

**Special Meeting 6.25.19 of the Grove Place Association – Charlotte Square Community Room, 7 p.m.**

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Kim Russell Pier who turned meeting over to V.P. of Development, Robert Keck. Kim abstained from participation in the meeting due to her employment with Home Leasing who has been contacted by developer Dwyer as a possible builder.

Attending: John Goldman, Bob & Pam DiPaolo, Jack Eisenberg, Charles Pape, Jim Martin, Sandy & Suzanne Mayer, Rick McGrath, Marge Bergeson, Roz Goldman, Ed Saphar, Gloria Weyerts, John Lovenheim, Megan DeFranco, Robert Keck, Kimberly Russell. In addition, 20 members were present by proxy, for a total of 37 members in attendance.

Total GPA paid membership at beginning of meeting: 56. It was determined that a quorum was established.

Timely meeting notice provided to members with option to provide proxies to V.P. of Development by 4 p.m. today. 20 proxies received. All appointed Bob Keck as their proxy for the meeting with 20 indicating support for **Resolution 1: “to allow the Development Committee to participate in the effort to reverse the Manager or Zoning’s approval of the Site Plan for 58 University Avenue.”**

17 of the 20 proxies received indicated approval, 2 opposed and 1 abstained, for **Resolution 2: “to vote to authorize GPA to contribute up to \$2700 from the treasury to cover expenses related to reversing the Manager of Zoning’s site plan approval of 58 University Avenue.”**

At the meeting, member John Goldman proposed resolution #1, it was seconded and opened to the group for discussion.

Discussion regarding status of approval – we are asking for referral to City Planning Commission – we believe that is as of right. City Planning Commission has authority to enforce zoning code – they need to make final decision. Discussed differences between hotel on East Avenue behind City Grill and our situation. GPA’s issue is that it does not appear that the Manager of Zoning adhered to design standards promulgated for Grove Place neighborhood. We are referring the site plan approval decision, not an administrative decision. It is our opinion that there are 4 major deviations surrounding setbacks and height. Lawyer’s initial estimate was approximately \$2K for referral, \$10-\$15K if it goes to Article 78.

16 members attending voted in favor of #1 along with 20 proxy votes indicating unanimous GPA support for Resolution #1.

John Goldman proposed resolution #2. John Goldman moved, Rick McGrath seconded. Discussion re: funds pledged to handle referral by several concerned neighbors sufficient to pay for referral fees. Discussion re: who’s a party to the action. Resolution says “up to” \$2700. Rick McGrath thinks important for GPA to have some skin in the game and discussed idea of proportionate contribution from GPA. Current treasury balance is \$6040. Bob explained that executive committee approved establishment of a legal defense fund so individuals could contribute to a 501(c)(3). Ed Saphar discussed history of GPA significant participation in developing design criteria as basis for zoning. Concerned that allowing development to occur sets a dangerous precedent.

11 in favor, 17 in favor by proxy, 2 opposed, 2 opposed by proxy. Resolution #2 carried with broad support with 28 in support and 4 opposed.

Suzanne Mayer encouraged all to look closely at Rochester 2034 Comprehensive Plan. We as an organization need to be vigilant – Suzanne will provide some guidance to group.

CPC hearing is likely to be 8.12.

Executive and development committee will work with neighborhood on strategy. Bob Keck is GPA's contact with Knauf Shaw, attorneys. Filing needs to be in by 7.1. It was suggested that we connect with Wayne Goodman at Landmark Society to support the referral.

Suzanne suggested that we ask our lawyer and some GPA residents to attend CPC' s meeting that starts at 5:30 and to consider attending the next CPC meeting on 7.10.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.