

ROLAND PARK CIVIC LEAGUE
October 4, 2017 Meeting

Board Members: Chris McSherry, Anne Stuzin, Patti Ephraim, Blair Storzer, Steve Grantz, Robert Connors, Cara Kohler, Dan Motz, Trish Carroll, Rob Horst, Chris Cortright

Minutes

1. Vice President's Introductory Comments
 - a. Next month repairs to sewers presentation by City
2. Police and Firefighters Report - not present; Chris McSherry will follow-up to make sure that they know where the Board is meeting now.
3. Headlines
 - a. Overlook: A petition for judicial review has been submitted. The Court will review if proper procedures were followed. RPCL Board signed on, but only to lend our support.
 - b. Cycle Track: Anne, Chris, Mary Kay and Hap met with new head of DoT, Michelle Pourciau, on September 18th, 2017. They walked Ms. Pourciau through the position statement voted on at the May Annual meeting. She asked for 30 days to review the information. A follow-up meeting is expected to be scheduled the week of October 23rd.
 - c. Project Approval Process Working Group Report: Bob Connors circulated a draft, revisions were discussed. A new version will be circulated before finalizing, to include difference between "major" and "minor" projects.
 - d. Banners requested by Cross Keys: The Board reviewed the placement of the banners. They will be placed on all light poles along Falls Road adjacent to the Cross Keys property. They have a 6-month period permit from the City for the banners, with opportunity to extend for another 6 months.

A motion was made that the Cross Keys banner design be approved as proposed, contingent on content of banner not listing any corporate, brand, or merchant other than Cross Keys, limited to 4 banners, with a commitment to maintain the banners. Any future changes to content or design would require RPCL Board review and approval. The motion passed with a 6 to 4 vote. It was suggested that the Cross Keys development reach out to the RP neighbors on Falls Road.
 - e. Temporary signs on lawns: A RP resident complained about a neighbor's temporary lawn signs. The resident objected to the number, but not the content of the signs. Baltimore City zoning permits candidate signs during an election period, but specifies that they must be removed shortly afterwards. Covenants say no signs, but not consistent. The Board decided not to issue an opinion on the signs, but to refer to the Baltimore City zoning ordinance in the newsletter.
4. Routine Business
 - a. Minutes: outstanding September needs to be reviewed by Board members. Defer approval to next meeting in November.
5. Committee Progress, Plans & Proposed Actions

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- a. Architectural Review: Reviewed 13 applications and approved all of them. Monthly meeting has been recently changed to 4th Wednesday. No update for the lawsuit on appeal. On Air B & B issue-there was discussion of a memo from our attorneys regarding Baltimore City short-term rental regulations and an advisory letter to be issued at some point in the future. Proposed that an article be included in a future newsletter that bed and breakfasts require approval by the city, health department, etc., and compliance with related regulations.
- b. Finance & budgeting: Reviewing processes and procedures for reporting expenditures and budget. Fiscal situation is healthy. Motion to add Scott Bissett to the Finance Committee unanimously approved.
- c. Events: Nothing to report.
- d. GRP Master Plan: Five people have expressed interest in joining this work group. Planning a meeting in the next month.
- e. Maintenance: Falls Road Terrace residents volunteered to clean up and piles of debris were picked up. Cost was around \$700. Estimate to do this with a private company would be \$3,000 or \$4,000. They will consider doing this again in the Spring. Advise residents on University Parkway to report the hole located in Centennial Park to 311 (send pictures).
- f. New plantings clarification-maintained by the RP Foundation, not Maintenance.
- g. Land Use/Zoning: Nothing to report. EC1 zoning - Hap, Ian, Chris meeting with schools and Lori Feinberg from City Planning.
- h. Public Safety: Nothing to report.
- i. Transportation/Infrastructure: Cycle track (earlier in agenda).
- j. Other business:
 - i. Traffic Committee - A RP resident asked about turning Longwood Road into one way and other issues regarding traffic. Also, addition of traffic calming behind Johnny's, adding a mirror on curve on Ridgewood Road. Board volunteers included Rob, Bob, Dan. We will also seek other community members who would like to be included.
 - ii. Panhandlers at Roland Avenue and Cold Spring - a resident in attendance raised the issue, mentioned trash accumulation in median/s.
 - iii. Overgrowth on Roland Park sidewalks. If foliage from yard is impeding sidewalk you can call 311 and report it (there is an app as well that is very effective). The city will follow up with the home owner. RP Office will also send letter to homeowner. This could be included in the Newsletter as well.
 - iv. Stony Run improvement is complete. There will be an official ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday.