

Grove Place Association  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
January 19, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Vice President bob Keck at 4:10pm.

Dick McGrath gave key financial highlights. Our checking balance is \$5,391. We started 2019 with \$6,600, took in \$6,500, and spent \$7,700. The neighborhood picnic showed a profit of 69¢. Our largest expenditure was legal fees which was pretty much offset by special donations.

Roz Goldman reported for the Art Committee that a group of RIT Industrial Design students competed to design new planters which we would then have commercially fabricated. We have two finalist designs which were passed around the room for all to see. Both designs are out for cost estimates. Craig Zicari is working on securing grant monies. They will be 36" in diameter and 24" high. The Art Committee has \$885 in this year's budget. One this is completed, the Committee will look into a design for trash receptacles.

The Development Committee reports that the hearing for 58 University Avenue is set for 6:00pm on Monday February 10<sup>th</sup>. They are #4 on the agenda. We want a good turn-out. The first three items should go by quickly, so best to arrive at 6pm.

The Executive Committee is seek volunteers for a Niminating Committee for thde Officer elections on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We were reminded that our members want a GPA Member list with phone numbers.

Lt. rob Wilson of the RPD spoke about public safety concerns. He was accompanies by Officer Paine. Reminder to not ever give cash to panhandlers. Food if you like but directions to shelters and soup kitchens is best. And it is best to give directly to soup kitchens, shelters, and churches. It is not illegal to ask for money, but it is illegal to persist or be in the road or within 25 feet of an ATM. Planned Parenthood protesters are protected by the First Amendment. Noise is similarly protected but excessive noise may be another matter. Car theft is almost non-existent, but break-ins are up, and people are reminded to leaved nothing in your car. A discussion ehsured about a variety of downtown safety issues.

The meeting adjourned approximately 5:10pm.

Respectfully submitted

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