



Roland Park Civic League Board Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2020 via Zoom

7:00PM

Civic League and Roads and Maintenance Board Members present: Bob Connors, Blair Storzer, Dan McIntyre, Richard Bruno, Martha Holleman, Ken Rice, Bobby Marinelli, Tom Carlson, John Morrel, Devon Dodson, Jen Viglucchi, Rachel Dawson, Mary Kay Battafarano, Ashley Handwerk, Ann-Barron Carneal.

I) Routine Business

1. President's Opening Remarks - Bob Connors called the meeting to order at 7:08pm. He talked about the future of meetings, whether the Civic League will use zoom or meet in person, keeping in mind that priority is to be safe.
2. Police/Fire Updates. None.
3. Draft minutes for approval - The 2020 annual meeting notes will be approved in a year. Former Secretary, Blair Storzer, reported that March meeting minutes were circulated and ready for voting. New members might not have seen them so we will need them to read them — they will be redistributed.

II) New Business

1. Introduction of new Officers and Directors - There are a lot of new faces. Check rolandpark.org for a list of updated bios and roles.
2. The 2020-2021 Budgets for RPCL and R&M were approved.
3. Call for Committee Chairs/Liaisons and members — Bob Connors called on members of the board to be liaisons on committees and asked us to reach out to neighbors and friends to see if members would like to join or lead committees. We are in need of community input. The more we spread out the work, the more we can do as a community.
4. No August public civic league meeting. An August orientation for the board will be determined soon via doodle poll.

III) Community Updates:

1. Robert Ginyard representing Sharon Middleton's office asked us to contact him for any problems that need addressing. Board Rep Martha Holleman asked about State budget cuts to programs for kids and families in the city. Meetings are scheduled about funding and as soon as they know, he will circulate the information to the board.
2. Odette Ramos, nominee for 14th District City Council seat, introduced herself. She talked about bringing her Annapolis expertise on the issues to Baltimore. She is looking forward to engaging in this important work. She is working with her predecessor, Mary-Pat Clarke, on the transition.
3. Dr. Bruno suggested RPCL follow up on previous discussions about joining BUILD, (Baltimoreans United in Leadership Development). Vis-a-vis the pandemic, funding for critical city issues and concerns and pending budget cuts at the state-level, it might be a good idea to engage and to work on these issues. In future we can discuss as a group, perhaps at the orientation in August.

4. Gina Clay, Northern District Community Liaison and Juvenile Courts Division with the State's Attorney Office, introduced herself. She wants to be a resource for community members. Her office is there for us, so please reach out.
5. Eric James, Northwest Liaison Officer from the Department of Transportation reported that a former camera on Roland Avenue was only a test and that's why it was removed. It will be installed once crews are back to work. He also talked about the Northern Parkway and Falls Study. There will be another meeting in September. If you want to be on the meeting, email fallsandnorthernstudy@baltimorecity.gov. Board Rep Devon Dodson expressed his thanks for James' work on transportation issues and reiterated that we need to stay connected. Devon would like to have regular communication going forward. At the September meeting more details about the traffic at this intersection will be discussed. The very last meeting will be in December. A question was posed: will the results of the study posted online? He replied that he is not sure but Valerie might come up with a list of common questions of study and post them online. However, the presentation is online. Mary Kay Battafarano sent its link to the board.
<https://transportation.baltimorecity.gov/sites/default/files/2020%20May%2021%20Public%20Meeting%20Presentation.pdf>.

IV) Committee Reports

1. Architectural Review - John Morrill, Roads and Maintenance President: Only topic to share was the improvement for lighting at Bank of America at the shopping center. The fixtures need to be historic. He has been assured that they are revising plans for the lighting.
2. Finance - Jen Viglucci said that there is not much to add. Numbers are in line and dues are coming in.
3. Social - 4th of July Parade cancelled, though groups are allowed to gather. No permits will be given out. Maybe once Halloween comes around we could handle it.
4. Greater RP Master Plan - Martha Holleman: The group has not recently met and is seeking new members. Their goals are to examine the 2010-2011 Master Plan's vision for the community and to revisit principal recommendations. More to come!
5. Maintenance - Andrew Marani was not present.
6. Land Use/Zoning - Postponed to next time.
7. Public Safety - None. We need to assign a new member to be the liaison. However, Mary Kay Battafarano, went to a zoom meeting about the proliferation of fireworks going off in the city. Major Gibson was on the call as well. It was reiterated that setting them off is a misdemeanor but one is only fined if caught in the act.
8. Traffic and Transportation - Falls/NP traffic study update: Devin Dodson reported that there is currently no news. He encouraged folks to participate in the process and to join him in talking about a structure going forward. It's a critical time in the community.
9. Membership - Ann-Barron Carneal agreed to continue her involvement but, at this time, has nothing new to report.

V) Meeting Adjourned - 8:17pm.

“The Roland Park Civic League is a civic governing body that addresses matters affecting the interests of residents. Its purpose is to foster the common good and welfare of its members, to take action on those matters of mutual interest, and to otherwise represent the people of Roland Park.”