

GROVE PLACE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF GENERAL (ZOOM) MEETING OF 10/18/2020

Attendance – taken from Zoom meeting roster by Bob Keck.

Guests – Kimberly Baptiste and Lizette Lewis, representatives from the Rochester office of Bergmann Architects, Engineers and Planners; and Mary Lupien, East District councilmember of the Rochester City Council.

Approval of Minutes - Sandy Mayer moved to approve the Minutes of the last general meeting of Sept. 13, 2020. Motion unanimously approved.

Main Topic of this Meeting – The representatives of Bergmann Rochester were invited to present the planning issues related to the proposed North Inner Loop infill. They presented an informative slideshow that will be posted on the www.groveplace.org website with these Minutes. A short summary follows:

Project Team – Bergmann, TWLA, Kimley-Horn, SAA/EVI, Lu Engineers, and Center for Urban Entrepreneurship.

Purpose of the Team's Project – strictly a planning study. No funding has been sought. The team has no preconceived notions. Their task is to develop a range of alternatives to the North Inner Loop district and neighborhoods. The area of concern is not just the inner loop highway. It includes the north area where 1360 residents live, of which 40% are under age 24. The median income in this region is \$15,000 compared to \$32,000 in the City as a whole.

See their website for more information and to take their survey:

<https://www.innerloopnorth.com/>

Note: the survey has received 216 responses but 88% are from non-city residents.

Goals –

- Ensure diverse community engagement from all stakeholders through subcommittees, including open meetings or zoom sessions as dictated during COVID-19 and via social media (Instagram, Twitter).
- Reconnect neighborhoods
- Multimodal connectivity (transportation – auto, bus, bikes, pedestrians)
- Engaging open spaces and streetscapes
- Economic development
- Minimize displacement of existing businesses and neighborhoods.

- Coordinate with Roc the Riverway project
<https://www.cityofrochester.gov/roctheriverway/>
- Align with the Rochester 2034 Comprehensive Plan
<https://www.cityofrochester.gov/comprehensiveplanupdate/>

Timeline - A concept alternative analysis plan will be completed by April 2021. The final delivery of the recommended plan will be in October 2021. Only after that will funding be sought if the project is deemed appropriate to pursue.

Treasurer's Report – Rick McGrath said we have \$6,071.26 on account as of 10/18/20.

Beautification Committee – Pam DiPaola reported that the GPA flowerpots will be cleaned after the first frost and stored over the winter.

Development Committee – no report. Next meeting will be on November 9th at noon.

Membership Committee – now has 6 members. Still seeking a chairperson.

Other business

- Kim Russell reported that Marilyn Klass, a long-time member of GPA, passed away on Oct. 17, 2020. The GPA will send a donation to the Jewish Community Federation fund in her memory.
- C4 - the first virtual happy hour will be on zoom at 5:30pm on October 28th.
- Hinge Community – They are trying to get School 58 involved by asking students for their input on what amenities and safety needs they would like to see in this area. See <https://hingeneighbors.com/> and the Hinge 101 page. A mural project has been (or will be) developed at the Lewis Street YMCA.

Adjournment – Suzanne Mayer moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously approved.

These minutes will be posted at the GPA website.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Loeb, GPA Secretary