



**Sept. 13, 2021, 6:30 pm, virtual  
Monthly meeting minutes -- DRAFT**

**NEXT MEETING: Monday, Oct. 11, 2021, 6:30 p.m., likely virtual**

**WNA Board members:** Sam Gruber, Lynne Odell, Kate Palermo, Glenda Ranallo, Natalie Stetson, Charles Tremper, Damian Vallelonga, Marilyn Zaleon

**WNA members and friends:** Gabe Coleman, Joe Driscoll, city council , Carol Johnson, Petit, Andy Leahy, Harry Lewis, Galyn Murphy Stanley, Carolyn Ostrander

1. Welcome/introductions:  
Damian called the meeting to order a bit past 6:30. Those present introduced themselves.
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:  
The community garden frontage is overgrown and the art box shielded from view (to be discussed under Committee reports; July meeting minutes: Sam Gruber moved; Marilyn Zaleon seconded; approved unanimously.

Damian announced that Glenda would be stepping down from the board, thanked her for her many contributions, and urged those present to look for additional members; the remote meetings have made it more difficult to engage new people.

3. Fiscal report: Natalie reported: \$239.43 (checking); \$2,396.39 (savings). Natalie also reported that WNA's non-profit status had been automatically revoked and that WNA will need to reapply and pay a \$600 fee. Free form discussions ensued and general consensus was reached that it would be to WNA's advantage to re-establish the C4 status. Damian will email board members to get approval for spending the \$600.
4. Business, Old:
  - a. To repeat: WNA mailing address is now:  
Westcott Neighborhood Association  
Petit Library  
105 Victoria Place  
Syracuse, NY 13210  
Address change will be registered as part of the non-profit application,
  - b. Good neighbor awards:  
There are two categories of award, one for general contributions to the neighborhood and one for improvements and beautification of individual yards and properties. Sam proposed realtor Andrew Besemer for the first category; those present were again asked to suggest others; awards will be presented at the annual meeting.

- c. Special guest planning:  
Damian will send an email reminding the board to begin thinking of possibilities; Lynne suggested a questionnaire be offered at the Street Fair.

5. Business, New:

a. Planning for the Street Fair:

Sam and Damian will set up; Charles, Kate and Natalie volunteered to take slots at the desk. Damian has handouts, cookbooks to sell, membership information and other handouts; Sam suggested distributing the goals developed at the board meeting. The last group at the table is responsible to taking things down.

b. Sept. clean-up and GSH /street planter clean-up

Clean-up will be held Saturday, Sept. 18, 9 a.m.-12 noon. Focus will be on the Westcott tree pits, trash pick-up, and the Stickley house; Group will meet at Huckster Hill; Sam will have supplies.

c. Petit Library update:

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Discussion turned to the possibility of WNA's teaming with Petit to restart the lecture series formerly held at the Community Center. If agreement reached that this is possible, the immediate goal is to create a structure to plan lectures, solicit participants so as to be ready once Covid recedes and groups can gather again.

6. Committee/item reports:.

- a. Beautification committee: Discussion turned to the community garden and nearby art work. Damian will contact Syracuse Grows. Lynne proposed perennials for the tree pits to help keep weeds at bay; the area at Westcott and Fayette requires significant plantings to start bringing it under control.
- b. Membership: No report.

7. Additional input: None; time ran out and meeting adjourned.

8. Upcoming meetings/events:

- a. WNA Neighborhood clean-up, September 18, 9 a.m.-12 noon (meet at Huckster Hill).
- b. Eastside TNT: no information..