

Minutes of the GPA General Membership Annual Meeting

April 28, 2024 at 4:00pm

at the Charlotte Square Community Room and on Zoom

AGENDA

Treasurer's Report- Balance forward April 30, 2023 was \$10,505.10. Total FY deposits were \$3,360. Total FY disbursements were \$2,588. FY Surplus is \$771.30. Cash Balance on Hand on April 28, 2024 is \$11 276.40.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRS, including:

Membership Committee – Roz said there's no need right now for new committee volunteers, but we will need volunteers in the fall for recruiting efforts within the boundaries of Main St, Union St., East Ave. and Chestnut St.

Tree Planting Updates - Report by James. James spoke to City Forestry. The new reforestation project has begun and tree replacement planting is progressing. James asked for help planting trees to replace missing trees within the GPA borders.

Beautification Committee - Report by Pam. She needs volunteers for the May 4th 9am Clean Up Day (rakes, brooms, gloves provided by the City). Write to Pam to volunteer.

Pam said we need 4 new pots for a total disbursement of \$200 (buy 1 get 1 free). Motion by Tom, seconded Roz. Approved unanimously. They will be at the intersections of Gibbs St. and Selden and at Gibbs St. and University. Bob Keck is holding on to the old pots for now. GPA paid for those. Suggested: donate them to Habitat for Humanity.

Planting flowers will begin mid-May.

Safety Committee - Pam said there's nothing new to report. SWNSC will meet in June. Councilman Mitch Gruber is starting a street safety program. Pam has contacted him.

Roz wrote to Berkeley Brean (the Chief Investigative Reporter for News10 NBC) about people running red lights and speeding in the neighborhood. The City took away the cameras. There's lack of enforcement. Pam will contact Mitch Gruber and Michael Patterson.

Property and Code Compliance - Richard has no report. The SWNSC has been helpful and responsive.

West Construction - Richard reported that Chris West has not responded to our invitations to report to the membership. The project is stalled. Bob K. thinks that project is a fall-back for when West's other projects are stalled.

GPA Banners - Roz submitted our request. Most neighborhoods have not. She talked to Daisy. If the others don't want them, we'll take them.

Neighborhood History Tours - Sally asked for ideas about days/times to try. Sundays early afternoon? Brenda is preparing a pamphlet with QR codes for distribution to open a new website for scheduling events. Could Landmark Society be a partner? Sally can inquire. At

Grove and Selden, the Historical Plaque's stand is getting corroded. GPA owns that and is responsible for fixing it.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR A TWO YEAR TERM from 2024-2026

Bob DiPaola reported that the Nominating Committee has proposed this slate of officers:

President - Bob DiPaola

Vice President - Stephen Smith

Vice President - James Tabbi

Secretary - Pam DiPaola

Treasurer - Rick McGrath

In person voting – motion to vote for the slate made by Roz and seconded by Richard. Any discussion? None. Unanimous Vote for the slate. None were against, no abstentions.

Judy Loeb, Secretary, received 10 signed proxies from members and voted as proxy for all ten. All 10 voted For the above slate. None were against, no abstentions.

The new slate of officers above is hereby elected for the two-year term from May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2026.

Scott and Kathy Frame is host of the after-meeting Social. The address was announced at the end of this meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by James. Seconded by Roz.

Adjourned at 4:40pm

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Loeb, Secretary