



March 12, 2017, 3 pm, Munjed's Annual Meeting minutes -- DRAFT

NEXT MEETING: Board retreat, date, time to be determined

Persons registering in attendance:

1. Welcome and introductions:
Grant Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.
2. Voting for new board members: Ballots were given to all dues-paying members. Three new board candidates, D.J. Hellerman, Zoe Meghan, and Jake Younts introduced themselves and gave a brief statement indicating why they want to serve.
3. Grant summarized the past year's accomplishments: the new bus shelter at Westcott and Euclid; the 10 planters along Westcott, funded by Ben Tupper and TNT; the 2nd annual streetlight audit (to identify broken or malfunctioning lights); progress toward the restoration of the Gustav Sticklely house, and the upcoming 2017-2018 UNSAAC grant funded projects (the 3 neighborhood signs to be installed at Westcott/Genesee, Westcott/Harvard, and Westcott/Euclid in 2017); to be followed by streetscape improvements in 2018
4. Presentation: The "new normal" from conflict to cooperation between neighborhood landlords and long-term resident neighbors: Ben Tupper, president SPOA (Syracuse Property Owners' Association); and Stephanie Bartling (?) Berkeley Park resident. Both speakers emphasized the desire to find common ground (quality of life, safety, well-maintained houses and streets) while recognizing differences in perspective between investors and owner occupants. Mr. Tupper emphasized willingness of landlords to funnel money into the neighborhood once they were freed on ongoing and costly legal actions against them. Discussion and questions followed.
5. Items from the floor:
 - Bread and Roses plant sale (native and edible plants): May 7, 407 Westcott, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
 - Sharon Sherman identified individuals needed to help with the 2017 Westcott Cultural Fair to be held September 18: someone working from June-September. to oversee the assigning of booths and a designer for posters, T-shirts, etc
6. Voting results: All returning board members and the 3 new members were elected.

