

RPCL Meeting
November 2, 1016

Participants: Ian MacFarlane, Mary Kay Battafarano, Chris McSherry, Kathleen Truelove, Steve Grantz, Leslee Bivalacqua, Sara Johnson, Cara Kohler, Andrew Wolfe, Jennifer Vey, Rob Horst, Trish Carroll

Routine Business

1. September Minutes were approved
(Noted that Detective DeLassandro was spelled incorrectly)Correct: "Dallessandro"
2. Northern District report
 - a. The District is doing a Food Drive for Thanksgiving and Christmas; seeking donations of new and unwrapped toys
 - b. Request for speed enforcement on Roland Ave., particularly from 4-6 PM
3. Treasurer's report
 - a. Finance has undertaken some review work
 - b. Currently \$15k in discretionary funds
 - c. The Board voted in October to give \$2500 to RPEMS Running Festival
 - d. Ian wants to ensure that we are budgeting for mailings

New Business

4. Centennial Park Memorial
 - a. Marta Hansen, neighbor of Molly Macauley, spoke about a memorial project to put a dozen trees in Centennial Park
 - b. Dovetails with request for doing some other work there-Marta will attend next Landscape Committee (Foundation) meeting
 - c. \$1165 is the total for the work (signage, etc); trees are donated
 - d. Question on watering the trees - the neighbors plan to take responsibility for that
5. RPEMS Technology Initiative (Samsung)
 - a. Looking for ideas for partnering with students to solve a pressing problem in the community
 - b. Ideas include traffic patterns, Stony Run improvements, monitoring Zelkova trees, erosion project for median on Roland at Cold Spring
 - c. Looking for ideas from the Civic League – email Steve Grantz

Committees

6. Public Safety
 - a. Community Patrol from Chris Cortright (not present, no update)
 - b. Rob Horst met with Bill Miller, President of the Northern District Safety Council, about an effort to ask the State to authorize State Police to patrol I-83 in the city limit to reduce load on city police when accidents happen
 - c. Movement to write a letter to state representatives asking for State Police to be involved: VOTED ON AND PASSED
7. Bylaws Committee
 - a. Setting a date – nothing to report
8. Cycle Track Committee
 - a. Walking the track every Sunday
 - b. Signage is missing, in wrong position, etc.

Andrew Marani discussed this with Graham – the City is aware of the issue around the library where there are six signs instead of the one that should be there

- c. Meeting at St David's on the 13th of November (Sunday); DoT was at the last meeting a couple of weeks ago
- d. Cleaning and snow removal will occur, but not going to happen fast; working on ensuring it will happen—the City will have a contractor with something small enough to do it
- e. The Committee asked City for monthly cleaning as the stated policy of quarterly is not sufficient
- f. Movement to get the bus stop removed from the front of St David's may move forward
- g. Recent visit by DOT to St. David's at Pastor's request, available Committee members attended

9. Communications

- a. The committee has been discussing how to improve community communications (via snail mail, list serve, newsletter, etc).
- b. On the topic of the snail mail, Sara asked if it's possible to establish an about "opt out" program?
- c. Kara pointed out that the risk is when people move to the neighborhood and may not be aware of communications mechanisms

10. Events

- a. Shop and Dine Event Dec 16-18 coordinated by Leslee Bivalacqua
- b. By Friday - ask Hilary Paska to put notice in the next newsletter
- c. Spring Celebration is April 29, 2017
- d. Chili cookoff was canceled last year – hope to have it again in future

11. Maintenance

- a. Discussion of flooding at Wyndhurst station going onto Wimslow during recent heavy storms
- b. Community members on Wimslow would like DoT to remove bumpouts (which are steering water into road) but DOT wants RPCL to sign off
- c. Chris moved to request that DoT remove bumpouts with provision that alternate and equivalent traffic calming (such as an island) is installed in their place: VOTED ON AND PASSED
- d. Ian will work on getting sewer maintenance update
- e. On Valley and Club (Between St John and Beechdale) a manhole on sewer line is lifted up
- f. We lost the contractor for monthly debris pick up thus there will be no November pick ups

12. Land Use/Zoning

- a. Transform Baltimore is moving along
- b. Everything that the RPCL requested is in new zoning ordinance:
 - i. C1VC commercial villages are restricted for density in the future (and replacement must be the same size)
 - ii. R1E to R1D for BCC - density is the same in the surrounding area
 - iii. School communities have to work with RPCL on any changes
 - iv. Needs to be read a few more times in City Council, then it goes on to the mayor to sign; last reading is Dec 5 (last voting session of this council)
- c. Roads & Maintenance being sued over the proposed garage at 532 W University Parkway: trial is 11/28
- d. Air BnB: some of them are in Tuxedo Park and surrounding areas, not in Roland Park; one on Hawthorne for the summer; long term rental is different from short term; covenants say no commercial uses - but where do we draw the line? Ian is doing research to identify properties
- e. Roland Park Shopping Center - follow up on leaded glass or repair for windows as current (new) windows are out of historical compliance per CHAP; CHAP has issued a stop work order that prevents other improvements until window issue is resolved. Owner plans to attend a future RPCL meeting to present her position.
- f. BCC Manager recently requested RPCL revisit rezoning amendment; Board declined to vote.