

Minutes of the GPA Membership meeting April 23, 2023, 4:00 to 5:25 pm

In attendance: R. Rosen and T. Fink by Zoom.

In Person: L. Riley, S. Mayer, P. DiPaola, B. DiPaola, R. McGrath, B. Keck, S. Frame, K. Frame, G. Weyert, S. Gouvernet, M. Wilson, S. Shapiro, B. Porter, S. Millick

Guests: M. Siwec and D. Palmer

Treasurers Report: Substantial balance unchanged

Membership: Dues received are down about 40% from last year. We need a volunteer who knows how to use a computer based payment program, so we can bill each member annually, have the funds transferred. (Venmo, Apple Pay, etc)

Richard Rosen, being on zoom, asked Bob DiPaola to chair.

Clean Sweep was announced. Beautification Committee is planning to place 14 to 18 planters in the Historic Section.

Nothing further on approved tree memorial to Miriam Shapiro.

Serious large tree damage due to tractor trailer on historic, narrow, tree lined Windsor Street. Residents on Windsor Street will report on a solution which might involve on-street parking modifications.

BID: Richard attended the first public input session March 29 at the Library. No specific benefits were presented, as all are yet to be determined. Sizable opposition from some audience members. Galen Brooks, the Director of RDDC, spoke to us last Fall. Her staff requested a return visit. We will try to schedule that for September.

"East End Green" is the working name for the 21,000 sq ft vacant parcel bounded by Charlotte St, Pitkin Street, N. Union Street, and the parking area for adjacent "270 on East Apartments." re that our neighborhood gained its own park. Rosen is asking for members to join a committee to further develop the park concept.

No report on U of R proposed MedicalCenter.

No report on City banner project.

Mark Siwec presented his plans for the existing 6 car parking lot on Windsor Street, accessory to his 6 unit apartment house at corner of Selden and Windsor. Extension discussion transpired, (44 minutes) with the outcome being apparent agreement on the proposal that Mark will make to the Preservation Board May meeting. During that discussion, property management issues with the Gibbs Street Townhouses owned by Mark were also discussed: Better snow plowing on the sidewalks, and pruning of shrubs that intrude on the sidewalk. Bob Keck presented alternative solutions to several issues including: location of trash and recycling totes, elimination of current Trash Enclosure, added landscaping, addition of concrete curbing surrounding paved area and replacement of non conforming exterior light fixtures. M. Siwec agreed to making these changes. The very substantial improvement of the Townhouse Row since Mark purchased it in derelict condition was noted.

The membership voted to have a May 21 meeting, and then next in the Fall commencing September 24. No June meeting is currently scheduled.

Meeting adjourned.