

Roland Park Civic League Minutes
Annual Meeting - May 21, 2014
Roland Park Elementary/Middle School

Present: Chris McSherry, Laura Grier, Andrew Marani, Andrew Wolfe, Elisabeth Sachs, Kurt Overton, Seema Iyer, Christy Crain, Tim Schere, Anne Porterfield, Paula Dube

- 1) Introductions by President Chris McSherry
- 2) Remarks by Senator Lisa Gladden and State Delegates Jill Carter, Nathaniel Oaks and Sandy Rosenberg. The 41st district delegation spoke about recent state legislation regarding dumping in Baltimore City, school renovation funds, funding for improvements in neighborhoods adjacent to these schools, expanding pre-K in public and private schools. The legislators also recently addressed the Baltimore City School Board about insuring funds for school programs for high-achieving students.
- 3) Introduction of City Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke and Robert Ginyard, representative of City Councilwoman Sharon Green Middleton
- 4) Park Heights Partnership - Remarks by Julius Colon, Executive Director, Park Heights Renaissance. He highlighted the need for school uniforms for many kids in the Park Heights community. Seema Iyer and the Girl Scout Troop #88 managed a uniform drive. Mr. Colon brought certificates of recognition for the RPCL, and some of the Girl Scouts. Certificates of appreciation were also presented on behalf of Councilwoman Middleton. The next project will be a used Bike Rally this summer.
- 5) Minutes from 2013 Annual Meeting - Elisabeth Sachs. These will be considered next year.
- 6) Financial Report - Tim Schere. Financial Statement was approved.
- 7) Nominating Committee Report - Laura Grier presented the new slate. New Officers and Directors were approved.
- 8) Remarks by Mr. Nicholas D'Ambrosio, Principal, Roland Park Elementary/Middle School
- 9) Key Note Speaker - Mr. Thomas Stosur, Director of Planning, Baltimore City. His presentation was entitled "Planning for Baltimore's Growth and Revitalization". It is an overview of initiatives to grow and revitalize Baltimore City and grow the City by 10,000 families over the next 10 years. These include: growing job sectors, residential growth especially in central business district where landmarks are converting to apartments, "vacants to values" for unused/deteriorating buildings, Healthy Neighborhoods initiative for community capacity building, major housing redevelopment projects, Growing Green Initiative, Food Access and Health, 21st Century School Construction Program, Strategic Plans for neighborhoods around schools slated for renovation as well as transportation projects; Horseshoe Casino Master Plan; Disaster Preparedness; Energy Improvements; Red Line; Zoning Code Rewrite - TransForm Baltimore
- 10) Civic League Report - Chris McSherry. Here are some current projects: Johnny's is getting two small signs that have been approved by the RPCL. The Roland Avenue repaving will begin very soon and last about 18 months. There will be a petition effort to get Signs on southbound Falls Road prohibiting left turns from Englewood to Hillside during the morning rush hour. The RPCL continues to monitor the prospect of renovations at Cross Keys. On the infrastructure front, the City is sending cameras through all of the six inch pipes in our sewer lines. This is a maintenance survey to see what needs repair. It is a year long assessment.
- 11) Master Plan Implementation Report - Phil Spevak and Al Copp. The projects include repaving Roland Avenue and improvements at Northern Pkwy; Tree planting and tree canopy survey; Roland Water Tower restoration;

- 12) Broadband Initiative Report - Phil Spevak. Campaign needs 100 more people. The campaign is multi community and designed to show there is interest in more choices, lower costs and faster speed so that fiber optic providers will come to Baltimore.
- 13) Maintenance Committee Report - Andrew Marani. Projects include path signs and maintenance, snow removal and debris removal. There may need to be a community cleanup around parts of Centennial Park.
- 14) Architectural Review Committee Report - Paula Dube. They have had many requests this year.
- 15) Open Space Campaign Report - Mary Page Michel. The chili cook off and the spring celebration were both big successes. The Roland Park Community Foundation has three projects: Roland Water Tower, Restoration of Stony Run, BCC property
- 16) Questions/Answers and Opportunities/Challenges Looking Forward

The Proposed Slate of New Officers and Directors and the Financial Report are incorporated by reference.

Adjourned: 8:55 p.m.