

Grove Place Association
Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Kimberly Russell at 4:04pm. There being no motions to be passed, a quorum was not determined, but it appeared that a quorum of voting members was indeed present. Kim thanked the YMCA for the generous use of their space and then asked each person present to introduce him/herself.

Treasurer Rick McGrath reported that we have a bank balance of \$5,451.42 and that we must determine what legal fees are yet to be paid regarding the 58 University Avenue appeal. He will have updated numbers at the March meeting.

Christopher Caretta led a presentation on our Center City Design – Grove Place guidelines which govern development in our neighborhood and overlay the Grove Place preservation district. Jill Wiedrick and Chris Snyder from the Zoning and Planning commissions spoke on the municipal regulatory side and we also had presentations from Larry Fancher and Caitlin Meives from the Landmark Society. Slides used in the presentation will be attached to these minutes on our association web site.

The presentations and discussion lasted about an hour and were detailed and complex in their nature. We explored the idea of expanding our Preservation district as well as the differences between the local district and the national register of Historic Places of the National Parks Service.

Suzanne Mayer spoke about Hinge and our cooperation with other neighborhoods on their efforts, especially the upcoming studies to remove the “northern” segment of the Inner Loop as an express highway and restore neighborhood development to the land now occupied by this highway.

Megan DeFranco reported that membership renewals will be going out May 1. An updated Grove Place directory was emailed to all paid members this morning (2/23). Please let her know of any changes and corrections. Interested GPA members are encouraged to join this key committee.

Since Roz Goldman was away, there was no Art Committee report, but we know that a \$2,500 grant application was submitted to Rochester Area Community Foundation for the creation of new planters for Gibbs, Selden, and Windsor Streets.

C-4 will hold its next meeting 5:00pm on March 11 at 3 City Center with a reception at Native.

Sally Millick is planning a GPA tour of Mt' Hope Cemetery this spring.

Vince Felder, who represents us in the County Legislature spoke briefly and introduced Ernest Flagler who is running for David Gant's seat in the 137th State Legislative District.

Kim spoke of the Hope Charter School as a much-needed Center City Charter School and a petition she will have at our post-meeting reception. She has vetted this project and its principals thoroughly and feels confident as to their ability to make this happen.

Scott Zorn invited us to a post-meeting reception at his new C15 Gallery at the corner of Charlotte and Scio Streets.

There being no additional business or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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