

Grove Place Association
Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2018

The second meeting of 2018-2019 was called to order by President Kimberly Russell at 4:03pm in the Carlson YMCA meeting room.

We then went around the room introducing ourselves since there are a number of new resident over the past year, and Kim reminded us that 2018 dues are due and they can be paid to Treasurer, Rick McGrath at the meeting or dropped off or sent to his office on Grove Place.

Carlos informed all that the minutes are posted to our web site. As we did not formally approve them, this will have to be done at our next business meeting – probably in January.

Rick McGrath noted that there are no changes to the account balances.

Megan DeFranco discussed efforts to organize a Membership Committee that will get our records and communications in order and reach out to increase membership.

In C4 news, Kim announced a clean-up at Manhattan Square on November 10th from 10:00am to 12:30pm under the leadership of the Washington Square Neighborhood Association. All were encouraged to participate by helping to clean up or by providing home-baked cookies and brownies.

This meeting featured two speakers on key Downtown initiatives. Jim Doser, head of the Institute for Musical Leadership at Eastman School of Music, a Rochester native, and some time teacher at Penfield High school, spoke on the “Music on Main” revitalization of the Main Street Corridor using strategic support for the Arts and the resulting economic impact. The concept is to inventory a city’s unique assets and leverage them to contribute to overall economic and social goals. The vision is for a Main St. that weaves together the urban fabric into one connected and accessible city. It is a fabric, not something that stands alone. GPA members had many questions and comments and were generally pleased with the direction his effort is taking.

Shawn Dunwoody is a local artist with a growing reputation and a former candidate for City Council. He spoke about his MOM Project – an effort to use public art to connect residents through movement through art pieces. His vision is the use of land and transportation as incubators of creative persons. Another project, Composers Crossing, involves Grove Place residents Richard Glazer and Carlos Mercado, an installation that is proposed to include crosswalks designed to look like piano keyboards, to more comprehensive representations of musical notation and symbols around the Eastman School intersections. Ideally, it would include music played as pedestrians wait at and cross these intersections. He also shared a preliminary vision for art installations on Ed Sapher’s former offices at the corner of University

and Gibbs. The proposal was creative and bold. GPA members reminded him that the house is part of the Grove Place Preservation District and the property owner would likely need to go through a review process before any art could be installed. Roz Goldman encouraged Shawn to schedule a meeting with the GPA Public Arts committee, which she chairs.

Open Forum

Richard Glazer introduced a guest who is opening a creative restaurant space at Midtown.

Chris Pond noted the passing of Vern Hanson, Barbara Wager's long time partner, on Saturday October 20th

Carlos announced a speaker tonight at Christ Church on East Ave. Heidi Zimmer-Mayer on downtown projects.

The Holiday Gathering will be December 2nd at Charlotte Square Community Room, to begin after the Ying Quartet Concert. Steve Whitman will secure Eastman entertainment. Kim will reconvene the holiday party committee to finalize arrangements.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carlos Mercado, Secretary