



July 9, 2018, 6:30pm, Petit Library Meeting minutes -- DRAFT

NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 13, 2018, 6:30 p.m. at Petit Library

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

WNA members and friends: Tony Borelli (Neighborhood Watch), Tony Gigliotti, Jane Kalkbrenner, Susan Rainey, Lt. Dan Schultz (SPD), Kerry Thurston.

1. Welcome and introductions:
Grant Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:32; those present introduced themselves.
2. Approval of the June 11 meeting minutes: Pending correcting spelling of Barry Park, John Craddock's name, and changing futures weeks to future weeds, Alice Honig moved and Kate Palermo seconded approval; passed with one abstention (Zoe Meighan not at meeting).
3. Fiscal report: Natalie Stetson, reported WNA is awaiting \$2000 from the city which has delayed payment to the artist of \$1500 for the bench (yet to be installed). Once she Website costs are received from Damian, Natalie will prepare a budget for the fiscal year which began July 1. She reported: \$491.18 (checking); \$321.18 (savings); \$1,154.47 (planter, from which \$1,000 needs to be paid for this year, plus \$90 for watering devices). In response to a query, Natalie provided background on the pattern of payments received from the city and WNA's payments out for projects.
4. Neighborhood SPD report:
Lt. Schultz repeated information on the closing of the Westcott storefront and the move to the 800 block of E. Genesee (which will free up 2 additional parking spaces). He reported 3 burglaries, one at Papa John's (suspected of being an inside job), another on Avondale resulting in the theft of a bicycle and garden tools from a garage, and one in an unlocked house on Westmoreland. He offered to follow up on the May armed robbery of a student on Comstock and answered questions concerning the gathering of fingerprints. JAE raised several parking concerns: buses dropping of clients at the Day Hab, causing traffic problems on both S. Beech and Westcott; equipment deliveries to the Westcott Theater and musician buses parked behind the Day Hab or in the public parking lot resulting in both noise and traffic problems; theater parking behind a S. Beech St. house; the deteriorating condition of the public parking lot, raising the question of whether the property owner had fulfilled his obligations. He also raised the need for after-hours ticket writers. Marilyn repeated the constant problems on Harvard with parking on both sides of that street. Lt. Schultz promised to look into these problems.

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:
 - "W" at Harvard and Westcott has been installed a painted; some touch-up will be done. The painting gathering was a success.
 - Bench at Harvard/South Beech to be installed by August (no update).
 - Mini galleries to be installed near Petit and near Community Garden by September. Contact Kate or Brendan Rose for updates.
- UNSAAC 2018-2020 application update:
\$27,000 (of \$30,400 requested) approved by city for trash cans (replacement and new ones)

6. Business: New

- Follow-up to dog waste discussions: Signs prohibiting dogs will be installed in playground; "clean-up" station to be created at Westmoreland. Zoe expressed concerns for the lack of dog space, with suggestions made for areas in Barry or Thornden Parks (no one offered to pursue this).
- Neighborhood Watch: Tony Borelli provided both an overview of the program (144 groups throughout Syracuse) and more specific information. The Victoria Place watch's future is uncertain, with the coordinator's move away. Most watch groups cover a small area, a block or 2, but there are some who collaborate across a wider area. He said smaller is generally better. Advantages coming to a watch group include, receiving crime statistics for the area, as well as tips on common crimes and communication with officers. Tony distributed a range of brochures. Contacts: A. Borelli, program coordinator, (315) 448-8762; email: nwgs@syracuseneighborhoodwatch.org; web: www.syracuseneighborhoodwatch.org.

7. Item reports:

- Eastside TNT: no report from June meeting; no July meeting.
- Planters: Watering has devolved to WNA, with volunteers responding to Grant's query.
- Those present thanked Zoe Meighan for her engagement with WNA and service on the board; she will be moving to Vancouver soon.

8. Neighbor input: None.

9. Upcoming events:

- Eastside TNT: No July meeting.
- TPA/UNPA Youth Aquathon: Sunday, July 15, 10 a.m., Thornden Park.
- Neighborhood Website events: <http://westcottsyr.com/events/>
- Westcott community Center calendar: <https://westcottcc.org/calendar/>