



Civic League Board Meeting  
April 4, 2018

In Attendance: Ian MacFarlane, Tom Carlson, Chris McSherry, Blair Storzer, Hap Cooper, Anne Stuzin, Steve Grantz, Bob Carlson, Cara Shea Kohler, Tim Schere, Trish Carroll, Ashley Handwerk, Mary Kay Battafarano, Claire McLaurin, Richard Bruno.

1. President's Introduction: Hap Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
  - a. Introduction of Rick Leandry, Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison. Mayor has a strong interest in the communities, so he is here to meet us and talk to us. His number is: 443-388-0322.
  - b. Introduction of Mary Pat Clarke. She will speak in a moment.
2. Police and Firefighters Report: None in attendance.
3. Headlines:
  - a. There will NOT be a regular monthly meeting in May – the Board will convene to prepare/rehearse the Annual Meeting: We need someone to serve as the point person for the Annual Meeting, to serve as a liaison with Principal D'Ambrosio and the parliamentarian. This person will also help to develop the agenda for the meeting. Ashley Handwerk volunteered to be this person.
  - b. Kathy Hudson – Budget request. Update on what the landscape committee has done recently – If it doesn't snow on Saturday, please come help us pick up trash on University Parkway. Otherwise, the cleanup will be on Sunday. Meeting where Wickford comes into University Parkway. The main thing is trash – there are also tree limbs, but that is too dangerous. Blue Water Baltimore is bringing gloves and bags. Wear rubber soled shoes and long sleeves. It is also on Nextdoor. The event starts at 10.
    - i. In the dell, there is bare/yucky parts in the bowl. We are going to be putting in a native sedge. The Foundation will pay for this. It is native, pollinator-friendly, and deer resistant. Steve Grantz is the Plat Rep for that area (Plat 5 City) and Ms. Hudson asked him to help get the word out through flyers.

- ii. The bike rakes that the Foundation has bought to replace those in front of the Library that went missing. Andrew Marani is going to replace them.
- iii. The plants in the bump-outs are getting high. It is going to be pruned down to 12 inches by K&C. The Oakdale island is about to get planted with all kinds of nice plants and flowers.
- iv. Trees are coming for planting in the burges that people had requested via the newsletter.
- v. There are a number of trees that will be taken out, including some of the damaged zelkovas.
- vi. After talking with Kevin Molinari at Davey – He thinks that we can wait to prune the zelkovas, because we will know the extent of the damage 5 years after the roots were impacted. This means that we don't need as much money right now. We have also decided not to act on the Ashes right now. Bare spots will be replaced with Black Gum trees. Those will be planted for free by the city.
- vii. The funding request, for normal routine maintenance is for:
  - 1. Watering the zelkovas. Last year we did not have to do it. The water is \$2,305 per watering. We will budget for 1. There is also a deep-root fertilization for \$4,7??.
  - 2. For the Honey Locusts, they have a spider mite. We will spray them with an environmentally-friendly spray. The cost for watering is \$195/watering.
  - 3. The total estimated cost is about \$8,000.
  - 4. All costs will be for the next fiscal year, which begins April 30.
- c. Discussion of "Auxiliary Dwelling Unit" legislation: Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke spoke about the bill. The lead sponsor is Ryan Dorsey, of Council District 3. He is out of town right now. This legislation is about tiny houses. If you have a principal house, you can put a tiny house in the back. The planning contact's name is Tamara Woods. Phone: 410-396-5932
  - i. An auxiliary dwelling unit would be a conditional use that must be approved by the zoning board. Maximum of 700 gross square feet. That measurement includes any garage and/or additional storage. It does not include anything below grade. No off-street parking requirements. Would be a maximum of 14' tall. You can have more than one, so long as you meet all setback requirements and maximum lot coverage requirements.
  - ii. Concerns were raised regarding infrastructure, stormwater management, parking, traffic, conflict-of-interest, etc. Many specifics are missing in the bill and there are many city departments who will have to provide input on the bill.
  - iii. Discussion was had regarding whether the Civic League should take a position. Decision was that the Civic League should form a committee and monitor the situation but not take a position at this time. There was a request that information about the bill be put on the website to publicize in the community. Chris McSherry offered to forward the powerpoint presentation from the public meeting that she attended to be put on the website.

- d. Cycle Track: Nothing has really changed since March 7<sup>th</sup>. The scheduled Public Meeting was cancelled on March 20<sup>th</sup> due to the weather. It has been rescheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup> at 5-7 at St. David's Church. The city has not given us an agenda, even though we asked. They sent us a summary prior to the last scheduled meeting telling us what they had hoped to accomplish. We should encourage all of our neighbors to attend.
  - e. Online accident reporting – One Month Check-up: In response to Hap saying that we should get a better handle on the crash data for Roland Avenue, we created an online accident reporting form. We should continue to try to get the word out to encourage people to send pictures of their accidents and we will give them to Anne Stuzin for compilation. Discussion was that the link to the online accident reporting should be included in the e-letter and circulated via the listserv.
  - f. Spread the word: Spring Celebration is scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>. Around 60 tickets have been sold so far. Everyone is encouraged to buy their tickets. Adam Shulman on the SE corner of Club and Longwood is collecting wine for the popular wine raffle.
  - g. Nominating Committee 2018 Update: Anne Stuzin gave an update on the work of the committee. They are continuing to search for a nominee for President. There was a motion from the floor to amend the bylaws to allow for a property-owner not under covenant to serve on the Board. Discussion was that this could be a motion from the floor at the Annual Meeting.
4. Old Business
- a. Minutes: The Minutes have been circulated amongst the Board but have not yet been revised for approval.
5. Committee Progress, Plans & Proposed Actions
- a. Architectural Review: Tom Carlson presented the committee report. No word yet on the appeal.
  - b. Finance & budgeting: Trish Carroll said that all is well.
  - c. Events: Aaron Parker said that all is well. Discussion was that work needs to begin on organizing the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade.
  - d. GRP Master Plan: Committee has been meeting. The committee will have a list of suggestions to the Board in the next few weeks for possible presentation at the Annual Meeting.
  - e. Maintenance: Already presented.
  - f. Land Use/Zoning: Already presented.
  - g. Public Safety: The police have been visible in the neighborhood.
  - h. Transportation/Infrastructure: None.
6. Meeting Adjourned at 9:02.