



Roland Park Civic League
Board Meeting via Zoom
January 13, 2021
7:00PM

Board Members Present: Bobby Marinelli, Tom Hoen, Ashley Handwerk, Mary Kay Battafarano, Bob Connors, John Morrel (R&M), Devon Dodson, Ann-Barron Carneal, Ed Goodlander, Rachel Dawson, Jennifer Vigglucci, Andy Niazy, Dan Motz, Richard Bruno, Martha Holleman. Absent: Blair Storzer, Ken Rice.

1. Routine Business

- a. President's Opening Remarks
- b. Police/Fire Updates - not able to come.
- c. Draft minutes for December 2020 approved.

2. New Business

- a. Motion to amend Roads and Maintenance bylaws to increase by one At Large position: Motion approved.
- b. Motion to approve five new members to R and M board: Motion approved.
- c. Motion to approve \$600 for Classic Team Sponsor of Roland Park Baseball League: Motion approved.
- d. Overlook update - A large community meeting was held in the last month. The developer, in attendance, is looking for zoning variance for greater height - 35 not 89 feet; which was unanimously opposed. Surrounding communities are concerned about the size and impact of the development. The existing building was recently sold by the developer to an out of state buyer. There is another meeting coming up. The process is slowly moving along in spite of any delays due to the pandemic.
- e. Community Foundation Projects update: Chris McSherry -
 - i. The water tower project is moving ahead with great progress: the building should be stabilized by summer, a new nesting box was installed for the falcon, and the fencing will be removed by summer. They will need to raise money for the pocket park -- most recently a grant from Preservation Maryland. Look for updates on the website.

- ii. Baltimore Country Club plans to sell the 20 acres between Hillside Road, Edgevale Road, Plover Lane and Falls Road. The RPCF is actively fundraising, with great success. They are also trying to obtain State Program Open Space funding to support a playing field for the public schools on Falls Road.

f. Strong Schools Maryland: Martha Holleman -

- i. The possible override of the Governor's Kirwan veto won't happen until February. The City Delegation is committed to overriding the veto. Bob Connors requested that Martha draft a formal letter indicating our support of the veto override.

3. Committee Reports

- a. Architectural Review: John Morrel - There is a revised lighting plan for the Bank of America ATM on Roland Ave. Application review is handled by R and M but the RPCL holds that covenant and so we need to approve their recommendations. CHAP also must approve independently.
- b. Finance: Jen Viglucci - The positive news is that we reached our planned goal for both CL and RM fee collection. Expenses are in line/ahead of budget. She reported that R and M is doing well -- there was an increase in expenses but all looks good.
- c. GRP Master Plan: Martha Holleman- They received good feedback from several adjacent community associations. The committee plans to meet next week, prepare a summary and then a survey -- with the hope of working with RP plats to get feedback on emerging priorities.
- d. Maintenance: Renewed contract for snow removal to plow lanes.
- e. Land Use/Zoning: - Overlook is the main focus. We need to get the date of the next meeting.
- f. Traffic and Transportation: Devon Dodson - There is not much to report. He reached out to the new Baltimore City administration. There is no longer a transportation committee under the new city council structure, adopted to match committees at the state level. Please stay tuned for news from DOT on next steps for the Northern Parkway and Falls Road corridor.
- g. Nominating Committee: Ashley Handwerk - There will be openings in June for both RPCL treasurer and president. Dan Motz will be cycling off from Plat 5 County. We have a need for two At Large reps. Ashley encouraged us to reach out to neighbors and friends to see if we can fill these positions.
- h. Landscape committee of RPCF: Kathy Hudson - There will be a meeting on February 8. Due to recent underground cabling for 5G by Verizon, Zelkova trees on Roland may need fertilization. They hope to have more trees to plant this spring, as last year they planted 50 small 1 gallon trees and 15 park size trees, and 8 large verge trees. They have been working with the Water Tower project. Even though there is a budget for landscape, they hope to help with fundraising and planting. A replacement tree in front of Eddie's was planted recently.

4. Adjourn 7:50

“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.”