



**Westcott Neighborhood Association
May 9, 2016, 6:00pm, 317 Allen Street
Board Meeting minutes -- DRAFT**

NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 13, 2016, 6:30 p.m., Petit Library

Persons registering in attendance:

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

1. Welcome and internal updates:
Grant Johnson called the meeting to order shortly after 6:00 p.m., first thanking Alice for her generous hospitality and all who brought food to share.
 - Grant announced the new WNA email : WNA@westcott.com
2. Proposed amendments to By-laws (Natalie distributed bylaws, with changes highlighted):
 - Fiscal year: change start of new year from September 1 to June 1, bringing WNA year into line with that of the city. Concern raised about what was required to bring this about and effect on tax filing.
 - Terms limits: proposed limited board service to 6 consecutive years, with stipulation that after a 2-year absence, one could begin again. Vigorous discussion ensued.
3. Fiscal 2017 budget (Natalie distributed):
With UNSAAC project amounts being unknown at this time, budget showed \$115.00 deficit after expenses and commitments taken factored in.
4. Projects and goals:
 - UNSAAC:
 - o Funding structure: more information when advisory committee meets on May 16.
 - o Omission of Westcott Community Center: eligible for money, but not at table when decisions are made.
 - o Potential projects: Brendan raised the Westminster steps, with hopes for both basic repairs and enhancements to both the stairs and the nearby

plantings; sidewalk issues (repair and snow removal), cairns, and neighborhood welcome sign were also discussed.

- WNA initiatives:
 - o Streetlight audit, 2016: Damian suggested doing audit in July, in order for National Grid to received and act upon the information before students return in September.
 - o Cookbook: Natalie announced the goal of having it ready by the September street fair; she will solicit recipes from the merchants (Restaurant owners)
 - o Holiday lighting: Damian will to talk with city with hopes of having things in place by the winter weekend.
 - o Crosswalks: need for pedestrian lights at Euclid/Westcott intersection. Damian has been in contact with Pete O'Connor.

