



**Jan. 9, 2017, 6:30pm, Petit Library
Meeting minutes -- DRAFT**

NEXT MEETING: Monday, Feb. 13, 2017, 6:30 p.m., Petit Library

Persons registering in attendance:

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

WNA members and friends: Jane Begley, Juliette Crellin, Kayo Green, Jane Kalkbrenner, Susan Rainey.

1. Welcome and introductions:
Grant Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:30; those present introduced themselves.
2. Approval of the December 12th minutes: Natalie Stetson moved; Lynne Odell seconded approval; passed unanimously
3. Fiscal report: Natalie Stetson reported: \$5.00 (checking); \$2,676.58 (savings); \$2,641.73 (planter fund), with \$0.11 interest earned from both savings and planter accounts. In response to questions raised, interest rate of 0.50% earned at SUMMIT credit union.
4. Neighborhood SPD report: No police department representative present. Grant reported New Year's Day burglary at 108 Victoria. House entered while occupied; electronics stolen; burnt matches found in several rooms. The possible installation of security cameras on Euclid will be discussed at the next meeting. Lynne reported difficulties in reporting a drug sale she had witnessed on the north side and the lack of follow up from the police.
5. Business: Old
 - UNSAAC:
Damian and Brendan will present their neighborhood signage proposal (with 3 possibilities—one large, several smaller, or a series of still smaller markers) to TNT on January 10; cost estimates to be included as well as their hope for securing additional funding (up to \$1,600) from TNT.

6. Business: New

- Annual meeting planning:
Agreement reached to schedule for Sunday, March 12, 3 to 5 p.m., with Munjed's as the first choice of venue. Grant will ask Terry Ettinger to speak; Damian will contact Munjed's. If Terry Ettinger not available, someone from Bread and Roses was suggested as a possible alternative.
- Board recruitment:
Kathy Downing, Lynne Odell, Damian Vallelonga, and Natalie Stetson are due to cycle off. Attendees were asked for suggestions and contact possible recruits so they can attend the February meeting. Zoe Meaghan and DJ Hellerman, Everson curator living on Allen, were suggested.
- Officer changes:
Grant Johnson plans to step down as president; some discussion as to succession ensued.

7. Item reports:

- TNT summary:
Kathy Downing reported on the December meeting, highlighting the following: January 31 is deadline for proposals; deer and tick report discussed both health and ecological risks from deer overpopulation; Assembly woman Pamela Hunter sent out a survey; county-wide effort concerning deer unlikely since not all parts of county are affected.
- Communications Committee Update:
Publicizing the annual meeting is their next task (sending out email notification, preparing newsletter, issuing reminder)
- Website update: None; minutes will be posted.
- Stickley House update: None
- Planter update: None.

8. Neighbor input:

Kayo Green raised idea of welcoming signs (for immigrants, SU international students) in the neighborhood (a Cambridge Street individual has posted one, in several languages, including English and Arabic). The Syracuse Cultural Workers may be planning such a sign (to be sold?) and WNA will support the effort. The Women's Information Center may also be planning something similar.

In response to a question from Juliette Crellin, Grant summarized information relating to both the planter project and the Stickley House endeavors.

9. Upcoming events:

- Eastside TNT: Tuesday, Jan. 10, 7 p.m. at Nottingham High School (Damian and Brendan to report)
- Neighborhood Website events: <http://westcottsy.com/events/>
- Westcott community Center calendar: <https://westcottcc.org/calendar/>