

MINUTES OF GPA GENERAL MEETING OF SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021

Call to Order/Attendance – taken from Zoom meeting roster by Bob Keck.

Treasurer's Report – Rick McGrath reported that the GPA account balance is \$6,211.16.

Introduction of Guest: Maria Furgiuele, CEO of Community Design Center of Rochester
We invited Maria to our meeting today so we could learn about the CDC.

Bob Keck recorded Maria's PowerPoint and posted it on our website. You can view it at:
<http://www.groveplace.org/meeting-minutes.html>

Here are some of the highlights:

CDC was born out of the Art Walk Project on University Avenue. CDC was founded and a non-profit organization in 2003. It is not associated with any government or academic institution. The Mission Statement is in the Powerpoint.

CDC Program Areas: education, advocacy, community engagement for placemaking and equity in zoning. Its theme this year is: *Reshaping Rochester 2021 – Building a Just Community.*

Questions Posed (see Powerpoint for Responses):

1. During COVID-19, how has CDC responded?
2. Have there been significant changes with respect to population density due to Covid?
3. What is the Charrette process and how effective is it?
4. What are the lessons learned from the Inner Loop East infill? What should we avoid with respect to the ILN infill proposals?
5. Are there developments targeted to areas where the majority of the population is of color and/or suffering from poverty?
6. How is the community engagement going with respect to the Zoning Alignment Project (ZAP)?
7. Are local governments resistant to creating and maintaining open spaces?
8. What is the status of Parcel 5? Can it become public open space?
9. How can GPA better influence the City?

CDC posts placemaking seminars and other events online at its YouTube Channel and its Facebook page:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=Community+Design+Center+Rochester+NY

<https://www.facebook.com/CDCRochester>

CDC will be revamping its website. Presently it is not a secure site.

Committee Reports

Beautification – no report

Public Safety -Pam DiPaola attends meetings of the Police Citizen Interaction Committee (PCIC). Meetings have been cancelled due to changes recently made in the police department.

Development Committee – Richard Rosen reports that the Committee is studying the areas surrounding Grove Place for ZAP input and studying the ILN project in anticipation of Bergmann’s upcoming presentation to GPA.

Other Business

Sandy Mayer raised issues concerning the continued protests and disruption on University Ave. across from Planned Parenthood. He met with the Neighborhood Service office and several of the protesters, who represent three different groups. Planned Parenthood is exploring moving its main entrance to Delevan. Sandy believes that any promises the protesters make to us are disingenuous. The leaders have little control over the protesters. Sandy sent photos of the protesters to the police department but there’s been no reaction. We must convince the police to enforce the codes concerning protests on University Ave.

Open Forum

Suzanne Mayer reported that the Lewis Street Community Center and Bethel Church will be doing a presentation for Bergmann in March.

Bob Keck stated that Bergmann is doing a traffic study – a recommendation only, due in May. It's a transformational study, so do not think that the ILN is a done deal. Kim Russell suggested a separate brainstorming session. Bob DiPaola opined that our membership is divided about whether to do the ILN infill. He is opposed to it, so he said GPA cannot voice one opinion in this matter. There are three options: (1) don't fill it in; (2) fill it in and GPA provides input stating what we'd like to see done; (3) if you fill it in, GPA wants to be at the table before the proposals are completed.

Bob Keck moved to adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Loeb, Secretary