



July 8, 2019, 6:30pm, Petit Library Meeting minutes -- DRAFT

NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 12, 2019, 6:30 p.m. at Petit

WNA board members: JAE Evangelisti, DJ Hellerman, Alice Honig, Lynne Odell, Kate Palermo, Glenda Ranallo, Natalie Stetson, Charles Tremper, Damian Vallelonga, Marilyn Zaleon

WNA members and friends: Chris Bresett (SPD), Lula Donald, Jane Kalkbrenner, Charlie Lester (SPD), Mary Marquis, Susan Rainey + 1 other (illegible name)

1. Welcome and introductions:
Damian Vallelonga called the meeting to order at 6:35; those present introduced themselves.
2. Approval of the June 10 meeting minutes: Alice Honig moved; DJ Hellerman seconded approval; passed unanimously. Later in the meeting, misspelling of Kate Oja noted; corrected version will be sent out.
3. Fiscal report: Natalie Stetson reported the final UNSAAC check had been received and: \$256.19 in checking; \$1,733.16 (\$.13 interest) in planter fund; and \$2,594.60 (\$.32 interest) in savings. Discussion initiated by JAE clarified the "not pledged" fund balance of approximately \$300.
4. Neighborhood SPD report:
Chris Bresett and Charlie Lester reported only one burglary (on Clarendon) for the month, but an increase in car larcenies has been noted involving both locked and unlocked cars. Locking cars is preferred, but valuables should not be visible. Recent and ongoing staff reductions have resulted in parking and other nuisance situations (noise, including fireworks) not being handled. Lt. Lindgren may be reached by phone at (315) 442-5221; or email at elindgren@syracusepolice.org Chris Bresett at (315) 901-1288 and Charlie Lester at email: cluster@syracusepolice.org Always call 911 for emergencies.
5. Business: Old
 - UNSAAC 2018-2019 Update:
Damian reported project moving along on schedule, with the design phase about to start. Brendan Rose will coordinate design and fabrication, using a firm in Providence, RI to fabricate the cans. Grant and Damian met with DPW resulting in dropping the recycling component. Attempts to separate trash from recycling

have not worked in commercial areas; plans still call for separating out returnables. Grant and Damian raised the need for crossing lights at Euclid and Westcott and learned the letter sent had apparently not been received at DPW; follow up expected.

- Westcott Street Fair book application (Sunday September 22, 2019): All agreed application should be submitted and staffing shifts worked out. No one should have to work a 6 or 8 hour shift. Volunteers to be solicited via email.

6. Business: New

- Street light audit:
Likely the final year; Damian will solicit volunteers via email, with goal of completing audit by the end of July, leaving most of August for bulb replacement.
- Neighborhood watch update:
Lynne reported approximately 20 people had expressed interest; meeting to be held 6-7 p.m. July 15, at Petit.

7. Item reports:

- Eastside TNT:
Glenda reported 2 main topics of discussion: rezone Syracuse and Housing Visions plans to rehabilitate housing in the area, on Lexington, S. Beech, and E. Genesee. Rezoning will create more commercial spaces in the neighborhood; the housing upgrades will create 66 units of affordable housing for families. TNT will not meet in July.
- Committee and other updates:
 - Westcott remembers: still awaiting delivery/installation of bricks.
 - Letter to businesses will be sent early in 2020.
 - Marilyn has entered meetings as events (in response to concerns raised at the May meeting) and has updated other events; Damian reported saving \$80 or \$90 in Website fees. .
 - SU will water planters this year.

8. Neighbor input: Lynne shared a collection of AARP publications on how to assess neighborhoods in terms of walkability, liveability, housing and transportation. Information also online. Lynne reported attempts to reach UNPA about the need for a dog park, possibility in Berry Park, had so far been unsuccessful.

9. Upcoming events:

- Neighborhood Website events: <http://westcottsyr.com/events/>
- Westcott community Center calendar: <https://westcottcc.org/calendar/>