



August 12, 2019, 6:30pm, Petit Library Meeting minutes -- DRAFT

NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 9, 2019, 6:30 p.m. at Petit

WNA board members: JAE Evangelisti, DJ Hellerman, Alice Honig, Lynne Odell, Glenda Ranallo, Natalie Stetson, Damian Vallelonga, Marilyn Zaleon, Kate Oja, Grant Johnson

WNA members and friends: Chris Bresett (SPD), Tony Gigliotti, Sara Snyder, Merk Schmitt, Susan Rainey, Melissa Montgomery

1. Welcome and introductions:
Grant Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:35; those present introduced themselves.
2. Approval of the July 8 meeting minutes: Natalie Stetson, moved; Kate Oja seconded approval; passed unanimously. Grant Johnson abstained since he did not attend the July meeting.
3. Fiscal report: Natalie Stetson reported. There is an outstanding check for ECHO in amount of \$3,375.00. \$3,461.19 in checking; \$1,073.30 (\$.14 interest) in planter fund; and \$2,594.93 (\$.33 interest) in savings. JAE will research alternative banking options and report back.
4. Neighborhood SPD report:
Chris Bresett informed the group he would be moving on to other opportunities and may be leaving before the next meeting. This past month there have been a number of stolen vehicles being recovered in the Westcott neighborhood. Additionally, there was an incident on the 500 block of Fellows Avenue. During an argument between tenants in and up and down apartment, a rifle was accidentally discharged. The police have confiscated the rifle because of its poor handling. This past month car larceny in the area has dropped with only 2-4 reports compared to the typical 8-10. Kate asked if there will be an increased police presence as the students return. CB believes additional police details are scheduled for prime activity hours.
5. Business: Old
 - UNSAAC 2018-2019 Update:
Damian summarized the trash container project for new visitors. The design phase will take the next month or two. Anyone is welcome to submit design suggestions through Pinterest. JAE expressed concern about participation for those without access to technology. Damian will present the design at a meeting to solicit design input to help ease JAE's concern.
 - Westcott Street Fair Sunday September 22, 2019):

Grant will send an email soliciting volunteer. Natalie confirms the application had been submitted. Lynne agrees to provide the tent along with recently unearthed cinderblocks.

- Street Light Audit: Damian believes this will be the audit's final year and asked auditors to have their results submitted ASAP.
- JAE expressed concern over the condition of sidewalks and driveway aprons. Then solicited input from the group.
- Jake Roberts reported that he had completed the repainting of Michael Moody's mural. He asked for input on soliciting press coverage. Jake would like to organize more murals and expressed concern over partnerships with Westcott Area Cultural Coalition. Tony Gigliott suggested meeting with Paul Harvey.

6. Business: New

- Huckster Hill/Bus Shelter Clean Up:
Damian would like to organize a clean-up before the Street Fair. Would also like to remove graffiti near Graby's. It was suggested to use NextDoor to recruit volunteers. Melissa asked about the possibility of additional planters. Grant explained the logistical and financial concerns. Marilyn, Kate, and Melissa suggested organizing a Gardening Committee. Grant whole heartedly supports a Gardening Committee and not so subtly encouraged Kate and/or Melissa to lead the charge.
- Taste of Westcott:
Kate and Marilyn volunteered to work the table. Grant will RSVP for the event this evening. Damian agreed to provide the updated Street Light Audit map for the table.

7. Item reports:

- Eastside TNT:
TNT did not meet in July.
- Committee and other updates:
 - Westcott remembers: Natalie reported still awaiting delivery/installation of bricks.
 - Website: n/a
 - Planters: discussed earlier in the meeting
 - Neighborhood watch update:
Lynne reported approximately 40 people had expressed interest; meeting to be held the evening of September 28th, at a location TBD.

8. Neighbor input: Lynne updated the group about her research on a Dog Park for Barry Park. JAE suggested that Syracuse DPW wasn't supportive of the initiative the last time it was explored because of liability and responsibility. Lynne thinks the county may be supportive and will be exploring this possibility.

9. Upcoming events:

- *TNT Eastside Picnic – Tuesday, August 13th, 6pm – Thornden Park picnic pavilion*
- *City Wide Youth Day – Wednesday, September 4th, 12pm-4pm*
- *<https://westcottsy.com/events/>*