

ROLAND PARK CIVIC LEAGUE
MAY 4, 2016
ROLAND PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 7-9 PM

Present: Chris McSherry, Ian MacFarlane, Kathleen Truelove, Chris Cortright, Laura Grier, Leslie Belavaqua, Andrew, Trish Carroll, Robert Connors, Anne Porterfield, Andrew Wolfe, Steve Grantz, Patti Ephraim, Tim Schere

New Business

1. March 2016 minutes reviewed; addition of Leslie Belavaqua edit. Board approved the minutes.
2. Treasurer's Report reviewed. Board approved report..
3. Police Report Agent Perfetto presentation on the Commander's Award to recognize 5 students most improved in 5th grade; certificate being awarded to students from Medfield, Hammond, Barclay, Govans, and Waverly Elementary Schools. They would also like to present a bike to each child. Asking the RPCL to consider a gift of 5 bikes. The bikes will be purchased Walmart or Dicks Sports Store. The cost would be around \$100 to \$150.

Also presented information for the Buddies Night at the Orioles, June 22nd.

Motion to support the Commander's Award with a donation of \$500 to support purchase of bikes for kids was approved.

4. Annual meeting – Notice of meeting was sent out with date of “Thursday, May 17, 2016”, but it is actually TUESDAY, May 17th Post card has been sent out to residents and will put up signs on the medians so that all know the correct day of the meeting.
5. Fire on Longwood Road – no firefighters present at the meeting tonight to discuss. Collection of clothes were delivered to the family for their children. Miss Shirley's donated a \$500 gift certificate.
6. Roof on RPEMS – Spanish clay tiles on the roof of RPEMS are falling off. It was installed about 2 years ago. Company installed it negligently. Cannot stand on the strips that were installed because they will slide off. Proposing to put an asphalt shingle. Active group of parents at RPEMS advocating for alternate materials. Jim Deaderman, Wyndhurst Improvement Association, going to testify to the Board of Commissioner meeting next week. 5/10; there are 10 slots for people to speak, must be there at 4:30 to sign up for a slot, meeting is at 6 pm.

It will cost more to redo the roof vs new asphalt roof. If they use the existing clay tiles they will have to carefully remove it, store it, restore the roof and then put the clay tiles back. Estimate is about \$1 million.

RPCL made a motion to support the effort to get the city to redo the roof with the existing clay tile roof materials. Chris McSherry will draft letter of support for the Parents Association.

Old Business

1. Presentation from Ashkenazy Group Re: Cross Keys renovations

Representatives from Ashkenazy Group and the architecture firm of MG2 presented plans for the renovation at Cross Keys.

Comments from the RPCL:

- Recommend not putting the brick on the gatehouse.
- Within the courtyard, representatives questioned how well the black covered pavilion areas fit in with the natural design of the courtyard. Also question replacing the brick – what type of surface? Bluestone can be slippery. Recommend keeping the brick.
- Picture of the sign for the entrance has not been finalized. It will be front lighted but not lighted from inside.
- Cross Keys is under covenant.
- Cross Keys residents support the design.

Board offered support of plans contingent on seeing the signage.

- ### 2. Cycle Track Flyer from group calling itself “Lane Sanity Baltimore.”
- Flyers distributed that said “If you have questions or concerns call the Roland Park Civic League.” The flyer is causing confusion among residents. Residents are calling the RPCL and have the impression that the flyer is asking people to come to the Annual Civic League meeting to vote on the cycle track. There will be a presentation on the cycle track by DoT representatives, but there will not be a vote. Residents with concerns should contact DoT directly.
- ### 3. Web site report – Laura Grier, Steve Grantz, and Keith Couch – web designer have turned over content to the group, but have about 85% of content uploaded. The history of RP from Doug Munro takes up a lot of data storage space. Could buy another domain to solve the problem of the space and have the RP website link to it. Keep costs for the website and also add cost of Spoke. Website cost currently is about \$1,000. Spoke hosting is about \$4,000-\$5,000.

Proposed that we look into obtaining a grant to support the historical website.

Motion to move the RP history to another website and seek a grant to cover the cost of the website was approved.

4. Report on Roland Park Place committee – Patti Ephraim, Jennifer Vey, Ian McFarlane, Chris McSherry

Planning for a new addition. RPP has made concessions – moving operations away from the back of the property, no windows in garage, green buffer zone, exits/entrances face Keswick.

5. Zoning Committee report, Educational Campuses and BCC

Transform Baltimore is proceeding. Business districts in RP, zoning changes so that if you take down a building you have to have same density.

6. Water Tower report – Al Copp not present.

7. Maintenance Committee report – Andrew Marani and Trudy Bartel

Bridge is complete on St Margaret's Path. Double railing represents the standard for the railings that will go up around RP.

Places where there is no grass the city maintenance has been putting down grass seed.

Organic debris pick-up going well.

8. Architectural Review Committee Report

Residents of 532 W University Parkway proceeding with a lawsuit. No further update.

9. Centennial Park Clean-up report

No one present.

10. Donation made to RPEMS May Mart Sponsorship for \$1,000.

11. Ciclovía, possibly May 22, 2016 – Mike McQuestion & Peter Rosenthal

No definite answer from the city, but going ahead with the May 22nd date. No cost estimate. Mary Pat Clarke is helping to get the ICE meeting schedule so that they can determine the cost.

Route will be from RPCS bridge through the community, through Remington, and then over to Druid Hill Park.

Chris McSherry will send out letters to associations to ask for support and get approval from organizations (e.g., Wyman Park Association, Keswick, Johns Hopkins). She will also follow-up with Tony Foreman

12. Cycle Track Committee

Have identified list of items that DoT needs to fix immediately:

- weaving in and out – appears that in some places not necessary.
- Do the bump outs make sense?
- Alternate is to move the cycle track into the middle of the road next to the median. This was considered as part of the master plan.

Two Immediate things to bring to DoT:

1. Sandwich board signs to publicize that the cycle track bikers need to yield to pedestrians.
2. Cycle track at St David's needs to shift to put it back on the other side of the cars.
3. Ticketing by the City – if car is on the buffer or in the bike lane, they will get ticketed. Propose going to the City to give a warning ticket.