

ROLAND PARK CIVIC LEAGUE
July 5, 2017 Meeting Minutes

RPCL Board Attendees: Hap Cooper, Ian McFarlane, Anne Stuzin, Mary Kay Battafarano, Chris Cortright, Steve Grantz, Sara Johnson, Tim Schere, Andrew Wolfe

Other Attendees: Robert Ginyard (Councilwoman Middleton's Office) and Dalya Attar, 41st District Delegate

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM.

1. Police and Fire Department Reports: Dave from the Fire Department reported that Engine 44 had a mulch fire to deal with and couldn't be at the 4th of July Parade, so Engine 43 was sent instead. RP Fire Station also called to inquire about the status of the new roof decision, but was unsuccessful. Ian McFarlane suggested that the bidding process is likely still underway. New truck for the RPFD due in mid-December. Engine 25 will be put in reserve when new engine arrives. RPFD doors were recently painted by the City, but not necessarily to the station's satisfaction. FD will come to September CL meeting and report on the roof status.

2. Headlines:

- a. Overlook/PUD: Hap reviewed the PUD situation and all action up to this point. Bill 17-0049 is now sitting on the Mayor's desk. Communities involved have been writing and calling her office. CL/Hap is working through Sharon Middleton and Mary Pat Clark's offices. Hap shared his conversation with the Mayor from RP 4th of July parade: she indicated there would be no veto of this bill. Hap suggested that we need to change our approach, and acknowledges the odds of the Mayor deciding in favor of the community are not great. Robert Ginyard added that Sharon Middleton had tried to organize an audience with Mayor as well, although unsuccessful. Robert suggested we continue trying.

b. Wilmslow-Wyndhurst Flooding: Mary Kay Battafarano reported an update from Martha Holleman. Bump outs have been removed. Crew is working to install two speed humps. Andrew Marani and Kathy Hudson removed the plants from the bumpouts for re-planting. About seventy people attended the Stony Run meeting June 7th. Neighbors had some insight into flooding along Stony Run that was shared with DPW. Ad Hoc group has been formed to address other flooding elements. City/DPW doing a hydraulics study this summer, with results due back mid-Fall. Those who attended agreed it was a great meeting and outcome. Erosion repairs are to begin mid-August. The ad hoc group of neighbors last met with DPW June 26th and will do so again in August.

c. Cycle Track: Andrew Marani reminded all that the letter was sent by Hap/CL to the City. No response yet from City. There was a discussion of the recent cycle track situation on Potomac St. Robert Ginyard reported that there is a new Director of Transportation. He will follow up with Director's name. Sharon Middleton is making sure DOT is staying on task with this on our behalf. Mary Kay noted that we are still waiting on the Intercept Survey results and BCDoT's Final memo. Robert to follow up with Veronica McBeth at DoT and email Mary Kay.

d. Fundraising Idea/Jim Considine: would like to re-print the Roland Park Centennial Poster was forwarded to RPCF/Mary Page Michel.

e. Donation Request/Chris Cortright: Ingenuity Program at RPEMS/Poly requesting a \$1500 donation from the CL for its participation in the Idea Summit 2018 to be held at AVAM. Looking for a financial commitment early this fall. CL donated \$1500 in 2016. Hap suggested a discussion and vote in September.

3. Routine Business

- a. Minutes: April and June minutes not able to be approved as there was no quorum for vote. Conference call to be set up for week of July 10th to discuss and vote.
- b. Treasurer's Report: No report as Trish Carroll not in attendance.
- c. Monthly Civic League meetings will be held at the Mennonite Church from September- Spring while renovations begin at Presbyterian Church. There will be no August meeting.

4. Committee Progress, Plans and Proposed Actions

- a. Architectural Review: Melanie Harwood reported for Tom Carlson. R&M had eight applications for their June meeting. One was deferred and will be reviewed in July. Seven were approved.
- b. Finance and Budgeting: Tim Schere said the Finance Committee has been working to better streamline CL financial reports. Committee wants to bring in Marty Woods, a retired bookkeeper to assist with improving process and advising on how things are tracked. Committee will request \$1k for these services. Ian MacFarlane added that aspects of CL budgeting and reports are not as streamlined and effective as they should be, and that the CL would benefit from Marty's expertise. Request for \$1k to be made in upcoming CL conference call week of July 10th.
- c. Communications-Summer Working Groups and Committees: Mary Kay presented a list of standing committees existing membership and results of working group poll. Ian said new committees need to be voted upon according to new bylaws. Tim has changes to By-Laws Committee. Mary Kay will review new volunteers from recent survey. Beth Hayes to help create "application" for use on website by volunteers for committees. Hap suggested communications need to be tightened up- more ability to respond/communicate with entire community, particularly with pressing news. Mary Kay noted year end recommendations including that Plat reps need to return as a first line of communication in the community.

d. Events: Hap Cooper reported that the RP 4th of July Parade was great! Had a sense that attendance was up. Three delegates present, plus the Mayor. Major Gibson of the BCPD/Northern District was there, too.

e. Greater Roland Park Master Plan: looking for committee members.

f. Maintenance: no report.

g. Land Use/Zoning: no report.

h. Public Safety: Chris Cortright will be attending the meeting at the Northern District HQ on July 19th from 7-9 PM. At this meeting, community association leaders discuss what's going on in their respective districts. There is good sharing of info.

i. Transportation/Infrastructure: no report

5. Plat Rep issues: Plat 2 Rep: Claire McLaurin was proposed by Mary Kay Battafarano as a candidate to fill the vacancy left by Leslee Bivalacqua's resignation. Board to vote on Claire during upcoming conference call week of July 10th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM.