

MINUTES OF ROLAND PARK CIVIC LEAGUE – APRIL 5, 2017

Board Members Attendance: Ian Macfarlane, Chris McSherry, Trish Carroll, Cara Kohler, Anne Stuzin, Sarah Johnson, Rob Horst, Dan Motz, Chris Cortright, Mary Kay Battafarano, Kathleen Truelove

Community Members: Richard Truelove, Andrew Marani, Michelle Pasternack, Caroline Wayner, Martha Holleman, Margaret Wright, Leslie Goldsmith, Kathy Hudson, Susan Newhouse, Cindy Maier and Ned Bartlett

Guests: Terry Snyder and Sarah Goldberg from Roland Park Place
Carl Mallary, BCFD, Mary Pat Clarke-City Council

The minutes from March were approved

Presentation – Carl Mallary, BCFD reported that most of the emergency calls are for medical help, not fires; including an explosion earlier today at 16 Blythewood in a poolhouse with serious injury to a contractor and response by a Haz-Mat team. He offered his personal experience in the first quarter of 2017 monitoring the Cycle Track, stating folks are “now getting used to it” but advised that BCFD does not collect or track data on motor vehicle or cycle accidents.

Presentation – Terry Snyder from Roland Park Place reported that they are getting ready to begin construction on Phase 1 of their project. Most of Phase 1 is on the interior of their building but they will be drilling wells for the geothermal heating which will be very noisy. They need to drill 40 wells and each one should take 1 day. Community residents expressed concerns about environmental impact of the drilling, waste hauling and construction traffic patterns; RPP staff will share these with project manager, Whiting Turner. Phase 2 construction won't start for about 2 years, if pre-sales go well.

Flooding at Wyndhurst Station and Wilmslow Road – Martha Holleman, of the 4900 block of Wilmslow Road reported on the flooding they have had since June 2015 when bump-outs were installed on Wyndhurst. Wilmslow Road has flooded seriously 5 times in those 2 years. The Friends of Stony Run, RPCF, RPCL representatives, residents and the merchants at Wyndhurst Station have been meeting regularly with the City DPW to address the problem. The pending request of BCDoT to remove the bump-outs believed to be exacerbating the problem has been delayed since RPCL's vote in November due to lack of replacement traffic calming measures. Extensive discussion took place on this issue, followed by a board motion that RPCL support the Wilmslow neighbors in their request of BCDoT to remove the Wyndhurst bump-outs immediately. The motion passed and was to be followed with a letter to Sharon Middleton and BCDoT.

Somerset Road street lights – Chris Cortright reported that the neighbors on Somerset Road want the new LED street lights replaced with the historic acorn style

included in the Greater RP Master Plan. Mary Pat Clarke requested the plan's related specific reference be submitted in support of this request.

Annual Meeting- date changed to May 24, 2017 due to RPEMS availability. Our invited speaker is Sonja Santelises, CEO Baltimore Public Schools, re: budget cuts.

Architectural Review Committee – things are running smoothly. The restorations at 101 Longwood are coming along well. A new R & M board members was approved by the Board; Keats Smith, 215 Club Road, Plat 2. She has lived in RP since 1968

Cycle Track Committee – Andrew Marani reported that the committee is trying to reach a recommendation based on all of its research, review and study. They are hoping to get the data from the City's review. Their next meeting will be on 4/18.

Communications Committee – Mary Kay Battafarano presented a summary of this group's work, including recommendations and work in progress. This was also e-mailed to the entire board. Due to time constraints, discussion was deferred.

Events – All board members are encouraged to attend the RPCF Spring Celebration on April 29 or make a donation if unavailable.

Maintenance Committee – a contractor had damaged Laurel Path behind the homes on the east side of Edgevale Road, but they repaired the path and fixed a broken railing. It was noted a Chair of this committee is still needed, vacant since last June.

Landscape Committee – Kathy Hudson reported that the Centennial Park Clean-up on 4/8/17 was very successful. K & C has removed the vines from the trees and did a very good job. Kirsten Johnson showed them what to remove and what to save, which made it very efficient. Davey Tree fertilized the Zelkova trees on Roland Avenue and recommends that they may need some pruning this year. The committee pruned the Clethra plants in the bump-outs.

Next Meeting-in addition to our regular May 3rd meeting, there may be need for an additional "special" session to review year end recommendations of the Bylaws and Cycle Track Committees in advance of the annual meeting. This is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 30th at the MacFarlane home.