also mentioned inviting speakers to meetings, starting with Corey Driscoll Dunham speaking on the city's sidewalk program and tonight's speaker, Stephen Harris.
Resuming applying for UNSAAC and other grants remains an option for the coming year.
Those present were encouraged to present project ideas.
3. Featured speaker: Steve Harris, city arborist; Kim Phan, urban forest :
Steve began with an overview of the Urban Forest masterplan with the goal of planting more trees, increasing the canopy by 7% which will have both practical and aesthetic/emotional benefits. Trees cool urban areas, help lessen pollution, and even sooth urban tensions, The program has 3 long-terms goals: to create a more equitable canopy (poorer areas have fewer trees, more hot spots), develop a long term planting plan (1200 trees a year), and to provide education and training. The mayor allocated \$2 M from federal funds to this effort. Planting planning is currently underway for the coming year, using a variety of species, ornamentals, with some 2/3 being natives. Ultimate choices depend on what is available. There is also a focus on natural areas and abandoned lots and properties. The presence of overhead wires, the width of parking lawns, and need to protect sidewalks all influence what is planted.
4. Board elections:

: Damian announced the candidates and asked them to describe their interest in WNA and the neighborhood:

- Gayyn Murphy Stanley
- Anne Cofer
- Carole Johnson
- Andrea Buckvold
- Kimberlee
- Susanna Park
- Adam Felleman

All were unanimously elected.