



**May 14, 2018, 6:30pm, Petit Library  
Meeting minutes -- DRAFT**

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 11, 2018, 6:30 p.m. at Petit Library**

**WNA board members:** Alice Honig, Grant Johnson, Zoe Meighan, Lynne Odell, Kate Palermo, Glenda Ranallo, Natalie Stetson, Charles Tremper, Marilyn Zaleon

**WNA members and friends:** Chris Bresett (SPD), Samuel Gruber, Jane Kalkbrenner,

1. Welcome and introductions:  
Grant Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30; those present introduced themselves.
2. Approval of the April 8 meeting minutes: Pending correcting Zoe Meighan's surname, Alice Honig moved and Kate Palermo seconded approval; passed unanimously.
3. Fiscal report: Natalie Stetson sent following report: \$2,044.00 in checking; \$321.16 in savings; \$1,346.61 in planter account; interest earnings totaled \$.06, \$.01 on savings; \$.05 on planter.
4. Neighborhood SPD report:  
Officer Bresett's cell phone number is (315) 901-1288; he encouraged calls when something is happening. He reported 6 burglaries, 3 forced entry, 3 not. One bicycle, stolen from an unlocked garage, was recovered on S. Salina Street, and an arrest was made. Car larcenies, from both locked and unlocked cars were reported on Clarendon and Ackerman. Zoe reported an armed robbery of a student in the 900 block of Comstock after midnight today. Officer Bresett reported that he had parked on Columbus Ave, but had not observed suspicious activities which Glenda and Charles reported at both April and May meetings. Grant reported that in response to JAE Evangelisti's concerns at the last meeting and following Latoya Allen's call, city inspectors visited the Las Delicias to examine the grease disposal.
5. Business: Old
  - UNSAAC 2017/2018 street amenities update:  
Two "Mini Outdoor Gallery" scenes will be installed, one at the community garden on Harvard, the second near the library; themes will be family friendly and in no way offensive. There were no updates on the bench at Westcott/S. Beech or the "W."
6. Business: New

- UNSAAC 2018-2020 grants, potential projects  
Trash cans emerged as the consensus choice if WNA chooses to apply for UNSAAC funds. Discussions on the scope of the project ranged from simply replacing existing one to expanding them to include recycling and/or increasing the number. Natalie raised concerns about whether there enough board members to follow through on managing a grant. Since applications are due May 18, Grant offered to see if he could draft a proposal in time. Sam referenced an earlier proposal for an oral history project. Glenda asked to see the last proposal.
- Jazz in the city: Grant will draft a letter in support of a concert to be held on A Thursday evening in July or August.
- Neighborhood Watch: Watch groups generally limit their area to a block or 2. Lynne suggested WNA could function in a coordinator role. Jane said there had been a group on Victoria which has since ceased to meet. Glenda is waiting for the information packet to arrive. Grant will invite the program coordinator to the June meeting. .

#### 7. Item reports:

- Eastside TNT: the April meeting focused on the Empire State Trail project which will transform Erie Boulevard, adding bike trails, sidewalks, etc., by 2020. The May meeting focused on the construction of 1300 units of student apartments on E. Genesee and behind Marshall Street. Concerns raised about empty houses which will likely be filled with Section 8 tenants, is students flock to the new apartments.
- Planters: Grant spoke to the new coordinator of the plants; same plants, Lantana, as last year. Planters will be installed soon.
- Sam reported that neighborhood improvement awards would be announced at the Street Fair in September.
- Grant reported he had spoken to DPW about the possibility of planting the area between Huckster Hill and the Boombabies warehouse parking lot, in response to an offer from Charles' tenenat.

#### 8. Neighbor input: Zoe announced that she was leaving for Vancouver and a program in animation sometime toward the end of summer.

#### 9. Upcoming events:

- Barry Park Fun Run: Sunday, May 20, 10 a.m., Barry Park.
- Slow Ride (Bikes) Syracuse: Monday, June 4, 6 p.m., Original Grain, 301, S. Salina St.
- Eastside TNT: Tuesday, June 12, 7 p.m., Nottingham High School.
- Rose Day: Wednesday, June 27, 12 noon-3 p.m., Thornden Park Rose Garden.

- Westcott Art Trail, Saturday-Sunday, June 2-3.
- Arts and Crafts Society of Central New York Ward Wellington Ward walking tour, Salt Springs and Scottholm, Sunday June 3, 2-5 p.m.
- Neighborhood Website events: <http://westcottsyr.com/events/>
- Westcott community Center calendar: <https://westcottcc.org/calendar/>