



**Roland Park Civic League Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 2, 2020 via Zoom**  
**7:00PM**

Twenty individuals were present on the call, including board members: Jen Vigliucci, Bob Connors, John Morrel, Martha Holleman, Mary Kay Battafarano, Tom Hoen, Bobby Marinelli, Rachel Dawson, Ken Rice, Richard Bruno, Andy Niazy, Dan Motz, Ashley Handwerk, Ann-Barron Carneal.  
Not present: Blair Storzer, Ed Goodlander.

I) Routine Business

- 1) President's Opening Remarks: Bob Connors shared news of Dan McIntyre's passing. There will be a family mass service at St Ignatius. There are no details as of yet.
- 2) Police/Fire Updates - none.
- 3) Draft minutes for approval - July minutes were circulated but it was suggested that they be recirculated before a vote to approve. March minutes have yet to be circulated for approval.

II) New Business

- 1) Nominations:
  - a) Motion to nominate Matt Morgan to Plat 4 R and M rep . **Approved.**
  - b) Motion to nominate Devon Dodson as Transportation Chair and Bobby Marinelli, Bob Connors, Dan Motz and Mary Kay Battafarano as members. **Approved.**
  - c) Motion to nominate Blair Storzer and Andy Niazy to the Land Use and Zoning Committee. **Approved.**
  - d) Motion to nominate Martha Holleman as GRPMP chair and Hie Jung Yoon, Cara Shea Kohler, Rachel Dawson, and Patrick Terranova as members. **Approved.**

III) Committee Reports

- 1) Architectural Review - John Morrel: Only report is about the Bank of America's lighting at the shopping center, looking to match all the elements. Tom Carlson is shepherding it through.
- 2) Finance- Jen Vigliucci: Currently, funds are ahead of target because there is not much spending due to limited State and City reopening orders.
- 3) Social - Bob Connors: Because of the pandemic, no permits are being offered by the City, so we are limited in what we can do.
- 4) Greater Roland Park Master Plan - Martha Holleman reminded us one of the plan's priorities was our local public school, RPEMS. An investment in public education at large is in line with the Kerwan Commission recommendations and City goals. This is a standing agenda for Strong Schools and will

continue to be a standing issue for RPCL.

- 5) Maintenance: - Jen Viggliucci: Because of the pandemic, work is halted.
- 6) Land Use/Zoning - Bob Connors
  - a) Eddie's variance approval: Eddie's held a meeting for the Boards of RPCL and WIA-Wyndhurst Improvement Association (a/k/a Tuxedo Park) to provide more details about the enclosure addition at their entrance to improve accessibility and also offer outdoor seating. Community concerns raised about the original plan to brick over existing windows were addressed with a change to retain windows for the frontage to be more appealing.
  - b) Cross Keys: The property was purchased by Caves Valley Partners and City Council has approved changes to the original PUD. We expect to see positive changes there in the near future.
  - c) Overlook update - Andy Niazy: Progress is slow moving. There is some confusion about the appeal of the zoning variance. It will be going to trial, but he is not sure when. A new proposal requires a variance for the overall height. They have now changed the site plan to include all surface parking, 4 separate buildings sections joined but different in design. There is a lot more to come and it will be a long process, likely a year, before there is a decision on either the appeal or the new site proposal.
- 7) Public Safety: No report.
- 8) Traffic and Transportation - Bob Connors and Devon Dodson:
  - a) Speed cameras on Roland Avenue at St. David's have been approved.
  - b) DOT meeting in May about the intersection of Northern Parkway and Falls Road was attended by several Board members who have discussed the presentation with President Connors. DOT has focused the study to date on I-83 traffic heading north from Downtown without assessing the traffic coming into the intersection from I-83 southbound from the County or local streets. There were no proposals specific to sidewalks, cross walks, and bike lanes, as that could be an easy way to improve the corridor. The lack of data to date is unfortunate. They are hoping to select a preferred proposal by December. Our Transportation Committee is preparing detailed feedback to be shared with DOT and local government representatives, to include a reference of related GRPMP recommendations.
  - c) Steve Grantz reported that the MD Transit Authority plans service changes to eliminate the Route 95 bus on Roland Avenue and the Route 51 bus on Charles. Ridership is down because of the pandemic. There are 10 virtual meetings and a public comment period open until November 30. For more details see: <https://www.mta.maryland.gov/servicechanges/winter2021>
- 9) Membership - Ann-Barron Carneal: No report. Working with RPCF to continue to reach out to families new to RP.
- 10) Landscape Committee of RPCF - Kathy Hudson:
  - a) Even though the trees are dying in front of Eddie's, they won't be taken down until they are completely dead.
  - b) Wells Fargo has agreed to allow clean out of their bricked planter to be followed by replanting.
  - c) A landscape design firm will be selected soon from amongst several applicants to lead the redesign of the pocket park surrounding the Water Tower. Plans are moving ahead and this is encouraging. Work is scheduled to begin on the tower in October,

d) Baltimore Country Club is looking to sell their excess land in the near future followed by the Clubhouse in approximately ten years. The Roland Park Community Foundation (RPCF) is working on plans to submit an offer, they will keep us posted.

11) Nominations for a new Plat 3 Rep. are to be submitted to President Connors. The Nominating Committee may have identified a candidate during last Spring's recruitment efforts.

IV) The Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.

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