

# GPA Meeting Minutes

Meeting #: G13

Date: 4/19/26

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Room 209, Eastman School of Music

**Type of Meeting:** General Scheduled

**Participants:** (see attached)

**Approval of Minutes:** Richard Rosen moved to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2026, General Meeting; Rick Staropoli seconded. Acceptance was unanimous.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rick McGrath reported the current balance is five thousand six hundred sixty-eight dollars (\$5,668.30), which will be slightly reduced by an upcoming insurance premium bill of approximately three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

## **Committee Reports:**

**Beautification:** John Paris, chair, announced two community events: a neighborhood cleanup and flower planting. The city-wide Clean Sweep is scheduled on May 2<sup>nd</sup> with volunteers to meet at 10- 7 Selden St. at 8:30 am for coffee and bagels, with Clean Sweep to start at 9:00 am. The city will provide necessary supplies like gloves and rakes. The Beautification Committee plans to plant flowers in all the neighborhood pots during the weekend before Memorial Day (around May 21st) and is seeking volunteers to help with planting and watering the pots throughout the season.

**Membership:** No report

**Public Safety & Code Compliance:** No report

**Nominating:** The nominating committee, led by Vice-President James Tabbi, presented a strong slate of candidates. The proposed Executive Committee for the 2026-2028 term includes James Tabbi as President, Tricia Bhattacharya as Vice President, Sandy Mayer as Second Vice President, Janice Linehan as Secretary, and Joyce Sudak as Treasurer. The vision for the new committee focuses on improving the neighborhood's vibrancy, safety, aesthetics, and beauty. The Executive Committee is committed to keeping meetings interesting and to engaging subcommittees.

## **New Business:**

- Bob DiPaola, current Grove Place Association president, whose term is ending, gave thanks to the Executive Committee members for their time and service over the past two years. He named each of the officers: James Tabbi, Vice-President, Tricia Bhattacharya, Vice-President, Richard Rosen, Past President, Rick McGrath, Treasurer and Pam DiPaola, Secretary and gave thanks for their time and service. A special thanks was extended to Stephen Smith, the former Vice-President, for his great job and thorough completion of every task assigned, before he had to resign for personal reasons.
- Bob DiPaola provided a summary of accomplishments over the past few years. Notable achievements included developing and implementing electronic processes for dues payment, voting, and membership application, and utilizing an "open item log" to track over 100 issues to conclusion. Additionally, the Association's trifold brochure was recently refreshed. He emphasized the Association's successful opposition to the "57 University" incursion that would have negatively impacted the neighborhood's residential character.
- The current treasurer, Rick McGrath, was thanked for his twelve (12) years of impeccable service as Treasurer.

- The slate of officers for the 2026-2028 Executive Committee was unanimously approved by the voting members through a show of hands. Ballots that were submitted electronically were also unanimous. The new Executive Committee was welcomed by the members present.

### **Speaker & Discussion:**

- Sally Millick gave a detailed presentation on the history of Selden Street, focused on brothers Samuel and Henry Selden. The Selden family moved to the area following the opening of the Erie Canal, and Samuel bought property in 1839 in what became the Grove Place area. The presentation detailed the property transactions in the area, the Great Fire of 1909 that destroyed many townhouses, and provided biographical information on Samuel and Henry Selden. The brothers each had an exemplary public service career in their roles as attorneys and judges. They had influence in the early commercial applications of the telegraph and the formation of Western Union.
- Henry Selden was recognized as a highly respected New York attorney who served on the Court of Appeals and the New York State Assembly. Henry Selden served as Susan B. Anthony's defense counsel when she was indicted for voting. Anthony was found guilty by the judge who deemed voting a privilege, not a constitutional right.
- Henry's son, George Baldwin Selden, was known for refining the two-cycle gas engine into a smaller, portable version, which led him to become a patent attorney and collect royalties on his invention for many years.
- Sally presented a comprehensive and interesting history of the significant impact of these two brothers on Rochester's, and our nation's, history. Her presentation was greatly appreciated by our members.
- Following the presentation, there was a brief discussion and question-and-answer period regarding the Grove Place area's history. Of particular note was the building date of the Thomas Bacon townhouses (believed to be 1878 or the 1890's) and the ownership changes shown on old city plat maps.

### **Open Discussion:**

- Sandy Mayer reported on the "ROC Vision Zero" initiative, the mayor's program aimed at improving Rochester street safety due to high rates of pedestrian-vehicle accidents. This initiative, which began two years ago, is preparing for public engagement meetings to discuss automated enforcement options for red light running and speeding. Sandy clarified that the current plan does not involve bringing back the fixed red-light cameras previously used but rather utilizing cameras that can be moved around the city. The new cameras will also focus on speeding, particularly near schools. Automated enforcement is already implemented in our city with cameras on school buses to fine drivers who pass stopped buses. Sandy announced and passed out schedules for five public engagement meetings are scheduled at various community centers and the Central Library in May to gather public input on the automated traffic enforcement options. GPA members were strongly encouraged to attend one of these meetings to share their thoughts and ideas on the plan.
- An announcement was made that there will be an event in June, possibly the 13th or 14th, which will feature a bicycle rodeo focused on teaching safety to children, including those who use wheelchairs. The afternoon portion of the June event will include artists.
- The Executive Committee will be sending out information on membership renewal in early May.
- Tricia Bhattacharya announced that there will be a survey sent to members to gather thoughts and ideas about what members would like to see in future GPA meetings.
- Jillian Gruber discussed her yearly participation in the Polar Plunge for the Special Olympics and encouraged fellow GPA members to join next year, mentioning the possibility of establishing a "GPA Team". The event in Rochester is the largest in the state, with about 2,000 people participating last year. The association leadership plans to send an announcement to members in January regarding next year's date.

### **Action Items/Decisions:**

<u>What?</u>	<u>Who?</u>	<u>Deadline?</u>	<u>Status?</u>
G02-02 ROC Vision Zero Update	SMayer	ongoing	In Process
G02-03 Neighborhood bench refurbishment	TBD	Spring 2026	Hold
G07-01 Initiatives for Exec Cmte	Members ongoing	Open	
G09-01 Update on Save the Green Space Committee	LReilly	ongoing	In Process
G09-02 Update on Bldgs. of Historic Value	RRosen	2/15/26	Open

**Next Meeting:** Date, Time: TBD Suggested Speaker: TBD

**Adjournment Time:** 5:13 pm

Respectfully Submitted:  
Pam DiPaola  
Secretary

Attachments: Participant Sign-In Sheet  
Schedule of ROC Vision Zero Public Meetings

4/19/26

Grove Place Assoc.  
ESM Room 209

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Additional:

Saul Maneiro  
Christine Mahaffy  
John Pope  
Gloria Naurocki