



**Westcott Neighborhood Association
March, 2016, 3 p.m, Munjed's
Annual Meeting minutes -- DRAFT**

NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 11, 2016, 6:30 p.m., Petit Library

Persons registering in attendance:

WNA board members: Starke Donnally, Kathy Downing, Alice Honig, Grant Johnson, Lynne Odell, Brendan Rose, Sharon Sherman, Natalie Stetson, Charles Tremper, Damian Vallelonga, Marilyn Zaleon.

WNA neighbors and friends: Drucilla Adams, Jane Begley, Ryan Canuan, Tony Gigliotti, Sam Gruber, Kate Hammer, Karen Kalb, Nader Maroun, Zoe Meighan, Jack and Quinn Murphy, Biboti Ouikahilo, Asomgyee Pamoja, Susan Rainey, Brendan Rose, Sharon Sherman.

Friends and neighbors began gathering at 3 p.m.

1. Grant Johnson called the meeting to order at approximately 3:20 p.m.
2. Stating the WNA purpose of enhancing the quality of life in the Westcott neighborhood, Grant outlined the 2015 accomplishments:
 - * Redevelopment of "Huskster Hill" the open space at the intersection of South Beech and Westcott, with walks, benches, and lighting.
 - * The streetlight audit conducted over the summer, with some 60 lights reported in need of repair or replacement.
 - * The launch of the Westcott.syr.com website, funded by UNSAAC.
3. Looking ahead to 2016, Grant reported:
 - * WNA has been awarded \$2,300 from Eastside TNT to install 10 flower planters along Westcott Street from East Genesee to Euclid.
 - * Upcoming anniversaries:
 - Alto's : 20 years
 - Munjed's
 - Westcott Barber : 1 year
 - Westcott Cultural Fair : 25 years
 - Recess : 10 years in January 2017.

* Street corner safety project (corner of Westcott and Euclid) currently in design phase, with construction to begin in the summer and completion scheduled for September 2016. Goal is to create a bus shelter which would prevent cars from crossing over sidewalk from Westcott to turn on to Euclid, and to beautify the area. Damian Vallelonga and Brendan Rose are the coordinators.

* Gustav Stickley house on Columbus will be restored and ultimately opened to the public in a joint project involving UNPA (University Neighborhood Preservation Association) and the Onondaga Historical Association.

4. Speaker: Sam Gruber

Sam referred attendees to the website for fuller details on the Stickley House project; exterior work to begin soon to stabilize and restore the exterior. He raised the possibility of a role for WNA in encouraging best practices for property owners to maintain and rehabilitate properties and the group's role in documenting the history, having sponsored both walking and house tours over the years. He ended by soliciting volunteers for expanding the house history projects to augment existing material on the WNA site.

5. Discussions: Zoe Meighan raised the future of Levy School which will at some point be empty, proposing a range of possibilities, ranging from community space, retail space for the Food Co-op, and apartments.

6. Election of board members: Ballots were distributed to all dues-paying members in attendance. Ballots were not counted at the meeting and results will be announced.