

ROLAND PARK CIVIC LEAGUE
July 6, 2016
ROLAND PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 7-9 PM

Participants: Ian MacFarlane, Chris McSherry, Patti Ephraim, Tim Schere, LesleeBivalacqua, Chris Cortright, Kathleen Truelove, Jennifer Vey, Cara Kohler, Mary Kay Battafarano, Andrew Wolfe, Rob Horst, Anne Stuzin

1. President's Remarks (mostly about the *business* of doing the RPCL's business)
 - Reviewed responsibilities of the board and the need to understand the rules and how they work.
 - Bylaws reviewed with the members.
 - RPCL is a non-stock membership corporation
 - The RPCL President can call a meeting at any time. Meetings can be held by telephone; for e-mail, a unanimous vote is required.
 - Board comprised of 18 members; majority vote = 10 people
2. Roland Park Elementary School Baseball Team
 - a. Provided a plaque and thanked the board for their support
 - b. Season, 13 wins:3 losses, lost the finals
3. Routine Business
 - a. Minutes for June 2016 meeting reviewed and approved by the Board
 - b. Treasurer's Report – financial sent by Trish Carrol but she was not present to review; tabled for review at the September 2016 meeting
 - c. Police Report:
 - i. William O'Donnell thanked Board for donation of funds for purchase of bicycles for Baltimore City students
 - ii. Burglary on Goodwood Road. Broke in through the basement; stole jewelry and passports. Police recommend all resident be sure to secure basement doors.
 - iii. 800 Coldspring Lane, Jeep that was older, was stolen. Noted that older cars need a club to secure as they are easier to break in and steal.
 - iv. Armed Robbery
 1. 5100 Roland Avenue, June 6th, at 9:50 pm
3900 Roland Avenue, July 5th, 10:30 pm, Carryout store/sit in restaurant at the corner of Roland Avenue and 40th street.
Suspect same description as the earlier robbery on Roland Avenue of June 6th, used a knife as a weapon and wore a nylon track suit with hoodie.
 2. Concert, Falls Road, Maryland Army National Band, Roosevelt park
 3. Cause of Fire that occurred in May – ruled out incendiary; system malfunction suspected but no final report

- v. Officers will be patrolling Roland Avenue in the evening
- vi. 541 police car is our post (neighborhood)
- d. Firefighter report:
 - i. Roof of the firehouse – three products reviewed – faux slate, true slate, hanging system; hanging system has been approved.
 - ii. New Ladder Truck – out of the engineering phase, expect delivery end of the year/beginning of the new year.

4. Unfinished Business

- a. Cross Keys renovations [LUMZ] – requesting review of banners for the street on Falls Road that are double sided, black background. Banners would be hung on light poles on Falls Road – 10 light poles on Falls Road, 5 on each side of the entrance - hardware would need to be installed by contractor. Chris will e-mail the picture to the Board so that we can vote. Still need an update on the signage; Valerie Whiteside is the manager; Chris will touch base for an update on the signage.
- b. Roland Park Place PUD Amendments [LUMZ] –Agreed on the last item of issue (no amplified sound from the terrace of new building). Mary Pat Clark will introduce the PUD to the Council.
- c. Maintenance [LUMZ] –Andrew, no updates; working on getting path railings back together. Getting a price estimate on repair of the yellow brick road (not under maintenance)
- d. Landscape Committee
 - i. Bump outs – need to be weeded out and mulch applied.
 - ii. City re-seeded Roland Avenue.
 - iii. Emerald Ash Borer
 - 1. 2013 raised issue of the Emerald Ash Borer – will affect all Ash trees on Eastern seaboard. Jill Johns, Baltimore Tree Trust, asked Landscape Committee about what was being done about the Ash Borers. Landscape committee sent e-mail to City, Davey Tree – learned that they are not being taken care of.
 - 2. Kevin Mullinary of Davey Tree suggested to treat 16 of the healthiest trees, to let 9 be cut down by the city on Cold Spring Lane and have those replaced with trees that are okay to the City and RP. Cost is \$1,150 per treatment – treatment now and in another 2 years. Treatment needs to take place every 2 years. Procedural issue related to consideration of cost – when the Landscape Committee has an expense is it a RPCL expense or Foundation expense? Foundation paid for landscape design, watering; general maintenance done by Roads and Maintenance. Landscape Committee will ask Mary Page by e-mail to the Foundation Board tonight to get vote on whether or not they will fund.

3. Landscape Committee would like to consult with landscape architect to decide what should be the overall look in Roland Park and Coldspring Lane. City will plant the trees and will work with RP Landscape Committee on consultation.
 4. Why is the city not using the watering bags? They are very expensive due to the water costs and the City is not using them.
- e. Zoning Code [LUMZ] –no new updates; Chris will be alerted when map amendments are put in for the Council.
- f. Cycle Track [GRPMP]
- i. Report out of June 21st meeting: DoT representatives present. Identified priorities of cycle track in front of Eddie's, in front of St David's, and bus stop areas.
 1. Discussed why the track goes around the bus stops; main reason was that they paint would not stick to concrete. Will do a test patch on one of the bus stops to see if they could re-do. MTA is working on the schedule for the 61 bus stop and this may not be an issue if/when some stops are eliminated.
 2. DoT agreed track not working well in front of St David's Church, but not ready to move it because people are still getting used to it.
 3. They said they would not do any temporary fixes until the study is completed. The study will start after they finish the project and the study period is 6 months. The study will be conducted by an outside contractor, McCormick Taylor. Will let the committee review the scope of the study.
 4. Expressed concerns about Longwood and St Johns intersections
 5. Reviewed the speed limit signs – need to be consistently 25 mph. Street sweeper needs to be done more frequently. Will replace signs with 25 mph.
 6. Still to be done: Paint in the track in yellow paint “yield to pedestrians.”
 7. DoT did not support moving the cycle track on block where the shops are located (Eddie's, Tuxedo Pharmacy).
 8. Flex post installment is complete; reserve right to install later if needed for safety reason; they will replace those that have been run over.
 - ii. Convening a Separate Meeting for Residents: At Annual Meeting it was proposed a separate meeting be held for residents to give feedback that would be separate from the study. Another option suggested was to have Cycle Track Committee create a document to facilitate the community meeting. Suggested that there be two meetings: one in Fall for community member to express concerns; second after the report. Facilitated discussion for the Fall meeting. Everyone can be heard.Moved

that the Cycle Track Committee can come up with a plan to present to the Board. Louise Senft agreed to advise the group.

- g. Water Tower [GRPMP] – RP foundation has moved ahead with taking control of the project.
 - h. Architectural Review [RPRM]
 - i. W University Parkway resident lawsuit proceeding.
 - ii. Regular applications have mostly been repairs and not changes.
 - iii. Ian learned through a meeting of associations that Guildford has 62 liens on properties over violations of the covenants. RP in the past had liens on properties, but don't have any current liens. Roads and Maintenance bills being sent out.
 - iv. RPEMS – roof being replaced with clay tile due to resident/s request.
 - i. Ciclovía (past & future) [Events] - \$7,500 bill for Ciclovía; \$1,000 donated from Keswick Multicare; police bill being worked on by Mary Pat Clarke. Need to put on hold the planning for Fall Ciclovía due to issues identified with cost and special events process.
 - j. July 4th parade [Events]–Nice event, increase in young people. Cones at Deepdene and Roland – where they supposed to be placed until Noon? Need to pay special attention to cone placement by police next year. Could we have a band? Poly band? Maybe community members could organize local musicians; Dan Levitov a local music teacher volunteered to help with this next year
 - k. RP Office IT [Finance] - \$1,500 authorized for purchase of computer at last meeting; in process of ordering.
5. New Business
- a. Establishing an ad hoc By-Laws Committee
 - i. Nine members – to assess the civic leagues bylaws and make revisions by April 2017. Provisions from tabled motion should be considered as well as other bylaws, etc. Periodic reporting to the board.
 - ii. Led by Tim Schere, members include: Andrew Marani, Paul Newhouse, David Skeen, Sara Johnson, David Blumberg, Robert Hearn, Elizabeth Sachs, and Peter Grier.
 - iii. Voted to approve Tim Schere as the lead for the committee.
 - b. Non-resident cycle (Wyndhurst) track comm. nominee
 - i. Wyndhurst has frontage on Roland Avenue – after talking with their neighborhood association about representative from their organization – Henry Kay suggested. Consulted bylaws, must be voted on by Board.
 - ii. Board voted to approve inclusion of Wyndhurst representative on the Cycle Track Committee.
 - c. Roland Ave signage & lighting
 - i. Signage still not completely installed. Other multiple issues identified: truck weight limit sign needs to be smaller, frequency of speed signs, etc. Chris McSherry suggested we put together a comprehensive list of problem signage to give to DoT. Begin working on list, but need to give

to DoT when work is done otherwise they will just say that they are not done yet. City engineers understand “law, codebook or regulations” that govern the placement of the signs. Are there guidelines for signage in historical areas? Will need to contact Maryland Historical Trust. Chris volunteered to follow-up as part of the paving project.

- ii. Replaced lighting –On side-streets, taken down old lights and replaced with LED lights without shade. Getting feedback from residents on brightness and ineffective coverage. Hoods have to be requested by individual residents via 311.
- d. Poly/Western student pedestrian improvements
 - i. Update from Blair Storzer on meeting that occurred: discussion about widening the sidewalk on Cold Spring, creating “jersey barriers” to keep pedestrians out of street, and cross walk install in front of CVS on Falls Road
 - ii. There was no discussion of possible construction of walkway over Cold Spring
- e. Air BNB issue
 - i. A letter was sent by Kathleen Truelove to advise owners on Goodwood Gardens that their covenant states such commercial activity is prohibited.
- f. Plat Rep issues heretofore undiscussed
 - i. Plat 2 deer – issue of deer through the area; not much to do in terms of control except perhaps sterilization program. Recommended contacting Animal Control for recommendations. Anne Stuzin to pursue.
- g. Director Representation discussion
- h. Board business process discussion
 - i. Ian proposed that the Board develop a handbook for the Board that may be used by new Chair, new Board members, to help orient them to the history, processes and responsibilities. Ian will take the lead on this effort and Patti volunteered to assist.
 - ii. Plat representatives are responsible for representing the members of their Plat. Ian suggested that the At Large RPCL Board members serve as liaisons to different groups within the community. Liaison activities assigned to At Large Members:
 - 1. Mary Kay – liaison for Roland Avenue residents, Churches
 - 2. Rob – liaison for Police and Fire
 - 3. Anne – liaison for commercial groups/store owners
 - 4. Andrew – liaison for schools
- i. Committee (standing & potential ad hoc) discussion & formation
Board reviewed Committees and discussed nominations for Chairs of Committees and possible members. Once the Chair is nominated and approved will ask that person to reach out to identify members.
 - i. Following Chairs of Committees nominated and approved:
 - 1. Finance Committee – Trish Carroll; suggested members
 - 2. Land Use, Maintenance and Zoning – Chris McSherry, Jennifer Vey

3. Roland Park Master Plan Committee – Need new Chair. Suggested Robert Connors; possible others: Ellen Webb, Ken Rice
 4. Cycle Track – Andrew Marani
- ii. Other
1. Existing Maintenance Committee – Chair Trudy Bartel; members Andrew Marani, Kathleen Truelove, Bob Hearn, Jean Mellot, Ann Teaff.
 2. Suggest making Mary Page Michaels a member of the GRPMP, Master Plan.
- j. Announcement: Formation of Roland Avenue Association by Susan Newhouse.

Reminder: NO August RPCL Board meeting, although Committees should make progress