



**June 10, 2019, 6:30pm, Petit Library
Meeting minutes -- DRAFT**

NEXT MEETING: Monday, July 8, 2019, 6:30 p.m. at Petit

WNA board members: JAE Evangelisti, Alice Honig, Grant Johnson, Kate Oja, Kate Palermo, Glenda Ranallo, Natalie Stetson, Charles Tremper, Marilyn Zaleon

WNA members and friends: Tony Gigliotti, Holly Grant, Jane Kalkbrenner, Lt. Eric Lindgren (SPD), Anton Ninno, Biboti Ouikahilo, Susannah Park, Jacob A. Roberts, Kerry Thurston, Renee Vogelsang, Howard Walsdorf

1. Welcome and introductions:
Grant Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:35; those present introduced themselves.
2. Approval of the May 12 meeting minutes: Alice Honig moved; Natalie Stetson seconded approval; passed with one abstention.
3. Fiscal report: Natalie Stetson reported: \$249.49 (money available to pay for domain hosting, etc.); \$1,073.03 (\$.14 interest) in planter fund; and \$2,594.28 (\$.35 interest) in savings.
4. Neighborhood SPD report:
Lt. Lindgren introduced himself and did not have detailed statistics, but reported on the reorganization into 3 districts, with the eastern of which we are part, being overall the safest, with the lowest levels of violent crime. Break-ins are up in the university area since students left for the summer. SU is seeking funding for more cameras in the area. He discussed changes to the community policing efforts, stating that it was no longer a recognized unit, but a "concept" which makes every officer a community policing officer. He also stressed recent staff reductions. Finally he urged folks to lock cars and not leave keys in. JAE raised problems with reporting parking violations via 911 and emphasized need for ticket writers. Lt. Lindgren may be reached by phone at (315) 442-5221; or email at elindgren@syracusepolice.org Always call 911 for emergencies.
5. Business: Old
 - UNSAAC 2018-2019 Update:
Grant recapped the plans to replace and add new trash cans (with a recycling component) in the neighborhood. He and Damian are scheduled to meet this week with DPW to work out details.
 - WNA officers term limits quandary:

All have served beyond limits set in by-laws. In the spirit of keeping the organization moving along, it was proposed to grant a term extension until April 2020. Alice Honig moved and Glenda Rinallo seconded the motion to do this; pass unanimously. Discussion then segued into alternative organization models such a co-presidents, or, an executive officer.

6. Business: New

- 315 Alive / Public art – Jake Roberts
Jake introduced the program, focused on the role of public art in place making, highlighting installations already in place, such as the mural at Geddes and Fayette and sites already approved, including 6 on the former Sibley's, currently the Redhouse, building. The group has scoped out a number of possible locations in the Westcott area, including the walls bordering the public parking area and the wall bordering Dorian's parking lot. Jake asked for volunteers to plan an art program in the Westcott area. Jake is one possibility for repairing the Michael Moody mural at S. Beech and Westcott.
- Neighborhood watch update”
Deferred due to absence of Lynne.
- Westcott Street Fair booth application, Sunday September 22, 2019:
Due to last year's staffing issues, volunteers will be solicited via email and then application submitted.

7. Item reports:

- Eastside TNT:
Last month's meeting featured the police chief, with Harvard Place parking among items discussed, along with 5G health concerns. Glenda volunteered to attend tomorrow's meeting with zoning changes as the main agenda items.
- Committee and other updates:
 - Westcott remembers: awaiting delivery/installation of bricks.
 - Letter to business still in draft phase.
 - Marilyn has entered meetings as events (in response to concerns raised at the May meeting) and has updated other events.
 - Planters have been installed; Grant and JAE discussed watering and will discuss how to proceed.
 - Grant will raise the issue of installing walk signs at Euclid and Westcott at his meeting with DPW to discuss trash cans.

8. Neighbor input: None

9. Upcoming events:

- TNT meeting, Tuesday, June 11,, 2019, 7 p.m., Nottingham School.
- Westcott Art Trail, Saturday, June 15, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, June 16, 12 noon-5 p.m.
- Neighborhood Website events: <http://westcottsyr.com/events/>
- Westcott community Center calendar: <https://westcottcc.org/calendar/>