

ROLAND PARK CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

September 6, 2017

Board members present: Hap Cooper, Anne Stuzin, Steve Grantz (recorded minutes), Mary Kay Battafarano, Blair Storzer, Sara Johnson, Bob Connors, Dan Motz, Rob Horst, Tom Carlson, Chris Cortright

Police and Fire did not attend, a suggestion was made to consider a reminder invite.

OVERLOOK

Hap opened by reporting on an audience with the Mayor he and Chris attended in late July. She was cordial and direct: the gun bill takes precedence, had no interest in exercising her veto power here. Mayor later signed this PUD bill. North Roland Park (NoRP) neighbors responded by filing two requests for judicial review with Circuit Court, one of which RPCL was asked to join. Mr. Murphy, our legal representative agreed. . Bob Williams, a NoRP neighbor in attendance tonight explained numerous points and took questions:

- * not given the chance for cross-examination of North Roland Park board
- * not put before the zoning board, end run around Transform Baltimore
- * possibly illegal procedure for zoning change
- * no cost to RPCL for participation
- * mayor is supportive of citizens petitioning the court on this issue

Question raised about how RPCL decided to join the suit. John Murphy contacted Hap, who checked with Ian, as Past President. Because a response was needed in 24 hours, Ian advised to convene the Executive Committee for a decision, which took place. The Board's June vote to oppose the PUD provided direction as well.

CYCLE TRACK UPDATE

Graham Young was present from the DoT. Hap reminded all of the May resolution to request the city to restore curbside parking immediately and completely on Roland Avenue with a wider, safer bike lane. There has been staff turnover in the DoT. Councilwoman Sharon Green-Middleton has arranged for the new Director, Michelle Pourciau to meet with RPCL leaders on September 18. Purpose of the meeting is to discuss our resolution and potential options. Intercept survey results and traffic counts will be released by DOT within the week, in advance of the 9/18 meeting. RPCL will send Cooper, McSherry, Stuzin, and Battafarano. Veronica McBeth, Transit Bureau Chief is expected to attend; a request was made to include DOT's Connor Scott who assisted recently with removal of Wyndhurst curb extensions.

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ETHICS Working Group presented a draft Conflict of Interest Policy. Discussion focused on the practicality of the policy and how to improve the draft.

COMMUNICATIONS Working Group-most directors in attendance had not read the draft Communications Plan. Hap suggested developing an implementation flow chart.

PROJECT APPROVAL Working Group- has not yet begun, will meet in the next week.

Discussion of deadline to approve results of these 3 working groups' proposals, may be done by email vote in between monthly meetings.

MOVED to APPROVE Minutes from the Special Conference Call on July 11, 2017-
VOTED ON AND APPROVED, to be posted on website.

COMMITTEES:

Maintenance Budget presented by Tom Hunt, new chair.

\$1,100 for accounting fees

\$6,000 for plowing

\$13,900 for upkeep on railings

\$70,000 organic debris pickup and maintenance of public space

Total of \$90,000

Paths require concrete and need to be a multi-year project, latest path report was in 2014; committee plans to walk all paths before the next civic league meeting.

Roads and Maintenance-report by Tom Carlson, President R&M.

Monthly meeting has changed to Wednesdays. Conversations continue on the AirBnB issue (300 Goodwood Gardens and others). There are different covenants and grandfathered property to consider. The city requires short term rentals to be registered and inspected. Not sure how "short term" is defined, there may be a path there to restrict this practice. Legal counsel is preparing a report on this issue.

An update of the pending lawsuit on appeal was provided.

A resident raised the question of what can be done about properties in need of repair due to deteriorating conditions. Tom advised that existing covenants do not address this issue, so R&M is unable to pursue it.