

Roland Park Civic League
Board Meeting
January 4, 2017

Participants: Ian MacFarlane, Chris McSherry, Trish Carroll, Patti Ephraim, Rob Horst, Cara Kohler, Chris Cortwright, Mary Kay Battafarano, Tim Schere, Andrew Wolfe, Anne Stuzin, Kathleen Truelove, Jennifer Vey, Dan Motz

1. Presidents Remarks
2. Routine Business
 - a. Minutes
 - i. Approved October 2016 and November 2016 minutes.
 - ii. Approved December 2016 minutes.
 - b. Treasurers Report – November minutes will be reviewed later this month by financial committee. RPCL Board received court summons last month for outstanding bill from Cyclovia. There will be a follow-up with Henry Raymond to clear up the issue of the billing for Cyclovia.
 - c. Police Report – no one from Police Department present.
 - d. Fire Report – The new captain, Dave Magaha, was present for the meeting. Citing the incident of the fire at Springlake and the neighbor who tried to break down the door to rescue the 80 year old lady inside, recommended that elderly residents who live alone share a key with their neighbors to be prepared.
3. Committee Progress, Plans, & Proposed Actions
 - a. Nominating Committee – composed of 2 Board members and 3 community members representing different plats of the neighborhood. The process of review includes double checking that nominated person's home is under covenant. RPCL board members term is limited to 3 years, but you can serve two terms for a total of 6 years. Officers terms are 1 year; Plat is 3 years. Chris McSherry will ask Beth to generate the list of board member whose term is up. Chris McSherry and Cara Kohler will serve on the nominating committee. They will recruit three community members to serve. Rob Horst will work with Steve Grantz and Keith Couch to generate a survey form to include on the website to solicit volunteers. They will consider a "help wanted" section for the website where this might be included.
 - b. Architectural Review: A few applications to build fences received in December 2016. House at 101 Longwood that was destroyed in the fire is planning on rebuilding their home. The residents at 532 W University Parkway submitted a new garage application. Plat 5 rep assisted with this effort. Still looking for a Plat 2 and Plat 4 representatives. Keith Couch will be posting on the website. Ian MacFarlane will follow-up with Tricia Ward regarding the issue with the windows in the shopping center. In the event of a snow storm, it was advised that Plat reps communicate with Andrew Marani if they hear from neighbors that their lane or street has not been plowed. The plowing level is 4 inches. Suggested also that

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we set up the “snow e-mail” (snow@rolandpark.org) as we did last year as this worked very well.

- c. Executive – Ian MacFarlane will send an e-mail out to arrange a meeting so that we can begin to develop a “practical guide” to running of the Board.
- d. Finance & Budgeting – rescheduling meeting in January.
- e. By-laws–The committee met December 20th and will meet again on January 9th. They project that they will have something to present to the Board in March. There are issues raised at the May Annual Meeting that will most likely be incorporated into another document, separate from the By Laws.
- f. Cycle Track: Community meeting planned for Thursday, Feb 9th, evening 7 – 9 pm, Women’s Club. Developing a list of pros/cons for cycle track to present at that meeting. There are 2 optional approaches identified thus far:
 - i. Option 1 – fix it. Conducted a roll plot, adding the notes to the roll plot that are based on the walk through of the cycle track. Includes eliminating weaving, signs that are not necessary, and have track go through the bus stop.
 - ii. Option 2 – go back to the way it was. It will make Roland Avenue feel much bigger and this may lead to increase in speed.

Other issues discussed included motor vehicle accident data that is available for review. MVA on Roland Avenue have increased; however, data may be skewed because people before cycle track may not have reported when a car mirror was hit.

Discussed hiring an expert to review the recommendations of the committee. Committee has identified with another expert this is local, Melissa Miklus, from Alta. She has been asked to put together a proposal. She is local, but can also draw upon her colleagues nationally.

The City has started data review work beginning in December and will try to complete by May. There are striving to have a draft report by March or April, if possible.

- g. Communications – meeting later this month and will follow-up on website.
- h. Events: Spring Celebration – April 29th, at the Women’s Club
- i. GRP Master Plan – no updates
- j. Maintenance – Andrew Marani and Richard Truelove are meeting with neighbor to discuss the issues present on the St Margaret’s Path Bridge. Need to identify a volunteer for Maintenance Committee.
- k. Land Use/Zoning – no update
- l. Public Safety – Proposed that we add information on the Public Safety webpage for those interested in safety with contact information for Chris

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Cortright. Discussed forming another committee, but it would conflict with the Police liaison. Rob Horst is keeping in touch with Bill Miller and attending the Northern District meetings. Rob will also be meeting with other neighborhood association members who work on public safety and together they will be sending letters in support of Maryland State Police take over the patrol of I-83 so that it can free up the Baltimore City Polic.

- m. Transportation/Infrastructure – Stop sign moved on Oakdale. Sewer investigation improvement update in March.
- 4. Plat Rep Issues – none to report