



**Apr. 12, 2021, 6:30 pm, virtual
Monthly meeting minutes -- DRAFT**

NEXT MEETING: Board retreat, 6-8:00 p.m. In person; venue to be determined

WNA Board members: Sam Gruber, Grant Johnson, Lynne Odell, Kate Palermo, Charles Tremper, Damian Vallelonga, Marilyn Zaleon

WNA members and friends: Linda Erwin, Anthony Gigliotti, Carolyn Ostrander, Susannah Park, Emily Winiecki

1. Welcome/introductions:
Damian called the meeting to order at 6:30.
2. Approval of agenda/minutes:
Minutes for the Mar. 8th annual meeting were approved.
3. Financial report:
Checking: \$270.61 (Includes recent PayPal memberships)
Savings: \$2,396.09
4. Business, Old:
Bus shelter at corner of East Fayette and Westmoreland: existing shelter to be moved to area.
5. Business, New:
 - a. Officer election:
For the past year, in lieu of elections, Natalie Stetson and Charles Tremper continued on as treasurer and secretary respectively. Damian Vallelonga and Grant Johnson switched roles with Damian serving as acting president and Grant as acting vice president. All 4 have agreed to continue in their current positions for another year. Sam Gruber nominated the slate; Marilyn seconded. Board members present unanimously approved.
 - b. Neighborhood clean-up:
Earth Day, Apr. 24 has been set for the annual spring clean up. Streets in especial need were identified: lower Westcott Street, Columbus Ave., Bassett and lower Beech and other areas at the northern edge of the neighborhood. Those present agreed morning was preferred, setting 9 or 10 to noon as time frame. Bags and other equipment may be picked up at Huckster Hill, with bags returned to a Westcott intersection. Streets, sidewalks and the parking lawn are main areas of focus, with goal to stay off private property. Trash cans are lacking in most areas north of Genesee. Damian will follow up with emails to finalize planning.
 - c. Board retreat planning:
Those present agreed to meet in person for 2 hours in order to plan for coming year in light of likely UNSAAC money and to respond to issues raised, in Sam's recent memo and by others.

There is a need for additional board members and volunteers to fill out membership of existing committees.

6. Committee/item reports:

a. Beautification:

Lynne raised the need for additional members as we head into the more active garden and clean up season with fewer members.. .

b. Membership:

. No report.

7. Additional input:

Kate Palermo raised issues surrounding the appearance and removal of graffiti from the bike rack and other areas near Petit Library, including concerns about how removal was done. Graffiti has not been a serious problem in the neighborhood outside certain areas, some focused along Beech St., and the tagging of road signs, mailboxes, and the like.

8. Upcoming meetings/events:

Eastside TNT (virtual): Tuesday, Apr. 13, 6:30 via Zoom.