

ROLAND PARK CIVIC LEAGUE

May 3, 2017

Board Attendees: Ian MacFarlane, Chris McSherry, Patti Ephraim, Tim Schere, Cara Kohler, Mary Kay Battafarano, Jennifer Vey, Steve Grantz, Leslee Bivalacqua, Tricia Carroll, Rob Horst, Anne Stuzin, Chris Cortright

1. Presidents Remarks
2. Routine Business
 - a. Minutes: January and March 2017 minutes were approved and sent to be posted on the website. Need to review the February and April 2017 meeting minutes. NOTE: Patti absent in April; minutes will come from Chris McSherry.
3. Finance Committee: met and approved the March 2017 financials. The committee is preparing a budget, will present a financial overview of prior year at the annual meeting.
4. Ad Hoc Issues
 - a. Issue of Wyndhurst Avenue bump outs, board approved their removal in April and November due to flooding at the Wyndhurst Station and Wilmslow Road. A representative from Baltimore City DoT presented two replacement options for traffic calming. Option 1: flex posts, similar to the bump outs at Remington and 28th Street. Option 2: speed humps that would be located 20 ft. on either side of cross walks at Wilmslow and Lawndale. These would be larger than the current speed humps and begin about a foot off the curb, so they don't inhibit water flow. The City is looking into the possible revision of the storm drain. A member queried whether installing a modified median has been considered, DoT rep. stated it had been ruled out earlier due to parking demand by merchants. The Dept. of Public Works will be lengthening the inlets between Wilmslow and Lawndale. The Board **approved a motion to approve Option 2, speed humps**, on condition that if anything changes with the scope of the project DOT will review changes with the RPCL Board prior to beginning work.
 - b. Hosts for Humanity: Jenny Owens presented information on a new program she has created after the birth of her child with health issues. The new program is focused on creating a cadre of hosts who are willing to offer room in their home for families who are in Baltimore City long term while their child receives treatment at Johns Hopkins Hospital. The host family would need to provide a bedroom and a bathroom for the family. The average stay is about 9 days. They are searching for hosts who reside within a 1 hour driving distance of the hospital. Guests and hosts will be vetted prior to matching, which will include a background check. The group is in the process of developing a website where authenticated guests and hosts can connect. Interested hosts can contact Jenny at jenny@hostsforhumanity.org. The Board encouraged her to submit a write up to include in the e-newsletter and the RP news.
 - c. Summer Intern: The Board discussed the suggestion of hiring a summer intern to perform online research of missing property covenants. The Board **approved posting an ad for a free intern**.

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- d. Truck 25 meeting: Ian and Robert Ginyard attended a meeting at city hall with 8 fire chiefs for Baltimore City. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the plan to retire engine 25 and not replace it. The City is proposing the purchase of a new ladder truck that would be housed in Hamden at the station on Roland Avenue. RP would still retain Truck 44 (a hose truck) and would receive a dedicated EMT truck with a paramedic. The City fire chiefs assured those assembled at the meeting that the ladder truck response will be within the 8-minute response time that is the standard. Currently, roughly 75% of fire calls are for medic. The Board will follow-up with the Fire Department to see if someone can present at the Annual Meeting.

5. Committee Progress, Plans, & Proposed Actions

- a. Nominating
 - i. Hap Cooper nominee for President
 - ii. Anne Stuzin, 2nd Vice President
 - iii. Blair Storzer At Large Rep
- b. Annual Meeting – May 24th at 7 pm
 - i. The speaker for the Annual Meeting had to drop out; Board will ask Fire Department to present.
 - ii. Materials for the Annual meeting are being developed and will be sent out.
- c. Architectural Review: Kathleen Truelove is moving out of RP and therefore is resigning her position. The Board approved Tom Carlson in the position of the President of Road and Maintenance. Current issues being considered by the committee include the status of the house at 300 Goodwood Gardens that is being rented through Air B & B. The neighbors have again complained recently. A prior letter was sent to the owners advising them that they are not allowed to rent via Air B&B under the covenant, but they have continued despite this. The committee is following very closely what is happening in the City related to Air B & B. It was suggested that a story on this issue be included in the newsletter and neighbors be encouraged to discuss this directly with each other.
- d. Finance & Budgeting: The newly proposed by-laws will empower the Treasurer to pay items in the budget. See Finance Committee above.
- e. By-Laws: The committee drafted 3 new articles to include a conflict of interest policy, communication policy, and project approval policy that will need to be addressed in the next year. Revision to by-laws will be reviewed by the RPCL Board and provided to members in advance of the Annual Meeting as required.
- f. Cycle Track: The committee presented a consensus statement and recommendations, including the need for a new committee to handle next steps with the City in creating a “complete street” on Roland Avenue. The City’s report is due to be available to the public in late May
- g. Communications: an online Survey will be launched at the Annual Meeting to assist with prioritizing the recommendations submitted by the Committee last

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month. Anne is working on revising the new neighbor materials and Leslee is coordinating efforts related to welcome baskets for new neighbors; these will require funding. Posting volunteer opportunities on the website and an application process remains to be finalized

- h. Events: N/A
 - i. GRP Master Plan: N/A
 - j. Maintenance: N/A
 - k. Land Use/Zoning: N/A
 - l. Public Safety: N/A
 - m. Transportation/Infrastructure: Somerset Road Street lights- an update was provided by Chris Cortright.
6. A special meeting of the Board is scheduled Sunday, May 7th for detailed review of work submitted by 2 committees: Bylaws and Cycle Track.