

# June 14, 2021, 6:30 pm, virtual Monthly meeting minutes

NEXT MEETING: Monday, July 12, 6:30 p.m., virtual

**WNA Board members:** Sam Gruber, Grant Johnson, Lynne Odell, Glenda Ranallo, Charles Tremper, Damian Vallelonga, Marilyn Zaleon

**WNA members and friends:** Eric Anderson, Tony Gigliotti, Jan Hammerle, Alice Honig, Harry Lewis, Stefanie Noble, Susannah Park, Kate Saufley

1. Welcome/introductions:

Damian called the meeting to order at 6:35. Those present introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

February meeting minutes: approved via email; Damian will send out the retreat minutes for approval via email.

- 3. Fiscal report: Natalie will send report to board via email; Chas will enter into minutes.: (checking); \$ (savings,
- 4. Business, Old:
  - a. UNSAAC project ideas:

New round of funding expected; no timeline announced.

Damian reviewed ideas raised at the board retreat: beautification; additional bus shelter; neighborhood booklet.

Lynne suggested Beautification Committee idea of cleaning up the sitting area in front of the community garden.

Sam proposed a welcome packet for new residents which segued into discussions about the audience, content (links to businesses, services), and whether WNA might partner with SU for printing, content, distribution.

Lynne

Susannah raised the Fayette intersection as an entrance to the neighborhood and the fact that some clean-up had been done by a homeowner, proposing additional flowers and the like; and raised concerns about traffic speeds and danger to children, perhaps adding children at play signs and additional stop signs on Allen.

- 5. Business, New:
  - a. WNA postal box;

Sam's offer stands which will provide WNA a shared box, with fees paid for a year or 2. Natalie will review costs. Discussion arose later questioning whether Petit Library might

serve as the WNA address. Marilyn will check into this and subsequently has thanksreceived permission.

### b. Westcott remembers:

Sam has a list or proposed names; not all will automatically be commemorated by a brick, with most being listed online. Those present agreed that JAE Evangelisti should be remembered with a brick. Sam Gruber moved and Damian Vallelonga seconded the proposal; passed unanimously. Lil Kinney's name was proposed, also for a brick; no action taken.

## c. Reviving lecture series:

The original series ended following a vote of the sponsoring committee. General agreement that resuming them in some form would be positive for the neighborhood, Eric Anderson, Tony Gigliotti, and Sam Gruber volunteered to work toward this goal and to bring a proposal back to WNA. One goal is to take advantage of current technology for filming, streaming, to make presentations more widely available.

## d. Good neighbor awards:

Awards for house and yard beautification, home improvements, and service have been given in the past. Making their presentation part of the annual meeting was proposed and nomination process was discussed as was whether UNPA, SEUNA, or other groups were currently doing anything. Lynne Odell and Susannah Park volunteered to work on this and report back to the group.

## 6. Committee/item reports:.

- a. Beautification committee: no report; clean-up on Saturday, June 19; area in front of community garden needs attention...
- b. Membership: No report.

### 7. Additional input

- a. Planters have been installed and being maintained by SU
- b. Bike racks have been located and reinstalled
- c. Possibility of UNSAAC money for new holiday lights and banners; it has been years since anyone has seen these and there are no photos to help DPW look for these.
- d. Sidewalk clearing/maintenance program has been approved.

### 8. Upcoming meetings/events:

- a. WNA Neighborhoold clean-up, Saturday, 6/19, 9 a.m.-12 noon (meet at Huckster Hill; supplies and refreshments to be provided)
- b. Westcott Art Trail, Sunday, 6/20, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

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