



July 13, 2020, 7:30 pm, virtual, phone connection Board meeting minutes -- DRAFT

NEXT MEETING: tentatively Monday, Aug, 10, 2020, 7:30 p.m., virtual

WNA Board members: Grant Johnson, D.J. Hellerman, Kate Oja, Kate Palermo, Natalie Stetson, Charles Tremper, Damian Vallelonga, Marilyn Zaleon

1. Welcome/introductions:
Damian called the meeting to order
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:
June 8 minutes to be reviewed by board and approved via email.
3. Business, Old

UNSAAC 2018-2020 project update: Damian reported that the trash cans were being fabricated and would be installed later this summer. In addition, for \$1,011.00, 7 generic bike racks have been purchased, some to be installed near the florist and others further north toward Harvard and Dell. Racks will be a single color, while trash cans to be multi-colored.

Business updates: Grabby's has closed; Charles reported hearing the theatre would close, but no indication found online.

4. Fiscal report:
Natalie reported: \$7,586.20 in checking, with \$7,500 to be paid to ECHO; \$86.76 in savings; \$298.70 in planter. It was proposed and agreed that the planter account would be closed out and the money paid to Melissa Montgomery as partial reimbursement for the money she spent on plants to fill out and add color to the planters installed by SU

Once outstanding monies are distributed, WNA total cash balance will be \$173.02. In the short term, there are no anticipated expenses. However, cancellation of the annual meeting meant that no new or renewing memberships were received. . Given the current situation, this is not a good time to solicit from the businesses. Reaching out to members for renewals and asking for a donation is one possibility. Natalie, Kate Oja, and Glenda were asked to resume efforts and how to increased memberships, emphasizing recent accomplishments: the bike racks, trash can improvements, etc., which will publicized in the newsletter.

5. Updates:

a. Grabby's has closed and Charles reported hearing the theatre had gone bankrupt, but this could not be verified.

b. Damian announced that the Remix project for the Dorian's site would proceed. He and his partners have purchased the property, with Damian's now paying rent. Their goal is to restart the planning process and reach out to the neighborhood to solicit input and support. Parking emerged as the chief concern, both for this project and for the theatre and current businesses. Joe Driscoll is coordinating a group at City Hall to deal with larger parking issues in the context of an increase in neighborhood density and business and other activity. Discussions concluded with an awareness of potential conflicts of interest between Damian's roles in the leadership of WNA and this project.

6. No upcoming events; most meetings cancelled,