

Roland Park Civic League Meeting
February 1, 2017

Board Members: Ian MacFarlane, Chris McSherry, Trish Carroll, Patti Ephraim, Mary Kay Battafarano, Cara Kohler, Daniel Motz, Leslie Bivalaqua, Jennifer Vey, Chris Cortright, Bob, Kathleen Truelove, Steve Grantz, Andrew Wolfe

1. President's Remarks
2. Routine Business
 - a. Minutes – January 2017 approved
 - b. Treasurer's Report – The finance committee reviewed November 2016 and December 2016 finances and approved. RP Civic League (RPCL) and Roads and Maintenance(R&M) costs are up, but revenues are up as well. They proposed that a reasonable cash reserve of twice the operating costs should be kept in reserve for both RPCL and R&M. Each year, RPCL spends about \$25,000-\$35,000 and R&M spends around \$100,000. Revenues are keeping in line with expenses. Unanimously agreed that dues for R&M and RPCL will be billed separately and paid separately. They will also establish PayPal to facilitate ease of payment.
 - c. Police & Firefighter's Report Ins – Captain Dave Magaha reviewed a new policy for medics that involves a new tiered system comprised of newly hired EMTs to man BLS units and ALS units. Residents interested in scheduling a time for fire department to visit their home and show them best escape route can schedule by stopping by the fire station and speaking with fire fighters directly.
3. Committee Progress, Plans, & Proposed Actions
 - a. Nominating – Jennifer Vey's term is expiring this May 2017.
 - b. Architectural Review – did not meet in January. Approved the 101 Longwood and 100 Beechdale requests. Kathleen will send a letter for zoning regarding kitchen addition at 215 Longwood Road. Ian has not heard back regarding the shopping center windows.
 - c. Executive – Ian will call group together so that they can get started on their work.
 - d. Finance & Budgeting – The committee is thinking about new ways to capture additional revenue. R&M and RPCL fees have not changed in long time. Proposing a one time set up fee for new residents at settlement in the amount of \$200 now and possibly increase in 5 years.

There is a need in the future to review the expenses that should be paid for by only the Roland Park Foundation, RPCL, and R&M.

Reached a compromise with the city regarding Cyclovia bill to split the difference between 2012 bill and the current bill.

- e. By-laws – no report
- f. Cycle Track – There is a community meeting scheduled for February 9th. Expert proposal from Melissa Miklus of Alta reviewed. The purpose is to get outside

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expertise on the construction of the cycle track and whether it meets national standards. The board approved hiring Alta for the amount of \$5,100. Andrew Marrani, the chair of the Cycle Traffic Committee, will be acknowledged as the main contact for the project and this will be communicated to the contractor.

- g. Communications – The committee reviewed the RP Welcome Guide and is going to work to revise and update. Board discussed increase in traffic on Next Door list serve and decrease in the RP list serve traffic.
- h. Events – April 29th RP Foundation Spring Celebration; Christine will reach out to Ellen Webb to ask her to work with Adam to help get donations of wine for the event. Blair Storzer offered to help with the wine auction.
- i. GRP Master Plan – People have asked how the master plan is different from the master plan developed previously. Board needs to develop communication strategy to explain to the community that this relates to implementation.
- j. Maintenance – Several issues:
 - i. Repair yellow brick path where tree in Centennial Park fell. Estimate from K&C of \$1,300 to clean out, lay stone, put path on top. This will not be a permanent fix; the ground will settle over many years and will need to be fixed in the future.
 - ii. Repair St Margaret's Path Bridge (from Englewood to spring house path) has damage caused by storms backing up. Estimate \$950 from K&C to do work to let water flow through better.
 - iii. Clearing invasive vines off Centennial Park. Estimate of \$2,780 from K&C to remove vines.

Board approved \$5,030 for repairs.

Contractor who picked up yard waste in November, agreed to do future pick up; all pick up will go to mulching.

- k. Land Use/Zoning – nothing to report
 - l. Public Safety – Chris Cortright received inquiries from residents interested in patrol and neighborhood watch. Rob Horst and Chris went to the Northern District meeting.
 - m. Transportation/Infrastructure – nothing to report; city is sweeping the streets – 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.
4. Plat Rep Issues