



## Sept 12th, 2022, 6:30 pm, hybrid Board meeting minutes

### **NEXT MEETING: Monthly meeting, Oct. 10th, 2022**

**WNA Board members attending:** Charles Temper, Kimberly McCoy, Carol Johnson, Marilyn Zaleon, Susanna Park, Andrea Buckvold, Gayln Murphy-Stanley, Sam Gruber, Susannah Park, Lynne Odell

**Attendees:** Mike Stanton, Andy Leahy, Bonnie Kennedy, Katy Lawson, Alex Lawson, Jimmy Monto, Fred Amrose, Donnella E.

1. Welcome/Introductions:
2. Approval of August Minutes - approved
3. Financial Report – No financial report presented
4. Old Business/ Committee Reports
  - a. Beautification – (Lynne)
    - i. graffiti clean-up completed – bus shelter and trash cans. Future sites – bike rack and parking meters
    - ii. Committee meeting planned for after Litter Clean-up on Saturday, Sat. 17<sup>th</sup>, noon at library
      1. Discussion topic – bench and tree management in front of Westcott Community Garden.
  - b. Neighborhood Watch – Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 at Petit- hybrid meeting (Lynne)
    - i. Discussion of how to handle mentally ill citizens without involving the police – gathering information/ data of incidents
  - c. Halloween Dog Parade (Kim)
    - i. Question of insurance carrier – WNA not a big enough organization to carry insurance for an event.
      1. Could pair with another organization (WCC, Thornden, Petit, Levy School)
      2. City permits – 30 day notice
    - ii. May need more planning, but a simple meet-up could happen this year and generate interest.
  - d. Executive Committee Communications Update (Sam)
    - i. Met with iConsult and will be working with an SU Information grad to help streamline communications. Meeting with intern will happen later this week
    - ii. Looking for more WNA members to be involved in keeping website current.
      1. Events needed.

- 2. WesTalk submissions
- e. Membership – somewhat up, but need more of a push.
  - i. Six additional sponsorship members added – acknowledged on website
- f. Westcott Fair
  - i. Andrea Buckvold has the table materials. Lynne will provide the tent.
  - ii. Need people to march in the parade.
  - iii. Table volunteer time sheet circulated.
  - iv. Additional table display materials and other activities possible.
- g. Walking Tours
  - i. Sam is willing to offer some simplified walking tours in October with the cost of \$10 going to WNA membership.
  - ii. Additional calendar of walks could include: foraging, tree tour, Fauna, history of Westcott businesses, etc.
  - iii. Committee should look to start scheduling tours in the Spring.
- 5. New Business
  - a. ReZone Syracuse discussion
    - i. SEUNA petition circulated but not endorsed by WNA asking for a delay in vote for community response.
    - ii. Ongoing concerns:
      - 1. Removal of special designation that requires rental properties to declare how their units are broken into living units. (Certificate of Suitability.)
      - 2. Concern that it might open possibility of more multi-rental units in the neighborhood.
      - 3. Expands the Westcott Business district further north and south.
      - 4. Advocacy still happening concerning number of students allowed per property.
- 6. Announcements
  - a. TNT Eastside Sector Meeting September 13
  - b. WNA neighborhood clean-up Sept 17, 9-12
  - c. WNA Beautification Comm. Mtg, Sept 17, noon (Petit)
  - d. NYS Preservation Conference – Sept. 22-24 (Stickley & Ward featured)
  - e. Westcott Cultural Fair – Sunday, Sept 25
  - f. Gustav Stickley House viewing – Sunday, Sept. 25 (during Fair)