

# GPA Meeting Minutes

Meeting #: G-08

Date: 10/19/25

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Rm. 209, Eastman School of Music

**Type of Meeting:** General Scheduled

**Participants:** (see attached)

**Approval of Minutes:** Richard Rosen moved to approve the minutes of both the April 27, 2025, and the minutes of the September 28, 2025 meetings. Brenda Porter seconded. Acceptance was unanimous.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rick McGrath presented the treasurer's report. Our current balance is seven thousand four hundred fourteen dollars and thirty-three cents (\$7,414.33). We have sixty-five (65) paid members. The treasurer is keeping two thousand four hundred seventy-five dollars reserved for anticipated expenses, including a one thousand six hundred twenty-five-dollar (1,625.00) legal fee; a donation to the Eastman School of Music, approximately two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) insurance due in April 2026, and pending picnic invoices. This leaves an unrestricted balance of four thousand nine hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$4,939.00) with one thousand nine hundred twenty-two dollars (1,922.00) designated for the Art Fund and two thousand seventeen dollars for the General Reserve.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** Roz Goldman, Chair reported on a successful membership meeting where committee members volunteered and took on assignments of areas of the neighborhoods where they will campaign to increase membership in the Association. The committee plans to discuss approaching the residents of the Sagamore building although there was a question about a potential conflict with its existing HOA structure. Roz noted that if our boundaries do not change as a result of today's Bylaw Revisions process, the Association must address issues in the Charlotte St. area equally with the historic district.

**Public Safety & Code Compliance:** Pam DiPaola announced the cancellation of the police meeting in September. The next meeting opportunity is in November.

There were no other Committee reports.

## **New Business/ Open Discussion:**

- A) The proposed revisions/changes to the current Bylaws of our organization. Each change was reviewed and members had the opportunity to sign up prior to the meeting's commencement to speak on each if they chose. The first Bylaw revision to be voted on today expanded the responsibilities of the President to include that required government tax forms are completed. The second proposed change was to eliminate the Historical Committee but to assign its former responsibilities, which are solely archiving documents related to the Association's business, to the Secretary position. The third proposed change was to membership, which sought to delete the non-voting member status and establish a single class of membership for individuals residing in, operating a business, or owning property within the boundaries who pay dues and submit an application. All paid members would have full voting privileges and the ability to run for office. The fourth proposed change was to the Association's boundaries. The current boundaries are Chestnut St., East Avenue, Delevan Street to the north, and North Union St., to the east. The proposed change is Chestnut St. to the west, East Main St. to the south, the south side of University Ave. to the north and the west side of Scio St. to the east.
- B) Several members spoke their opinion on each of these proposed changes. Those opinions are recorded and will be archived with this meeting's minutes.

- C) The number of votes needed to pass each of the proposed changes was clarified.
- D) Approval of payment of the remaining legal fees incurred in the protest of the Zoning Board of Appeals hearing on the zoning at 57 University Avenue was discussed. Various members expressed opinions on the matter, both for and against payment. The remaining balance is one thousand six hundred twenty-five dollars (\$1,625.00). A motion was made by Roz Goldman and seconded by Pam DiPaola. The motion passed by a majority of those present.

**Action Items/Decisions:**

Voting took place at the conclusion of the meeting. Votes were submitted by members on paper to ‘yay’ or ‘nay’ each proposed amendment. The results of the vote are as follows:

Revision to President’s responsibilities: Passed

Revision to Secretary’s responsibilities and elimination of Historical Committee: Passed

Revision to Membership: Failed

Revision to boundaries: Failed

**Next Meeting:** Sunday, November 16, 2025, 4:00-5:30 pm. Speaker: Dean Kate Sheeran of the Eastman School of Music

**Adjournment Time:** 5:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted:  
Pam DiPaola  
Secretary

Attachment: Participant Sign-In Sheet  
Summary Financial Report