

Minutes of the GPA General Membership Meeting

February 25, 2024 at 4:00pm

at the Charlotte Square Community Room and on Zoom

AGENDA

1. Treasurer's Report. Balance on hand is \$11,276.40.
2. Approval of January 28, 2024 Minutes. James moved and Sally seconded a motion to distribute the Minutes to the voting members of GPA when they are posted on our website www.groveplace.org. Passed unanimously.
3. Members' input: Several members met in August 2023 and developed a list of their priorities and suggestions for our neighborhood association. These were presented to the Executive Committee in January. Mark Wilson, VP gave an updated report: There are now more than 10 members who have volunteered to help with certain action points discussed in the last meeting. Volunteers are noted below.
 - *Beautification Committee*: Pam is Chair. Next step – schedule meeting with Rory, Dennis, James and Mark, who have volunteered to serve to Beautification Committee, to discuss next steps.
 - Richard noted that the City has a requirement that owners do landscaping on the perimeter of parcels. Who controls the landscaping? What enforcements are being done? He will look into this.
 - *Development Committee*: Richard Rosen, Chair. Kelly Cheatle will watch out for any discussions concerning development of casinos in the City.
 - *Monitor Parking Issues*: Bob D. and Barb will monitor Focus Pregnancy parking on University and Windsor.
 - *Community Garden Adoptions*. Suzanne said the City now requires citizens to register as a garden committee to obtain a permit to adopt a vacant City lot for use as a community garden. The City requires the committee to attend a class before a permit can be issued. NOTE: this does not apply to the GPA's planters on City property.
 - *History: Knowledge, awareness, tours and preservation of the history within GPA's boundaries*. Gloria and Sally will work on GPA history and organizing future tours of the Historic District. Sally reported a member of the Klutz family uncovered late 1900s booklets on the district and Sally has asked if she would send them to her.

- *Membership Committee* – Roz is chair. Goals: increase general awareness of GPA and increasing membership. Bleu, Barb, and Sandy volunteered to help.
4. *Suzanne Mayer Reports*: After a year of complaining, the City finally repaired a spot on the sidewalk in front of the Carlson building that was a serious trip hazard. Charles Reeves, administrator of the Southwest Neighborhood Service Center Quadrant Team, has expressed interest in another walk around, but a date has not been set.
 - The ILN has a Technical Advisory Committee. Suzanne will monitor its reports. She is also on the Community Advisory Committee, which is addressing Inner Loop North engineering planning. Digging won't happen till 2027.
 - West Construction has property across the parking lot next to the former Downstairs Cabaret and has started development on it. There's nothing on its website about this parcel.
 - Dumpster on Windsor for the renovation of the former Downstairs Cabaret is a safety hazard. Cars have less space to go around it. People are dumpster diving. Barb mentioned that there is a scaled fine schedule for property owners who violate city codes.
 - Suzanne went to the Preservation Department since there were attempted break-ins. Asked for storm doors and transom windows to cut down noise of protestors. Each property owner needs to ask for this separately.
 5. *Social Media and Events*. Trish, Sally, and Brenda volunteered to work on social media and event publications.
 6. *Volunteers to hold Social Gatherings*: Bleu/ROCO, Barb, Brenda, Sally.
 7. *University of Rochester issues*. Scott, Bob, and Dennis will communicate with from Clayton Jones, Director of Government and Community Relations at the University of Rochester.
 8. *University Ave. Protestors* – Update from Sandy M. On Saturdays, when they see no police there, they loudly disturb the peace. Sandy called 911 last week. James said the police did show up.
 9. Discussion ensued re: the City real property reassessments.

Motion to adjourn made by Rick McGrath. Seconded by John Goldman

Adjourned at 5pm

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Loeb, Secretary

NOTE: the next General Membership Meeting will be on Sunday, March 24th at 4pm.