

**RPCL Board Members:** Hap Cooper, Chris McSherry, Trish Carroll, Sara Johnson, Mary Kay Battafarano, Andrew Wolf, Dan Motz, Steve Grantz, Patti Ephraim, Blair Storzer, Chris Cortright, Claire McLaurin, Tom Carlson

1. Police Report: Capt. Lloyd Wells, a representative from the police department was present at the opening of the meeting. There was discussion of traffic, car accidents, and need for more traffic enforcement on Roland Avenue. Board member Claire McLaurin reported her car was side swiped while parked at the Woman's Club (4500 Roland).
2. DPW Presentation: A team of representatives from DPW presented information on work to be done to upgrade our existing sewer system, an electronic copy will be made available to post on the RPCL website. It was noted that a comprehensive assessment of the sewer system was completed by DPW in 2014-2015 and urgent repairs completed during the Roland Avenue construction period. There has been a 77% reduction in sewer overflows and a 33% reduction in basement back up through improvements to date. Pursuant to SC-978, the Baltimore City will upgrade the infrastructure, reduce/eliminate sewer overflows, and prevent sewer back-ups into private property.

DPW will use three technologies: 1) cure in place pipe (CIPP), basically a new pipe inside an old pipe; 2) pipe bursting rams a new pipe into old pipe which works well with clay pipe and cast iron pipe; and 3) traditional open and cut – dig up old pipes. DPW will provide map of planned work to the community to post on the RP website.

Most of the work will occur north of Cold Spring Lane and west of Roland Avenue. There will be very little work on Roland Avenue as this work was completed during the repaving in 2014-15. DPW work hours will be 7am-5PM and may include evening hours. Residents will be informed 72 hours in advance of work in their neighborhood. DPW workers will go door to door and will also send letters to community residents affected by the project and post online notices on NextDoor. A project sign will be placed within the community. There will be some lane closures and temporary road restrictions as well.

The project is currently at 70% design completion and they anticipate they will have complete design in Spring 2018. The work will begin in the Summer 2018. The duration of the project is expected to be 1 year. During work nearby residents can expect limited water restrictions and odors/fumes in their homes.

Our community can help by doing the following:

- i. Minimize use of water during construction;
- ii. Rental properties – make sure tenants hear about this and notify;
- iii. Check private sanitary house connection;
- iv. Report concerns during construction;

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- v. Always dispose of oil and grease in trash, not sewers; and
- vi. Sign the Right of Entry document timely.

The Project Manager is Mohammed Rahman, 410-396-3440; [mohammed.rahman@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:mohammed.rahman@baltimorecity.gov) our contact for concerns or questions. The Board asked DPW if they would return for a presentation at the RPCL Annual Meeting in May 2018, closer to the time of the start of the work.

3. Fire Department: attended, nothing to report.
4. Roland Park Elementary/Middle School: Nick D'Ambrosia, Principal was present, appealed to RPCL Board to support technology fundraiser with a \$5,000 donation.
5. Cycle Track Report: Visited with DoT on October 24, 2017, as a follow-up to September meeting. They proposed five steps: adding speed cameras, widening the floating parking lane by 12 inches taking that space from travel lanes, debris cleaning by volunteers, higher grade flex-posts at intersections, and in the Eddie's block ONLY-restoring curbside parking while adding 2 bike lanes (sidewalk and standard location with buffer). This led to a site visit two days later by Director Pourciau and Graham Young with Hap and Chris on October 26<sup>th</sup>, walking from Eddie's to St David's and back. Now waiting for DOT to supply a date for public meeting in late November or first week in December. The Director's e-mail for those wishing to reach out to her directly: [michelle.pourciau@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:michelle.pourciau@baltimorecity.gov). Discussion tonight centered on city recommendations not going far enough to address urgent safety issues and community frustration with delay of any action. Consensus reached was for RPCL to meet with bike leaders next week, before local media.
6. Committee Reports:
  - a. Finance Committee: Approved two expenditures by unanimous vote of the Board-a \$1,000 increase to pay for the book keeper project (\$45/hour) and a \$2,500 donation to RPEMS in response to above appeal.
  - b. Architecture Review: Nothing to report.
  - c. Land Use/Zoning: Current zoning restricts new construction to 35-foot height level. Local schools brought up problem of school being demolished in fire or other event that they couldn't build to same level.
  - d. Public Safety: DoT meeting scheduled for, November 7<sup>th</sup>, regarding Falls Road pedestrian safety; Mary Kay and Blair will attend.
  - e. Transportation/Infrastructure: Motion was approved to support change to light poles on Somerset to new design as outlined in the master plan.
7. Other Business: Resignation of Sara Johnson, At Large Plat Rep. due to move. The Board is seeking a volunteer to fill this vacancy and another to handle annual December "Shop Local" event.