



## August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 pm, hybrid Board meeting minutes

**NEXT MEETING: Monthly meeting, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

### **WNA Board members attending:**

Kevin Montgomery, Andrea Buckvold, Kimberly McCoy, Susannah Park, Adam Felleman, Galyn Murphy-Stanley, Marilyn Zaleon, Samuel Gruber,

### **Attendees:**

Meredith Dodd, Lee Knapp, Iris St. Lucy, Alice Dove, Judy Jerome, Anthony Gigliotti, Donnie Monk, Serena Hemmers, Michael Zaremba

1. Welcome/Introduction
2. Approval of minutes
  - a. Minutes approved for June 12<sup>th</sup>, with correction of date.
3. Financial Report - Notice from Kevin Montgomery
  - a. Total ending cash on 7/31/2023 - \$5,734.10 (Majority earmarked for CNY Grant events)
  - b. Summary Cash Balances – see record.
4. Old Business
  - a. Beautification
    - i. Westcott Community Garden – Sculpture
      1. Created by Deborah Rose – Kim will look into contacting about replacing the sculpture.
      2. Question of if/can it be moved. WCG may not be interested in moving it any longer.
      3. Plan of action
        - a. Contact Deborah Rose – if decline making a new one.
        - b. Create a new proposal.
        - c. If able to re-make, needs a new honorarium. (\$300 originally) Sponsor possible.
    - ii. Trash Can damage
      1. Car accident at South Beech
        - a. Trash can has been removed
        - b. Question of whether it can be replaced/ or more created.
        - c. Originally designed and built by Brenden Rose – Galyn will contact to see if re-fabrication is possible.
    - iii. If changes are needed to either damaged work, city approval may be necessary. (Donnie {from city} will follow up.)

- iv. Painting touch-up needed for W on Westcott. Sam will ask Damien.
- v. Graffiti removal needed on bus shelter and mural.
  - 1. Sam has the clean-up supplies.
  - 2. Will add to the Saturday clean-up agenda.
- vi. Saturday Clean-up scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - 1. Dennis is building new tongs
    - a. Possible giveaway event sponsored by WNA
- vii. Broken Lamppost on Allen St.
  - 1. Discussion of who to report it to. (Suggested CityLine)
- viii. Westmoreland Stairs
  - 1. Question of funding allotment and no progress seen.
  - 2. Susie reached out to City
    - a. Additional funding needed or a revised less expensive repair plan.
    - b. Sam also spoke with Corey Driscoll about it.
- ix. Thornden Park Amphitheater update
  - 1. No movement on the renovation.
  - 2. All bids came in over allotted budget.
  - 3. May need re-discussion.
- b. Membership
  - i. Mail Chimp
    - 1. WNA email list is being updated with new members
    - 2. A push could be made for renewing expired memberships with additional help culling names.
- c. Communications
  - i. New WesTalk articles needed.
  - ii. WesTalk articles should also be posted on Facebook, Nextdoor, WNA, and Greater Westcott pages.
  - iii. Suggestion to look into Instagram/Facebook posting link. WNA does not currently have an Instagram account.
  - iv. 25 posters printed for Poetry event. Only a couple more available.
- d. Events
  - i. CNY Grant (\$5,000)
    - 1. Three funded events complete (Memorial, 2 poetry events)
    - 2. One more event to do to complete the grant.
    - 3. Halloween Dog Parade/Concert (Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>)
      - a. Syracuse Second Line Brass band will play (cost \$1000)
        - i. Willing to play under a tent, if raining.
        - ii. WAC has two tents available.
        - iii. Susie is working on soliciting refreshments
    - 4. Children's event – Saturday following Thanksgiving
      - a. Cannot be a Magician – according to grant
      - b. Possible 2<sup>nd</sup> evening event at a Westcott business.

- c. Event information needs to be sent to CNY Arts 30days prior

5. New Business

- a. Westcott Street Cultural Fair
  - i. Carol reserved a spot for WNA.
  - ii. Sign-up form for table representation needed for Sept. meeting.
  - iii. Idea of having Swag available or a raffle (Watercolor of S. Beech?)
    - 1. Need to advertise in advance.
- b. Communication
  - i. Add a WNA calendar to the newsletter
- c. SU Welcoming Student Event
  - i. SU reached out to WNA to have a table at an off-campus student welcoming event.
  - ii. Sam will represent WNA
- d. Updates
  - i. Pam Hunter – Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 4-6 pm office hours
  - ii. Corey Dunham Driscoll – Trash Rollout discussion at Petit August 24<sup>th</sup>
  - iii. Andy Leahy – taking over Neighborhood Watch representation from Lynn O'Dell.
  - iv. Dunbar Center renovations are in-progress.