



August 13, 2018, 6:30pm, Petit Library Meeting minutes -- DRAFT

NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 17, 2018, 6:30 p.m. at Petit Library

WNA board members: Alice Honig, Grant Johnson, Lynne Odell, Kate Palermo, Glenda Ranallo, Natalie Stetson, Damian Vallelonga, Charles Tremper, Marilyn Zaleon

WNA members and friends: Chris Bresett (SPD), Jane Kalkbrenner.

1. Welcome and introductions:
Grant Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30; those present introduced themselves.
2. Approval of the July 9 meeting minutes: Alice Honig moved and Natalie Stetson seconded approval; passed unanimously.
3. Fiscal report: Natalie Stetson reported: \$1,966.18 in checking; \$1,071.96 in planter fund; and \$321.21 in savings. The city has sent the 2nd UNSAAC check. Natalie distributed a final budget summary for FY 2018, showing a deficit of \$44.48 (money on hand will cover this) and an FY 2019 planning summary. Discussion followed on how to grow membership to increase revenue, including a business category for membership and raising current levels. Natalie will consolidate ideas.
4. Neighborhood SPD report:
Officer Bresett reported that planning underway for the upcoming street fair. The case of the robbery of an SU student on Comstock in May has been closed; burglaries have increased in both occupied and unoccupied student apartments. Open garages have led to thefts. Planning is also underway for a ticket detail in the wake of students' arriving in the neighborhood. Alice urged compassion for parents and others unfamiliar with the area. Charles and Glenda asked about monitoring of suspected drug activities in the 400-block of Columbus. 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:
 - Bench at Harvard/South Beech to be installed by the Street Fair. The fabricator has been paid and requested volunteers to help assemble it.
 - Kate Palermo showed the group a sample box and described her plans for a work featuring different species of owls. Kate asked that the boxes be securely installed to prevent damage. The second gallery will be installed near the cooperative credit union.

- UNSAAC 2018-2020 application update:
Damian suggested planning begin this fall.

6. Business: New

- Street light audit:
Project underway; Joe Driscoll will be the contact with National Grid.
- Taste of Westcott, August 30th at Erwin Church.
Glenda and Kate volunteered; Damian will provide materials, including a map of the street light audit.

7. Item reports:

- Eastside TNT: no July meeting
- Committee updates: none
- Website
Damian raised 2 issues: Because of Facebook changes, Damian can no longer upload events from various sources. Information will need to be manually input. Damian will collect information; Marilyn volunteered to input. The SSL certificate which registers the site and prevents hacking needs to be renewed; this will cost money which Natalie said would be available. Some discussion about money from JAE.

8. Neighbor input: None.

9. Upcoming events:

- Eastside TNT: Tuesday, August 14, 6 p.m., picnic at Homer Wheaton Park, Mountainview Avenue.
- Syracuse Bike Share community Meeting: Tuesday, August 14, 5:30 p.m. at City Hall Commons atrium.
- Barry Park potluck: Thursday, August 16th, 5:30-8 p.m..
- Neighborhood Website events: <http://westcottsy.com/events/>
- Westcott community Center calendar: <https://westcottcc.org/calendar/>