



June 11, 2018, 6:30pm, Petit Library Meeting minutes -- DRAFT

NEXT MEETING: Monday, July 9, 2018, 6:30 p.m. at Petit Library

WNA board members: JAE Evangelisti, D.J. Hellerman, Alice Honig, Grant Johnson, Lynne Odell, Kate Palermo, Charles Tremper, Marilyn Zaleon

WNA members and friends: Joy Armstrong, Chris Bresett (SPD), John Cradduck, Susan Honis, Mallory Kay Nelson, Anthony Treigle,,

1. Welcome and introductions:
Grant Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30; those present introduced themselves.
2. Approval of the May 14 meeting minutes: Pending correcting spelling of "tenant" (bullet 4 under 7. Item reports), Alice Honig moved and Lynne Odell seconded approval; passed unanimously.
3. Fiscal report: Natalie Stetson, in Europe at meeting time, will email report to Charles for inclusion in the minutes.
4. Neighborhood SPD report:
Officer Bresett reported 2 burglaries of note, one on Kensington, the other on Livingston, with the latter leading to stealing a car, later abandoned on the north side; no suspects in either. The May armed robbery of a student on Comstock occurred just before a similar robbery in the Kirk Park area. He then reported that the Westcott Storefront would close June 20th; Officer Bresett will work out of the East Genesee office, part of Hutchings complex; he is the only community officer for the east side. Recent shootings were mentioned, with suspects identified for one, but not yet apprehended. Several parking questions were brought up: the parking checkers work only during the day, with some activity noticed. Parking and school bus pick-up and discharge of students have been problems in the Westmoreland area; concerns raised about traffic and access for fire and emergency vehicles. Susan Honis raised concerns, both nuisance and health, with uncollected dog leavings; she is preparing a proposal for the common council to require owners to clean up after pets. Officer Bresett's cell phone number is (315) 901-1288; he encouraged calls when something is happening.
5. Business: Old
 - UNSAAC 2017/2018 street amenities update:
 - Painting the "W" across from Harvard intersection on Westcott: June 30, at 1 p.m. (rain day July 1)
 - Bench at Harvard/South Beech to be installed by August.

- Mini galleries to be installed near Petit and near Community Garden.
- UNSAAC 2018-2020 application update:
WNA received \$27,000 (of \$30,400 requested) for replacing 12 trash cans and adding 2 additional ones; new cans will include recycling (coordination with city underway); ECO will design and fabricate these. Proposal will be presented at June 13 meeting downtown.
- Huckster Hill clean-up:
Lynne offered her landscape torch to clear weeds from between bricks. Discussion ranged from potential damage to bricks, using polymeric sand to discourage future weeds to need for trimming and gravel removal.

6. Business: New

- Berry Park / pond signage: John Craddock proposed 10 signs to inform visitors about the park and its wildlife and asked WNA to serve as the recipient of the anticipated grant money for the project. Marilyn pointed out WNA is not a 501-C-3 organization (if that turns out to be necessary) and said that both the Thornden Park Association and the Preservation Association were. John has spoken with Damian about designing the signs (photographs of examples were distributed). Discussion ranged over linking signs to School curricula, meeting needs of the disabled, and urging WNA to officially support the endeavor. JAE Evangelisti moved; Kate Palermo seconded the motion to support; passed unanimously.
- Euclid bike lanes: Adapt CNY asked WNA for a letter supporting bike lanes. Decision deferred until after press release.
- Neighborhood Watch: deferred to July meeting. Charles passed out literature Glenda Ranallo had received.
- Stickley house: Grant shared the draft of a letter in support of the next phase of the restoration: renovating the first floor interior, improving access, installing an elevator. JAE Evangelisti moved; Charles Tremper seconded sending the letter of support; passed unanimously.
- Booth application for the Westcott Street Cultural Fair: Natalie Stetson will submit when she returns. General satisfaction expressed with location of WNA table.

7. Item reports:

- Eastside TNT: meeting June 12.
- Planters: Planters have been installed; SU has offered watering help until plants are established. Starke added petunias to planter at Clark; lantana main plant again this year. Watering will devolve to WNA at some point.

8. Neighbor input: None.

9. Upcoming events:

- 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.

- Gustav Stickley House Phase I restoration celebration: Thursday, June 28, 10 a.m., 438 Columbus Ave..
- Neighborhood Website events: <http://westcottsyr.com/events/>
- Westcott community Center calendar: <https://westcottcc.org/calendar/>