



**Oct. 10, 2016, 6:30pm, Petit Library
Meeting minutes -- DRAFT**

NEXT MEETING: Monday, Nov. 14, 2016, 6:30 p.m., Petit Library

Persons registering in attendance:

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

WNA members and friends: Jane Begley, Samuel Gruber, Jane Kalkbrenner, Nader Maroun, Zoe Meighan, Glenda Ranallo, Officer Dan Whittles (SPD).

1. Welcome and introductions:
Grant Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30; those present introduced themselves.
2. Approval of the September 12th minutes: Pending the correction changing “three” to “one” metal wrapper for the planters, Kathy Downing moved and Damian Vallelonga seconded their approval; passed unanimously. Charles will send corrected version to Damian and Grant, as well as other past minutes to Damian for posting.
3. Fiscal report: Natalie Stetson report some \$5,308.06, subtracting the money designated for the planters, leaves some \$2,617.24 for operations.
4. Neighborhood SPD report: Officer Whittles reported in addition to burglaries from student apartments, the theft of tools and a lawnmower, in the neighborhood, robberies on Stratford and a stabbing on Broad. Two kids were caught in the Skytop area; it remains to be seen if their arrest will reduce incidents in other areas. BB-gun firings at SU students continue. The house break-in in the 1,100 block of Westcott was another targeted crime. Sexual misconduct was reported along the Euclid/Westminster stairs. Clown sightings reported; SU issued guidelines. Officer Whittles said the Storefront could not be staffed evenings. Nader reported on a meeting involving the SPD, SU’s Department of Public Safety (DPS), neighborhood and university representatives to discuss quality of life issues. SPD has landlord approval to enter certain properties if noise, drinking, or drug use is evident. Both 911 and SU’s DPS (443-2224) should be called to report problems.
5. Business: Old
 - Westcott Street Cultural Fair, summary:

Financial success, with nearly \$300 raised from cookbook sales and/or memberships. With the change of location for WNA, there were more visitors and questions at the table. Paper copies of newsletter were available.

- Westcott Street Flower planters:
SU will pick up planters next week. Grant has investigated in conjunction with the Thornden Park Association purchasing a watering device. So far, nothing suitable for WNA needs has been located. Signage to recognize sponsors of planters was discussed, with the possibility of a vinyl wrapping mentioned.
- UNSAAC:
To date, no contract has been received, but \$7,500 needs to be spent by spring and decisions made as to specifics. Priorities previously discussed include a neighborhood sign (cost possibly to be shared with TNT); trash cans with recycling; and, benches. The area near the mural was one location proposed for a sign. Grant will contact the City about the delayed contract; once received priorities will need to be identified and budgeted.

6. Business: New

- Westcott Winter weekend: planning has begun involving the Westcott Area Cultural Coalition. Goal is for the Communication Committee to develop a marketing plan for the businesses to encourage local shopping; the musical/art component will likely be less than last year. So far, Damian has received no response from the city to queries on holiday lighting

7. Item reports:

- Communications Committee update: no data on number of views; 50-60 newsletters printed for the Fair.
- Website update: Damian described the need to better protect and limit access to the administrative part of the site (lots of Russian visitors); Zoe offered to replace some photos, replacing those taken during March and other less than attractive seasons.
- Stickley House update: None; goal remains to begin stabilizing the roof before winter.

8. Neighbor input:

Kathy Downing reported on the Bike CNY meeting she attended. An improved bike lane along Euclid from Westcott to the university is a stated goal. Safety issues were discussed.

9. Upcoming events:

- Eastside TNT: Tuesday, September 11th, 7-8:30 p.m., Nottingham High School. Starke likely to attend.
- Lively-hood! Neighborhood Photo Contest sponsored by Ben Tupper, with 2 awards of \$500 for best neighborhood photo, one to an SU student; the second to a resident. Deadline: Saturday, October 15th.

