

## ROLAND PARK CIVIC LEAGUES

Meeting August 16, 2016

**Participants:** Ian MacFarlane, Chris McSherry, Anne Stuzin, Kathleen Truelove, Leslee Bivalacqua, Steve Grantz, , Daniel Motz, Cara Kohler, Tim Schere, Mary Kay Battafarano, Andrew Wolfe, Rob Horst, Sara Johnson, Patti Ephraim

This meeting was called by Ian MacFarlane (and held in his home) in response to the July crimes committed in Roland Park, to plan for September's board meeting to be dedicated to public safety.

### 1. Agenda for RPCL September Meeting

#### Meeting Invitees

- Person who runs training program for residents
- Major Richard Gibson, Northern Police District
- Wyman Park Association

#### Items on Agenda:

##### a. DPW Water Billing – handout

##### b. Molly Memorial- Ian report on the Memorial Service he attended.

##### c. Report from Major Gibson, Baltimore Police Department-Update on crime since murder

- Robberies
  - Merrymount
  - 3 Kenwood
  - Copper Downspouts
- Status of current murder investigation
  - Door to door
  - Search of Centennial Park
- Trending on crime in the RP area
  - Crime reports compare Homeland, Guilford, Roland Park
- Current patrolling
  - What does dedicated car mean? Increase patrols?
  - Checking the convenience stores and banks in area
- Types of outreach for community residents – go door to door to educate people about crime prevention
- Panhandlers

##### d. RPCL Presentation – 45 minutes

- Evidence of Effectiveness of Private Security
- Report from Homeland and Guilford
- Homeland – Citizens Patrol
  - Volunteer citizens – 40 people on the list
  - Lucky to get 2-3 people the driving around in their car 7 pm – 11 pm at night
  - Magnet sticker for car; paired, schedule
- Guilford - \$250 additional a year contribution requested to cover total cost of \$120,000 a year; how many households participate?

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- Efficacy of private security
  - ask Jennifer Vey about research/studies/evidence
  - Liability – partial transfer to company hired and their insurance

### **e. Infrastructure - DoT**

- Increase lighting on the streets: Efficacy and types
- Call Boxes

## **2. Shopping Center Improvements on Roland Avenue**

- RPCL holds covenant to the Shopping Center
- Also under City Commission for Historic and Architecture Preservation (CHAP) – control exterior, but cannot override the RPCL
- Request to replace 2 double doors on front of building – identical color and material
- Previously they replaced leaded glass windows in (diamond shape); CHAP issued a stop work order; Chris has email that says that they saved the windows, but to date they have not replaced them
- Chris forward e-mails to Ian; Ian will contact Trish Ward Holloway (the building owner/manager) to discuss replacing the windows
- Demonstrate good will (replace windows) before we approve the doors; then pursue the door vote

## **3. Cross Keys Banners**

- What does the covenant say – applies to the property, not to Falls Road. Is the land owned by the City?
- Chris will ask for proportion of the flags to the light pole
- Kathleen will investigate the property line
- No vote yet

## **4. Molly Charitable Contribution**

- Baltimore Animal Rescue Cares (BARCS) donation noted at the memorial
- RPCL unanimously approved a charitable donation of \$1,000 to BARCS
- Contribute to the reward? To be contingent on lead to arrest and conviction. Ian will ask the Major for his opinion about whether this would be beneficial.

## **5. RPCL Budget/Finances**

- Will develop a criterion for future contributions as part of our RPCL Budget
- Plan to review finances at the October Meeting
- Ian clarified that per Bylaws there is no vote needed for approval of monthly financials

## **6. Clean Up and Review Previous Minutes**

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- February 2015 – snow storm cancelled meeting
- April 2015 – have minutes
- May 2015 – have minutes
- October 2015 – have minutes; only vote was on the RP donation; Chris needs to e-mail everyone to assess who attended the meeting and who did not
- April 2016 – no quorum; post agenda noting no quorum, no vote at meeting
  
- Follow-up: Chris and Patti follow-up with Beth when she returns from Vacation

## **7. Subcommittee Meetings**

### **Cycle Track Committee**

Held meeting in July – reviewed the study criterion for feedback to DoT.  
Andrew scheduling a new meeting for mid-September.

### **Finance Committee**

Bylaws requires 5 people, appointed by the Board; President does not have to serve on the Board but Ian agreed to do so. Ian, Trish, Tim, and Kara and Johns Kevin will serve this year.  
**Master Plan Committee:** Bob Connors proposed as Chair, Ian needs to confirm with him.

### **Communication Committee**

Members will include Chair Mary Kay, Steve, Patti, Leslee

- New people moving to the area
  - Welcome Basket-to include merchant contributions
- Any problems in neighborhood
- Web Communications

Currently communicate to residents by:

- Email-E Letter
- Internet/website
- List Serve
- Foundation Newsletter by U.S. mail
- In-person meetings with neighbor/s

Unanimous approval that Mary Kay will serve as the Chair of the Communication Committee

### **Traffic and Transportation Committee**

Dan will serve as the Chair; Andrew W. will join the committee as well. Chris will introduce Dan to the contacts at DoT; request for street cleaning to be made.