



Minutes
Westcott Neighborhood Association
May 13, 2024

Board members in attendance: Sam Gruber, Adam Felleman, Kimberly McCoy, Heila Martin-Person, Galyn Murphy-Stanley

Other attendees: Alice Dove, Andy Leahy, Richard Park, Zach Rowe, Charles Tremper, Corey Williams, Marilyn Zaleon,

Welcome/Introductions

The April minutes were approved (motion by adam Felleman)

Communications / Membership Committee:

Kevin & Carol were absent, and monthly financial report was skipped. Kevin is working with Johnathan Duran to fix the Pay Pal button on the website. Mail Chimp is difficult and we are exploring other platforms that could assist in the problem of adding new members. Heila offered to assist with Mail Chimp and/or other platforms. (such as constant Contact).

We discussed the important of finding new members, and can work with Corey Williams to understand area mailing opportunities, such as tax and voter registration lists. For starters, all who attend monthly WNA meetings should be added to the mailing list. Kim has experience in localized mailings to focused neighborhoods and may help. Possibly we can work with Westcott Roundtable to do a larger bulk mailing at end of summer 2024

Events Committee

Upcoming events:

5/18/24 Neighborhood Clean-up

6/8/24 Westcott Remembers (Petit) *Last day to sign up for Poetry reading CNY Arts

6/15/24 WNA to table at Art Trail (Petit) *Adam has banner

6/23/24 Poetry Reading (Georgia Popoff) Kate made flyer CNY Arts

7/28/24 Poetry Reading

8/25/24 Poetry Reading

10/26/24 Halloween Dog Parade

Old Business

We discussed the vandalized and now empty Artbox installation at Harvard St. Community Garden, and Sam suggested a call for proposals to artists to fill the box on a rotating basis. WNA would maintain the Plexiglas. Andrea & Susy might help. We can prepare a flier "Looking for Artists". Art work would not NOT insured.

Planning is not complete for the Bulletin board/Kiosk at Harvard and Westcott. We have received a grant of \$3,400 for this work.

New Business

The tall, metal "Westcott" sign on Westcott near East Genesee Street corner, was knocked over and removed by the city of Syr. Damien following up on.

The Barry Park/Meadowbrook public meeting is scheduled at All Saints Catholic, Lancaster Ave. 7pm May 28, 2024, to discuss with County and City officials: Dave Kirby of Westcott Gardens and Sam Gruber for WNA and Westcott Leadership Roundtable are lead organizers for the meeting. The meeting will address these topics:

- Requesting annual payment for mulch used on Meadowbrook paths
- Detention basin/Recreational space
- New Barry Park playground
- New Westcott St sidewalk
- Letter writing campaign

The Board discussed ways to help spread the word, and if needed, ways to fund-raise.

The subject of traffic control was raised. Councilor Corey Williams said the most common neighborhood complaint is speeding. Letter from Westcott Leadership Roundtable on the issue might move action forward. Need to know the effectiveness of new speed bumps and if more are planned. Local speed limits can be altered by municipality. This is done through DPW

Sam brought up the upcoming UNSAAC grant. The Board conformed WNA would not apply.

We noted that the Parks & Rec Department is clearing the brick paths at Thornden Park and should send them an appreciative note.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Galyn Murphy-Stanley

Next Meeting: Monthly Meeting June 10, 2024 6:30pm