

ROLAND PARK CIVIC LEAGUE
Board Meeting
December 7, 2016
ROLAND PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 7-9 PM

Participants: Ian MacFarlane, Chris McSherry, Patti Ephraim, Trish Carroll, Tim Schere, Leslee Bivalacqua, Cara Kohler, Crish Cortright, Steve Grantz, Daniel Motz, Bob Connors, Mary Kay Battafarano, Andrew Wolfe, Rob Horst. Anne Stuzin, Sara Johnson, Kathleen Truelove

1. President's Remarks-letter sent to state/local elected officials, re: I-83 Police Coverage.
2. Routine Business
 - a. Minutes – deferred approval for November so board can review revisions. October minutes will be recirculated.
 - b. Treasurer Report: No unusual or unexpected expenses in November, dues and fees continue to trickle in, and revenues are trending in line with last year.
 - c. Police & Firefighter Report – no police or fighters present. Northern District taking donations of coats and toys until December 21, 2016. Lane behind Wickford Road, car broken into and car set on fire. Per neighbors, the Northern District was not very responsive; arson team came a week later. Discussion of forming a Public Safety committee. In the past, served as a conduit between the neighborhood and the residents of RP. Chris Cortright, Plat 4 agreed to consider chairing such a committee.
3. Roads and Maintenance
 - a. Kathleen will provide a description of the process for nomination of board member volunteers that can be posted on the website. The Board approved new board member, Laura Grier, Plat 3. Need new reps. for Plat 2 and 4.
 - b. Architectural Review – Trial held on denied application for new 3 car garage at 532 W. University Parkway, Judge ruled in favor of RP Roads & Maintenance. Denial stands. Mr. Moore present tonight voicing continued dissatisfaction, discussion deferred. Chris McSherry provided clarification: RPR&M is not a HOA.
4. Committee Progress-membership list was reviewed and revised, Mary Kay will finalize.
 - a. Executive – meeting after the holidays, re: best practices.
 - b. Finance & Budgeting – met on Nov. 21st, reviewed and approved October financials. Continue to focus on managing expenses to keep in line with revenues. Cash reserves for CL = \$118,000 and RM = \$181,000. Next meeting scheduled for January 16th, 2017.
 - c. By-laws – at recent first meeting made it through Article 1. Next meeting on December 12th. Goal is to have review completed before annual meeting in May. Target goal is for March 2017 so that the Board can review before the meeting.
 - d. Cycle Track – November 13th cycle track progress meeting attended by over 100 people. Next community meeting will be February 9th. On-line survey has had 350 responses, full results will be provided to community and DoT; based on discussion tonight the deadline will be extended for additional participation.

Hopkins' Systems researcher is analyzing police accident data. Expert from Minnesota spoke with Ian and Mary Kay and is willing to consult with the group. Hourly rate is discounted from \$140 to \$100/hour, \$4,000 proposal. The proposed scope of work and Mr. Clark's resume will be circulated to the Board. The next meeting is on December 13, 2016 and DoT staff will be present.

- e. Communications
 - i. RP Website – Keith Couch, Plat 1 resident who manages the website reported the loss of our primary advertiser and requested funding for an upgrade to address the underlying reasons. This includes a responsive design that allows for posting ads on several pages and will provide data to all advertisers. Historically the revenue from advertising has offset the cost of maintaining/hosting the website. Vote to approve \$500 request.
 - ii. Community survey – is planned for early 2017 via mailing to residents in combination with request for updated contact information. Will educate all on existing communication options and solicit future preferences.
 - iii. Posting on the RP website – Keith would like to take a technical role; have Board contribute content directly Steve Grantz will work with Keith and Mary Kay to begin this effort in 2017.
 - iv. Social Media – resident Christine Kouwenhoven presented need to take social media for RP to the next level. Her written proposal will be circulated by email to the Board for consideration.
 - v. Shop and Dine – weekend of December 16th-18th was included in the most recent RP News. Flyer will be posted on List Serve, Next Door and included in next e-letter. Updated poster and flyers will be provided to participating vendors this week.
- f. Events – Ciclovía – still negotiating the city bill, partial payment suggested.
- g. GRP Master Plan – Bob and Ian will set up a time to meet and discuss.
- h. Maintenance
 - i. Pick up of organic debris occurred in November 2016 by former employee of prior contractor; he's agreed to continue service independently in 2017 at same rate. Need to confirm where he will be dumping the organic debris. Discussion of program history took place.
 - ii. Laurel Path – railing was damaged during recent construction. Resident is paying to have it fixed.
 - iii. Repairs that were approved – need to check which have been done and those that have not been done.
 - iv. Trees – Kate Culotta will take over this role.
 - v. A new chair is needed for this committee.
- i. Land Use/Zoning
 - i. RPP update – project on track; phase 1 approved by Dept. of Aging.
 - ii. Transform Baltimore passed into law on Tuesday, 12/6/2016.
 - iii. Air BnB – Goodwin Gardens resident responded to recent notice asking to continue with their Air BnB for financial reasons. Chris McSherry stated

this is a violation of covenants as commercial use and will respond accordingly; standard residential leases are permitted.

- j. Transportation/Infrastructure- future speaker on sewer lines' camera inspection.