



## **Roland Park Civic League Board Meeting Minutes**

March 3, 2021 7:00pm

Board Members present: Bob Connors, Jen Viglucci, Ken Rice, Bobby Marinelli, Mary Kay Battafarano, Martha Holleman, Ed Goodlander, Richard Bruno, Devon Dodson, Dan Motz, Tom Hoen, John Morrel (R&M), Ann-Barron Carneal, Blair Storzer, Andy Niazy, Rachel Dawson, Mary Page Michel (RPCF).

### 1. Routine Business

- a. President's opening remarks.
- b. Police/Fire Updates: No update.
- c. Draft minutes for approval: February 2021 meeting minutes were approved.

### 2. New Business

- a. Motion by President to appoint Ken Rice, Kathy Hudson, Chris McSherry to Nominating Committee. Motion was approved. The RPCL annual meeting is in May.
- b. Eddie's planned renovations: Ann Powell of Ziger Snead Architects presented images about the new design of the space at the Roland Avenue location. The permit will be approved in June 2021. Lewis Contractors should start on some exterior improvements in June and end in the fall. The store will remain open. The remaining interior improvements should happen in the fall of 2022. Ann and Michael Schaffer, Eddie's VP fielded several questions. General responses from RP and Wyndhurst residents are positive.
- c. RPCF project updates: Mary Page Michel updated us about the Water Tower and Baltimore Country Club projects. The Water Tower is on budget and on schedule to finish in June. They are now figuring out how the space for the surrounding park will work. Go to [Rolandwatertower.org](http://Rolandwatertower.org) for updates. As for the BCC land, they are fundraising to present a bid. The new website: <https://rolandpark.org/hillsidepark/> provides information about the park's design proposal and how to donate.
- d. Overlook update: Andy Niazy shared that they are waiting for the zoning review. They have a buyer, Claiborne Senior Living out of Mississippi, who wants to purchase the land to build a senior living/memory care facility with 80 regular units and 20 memory units. Andy fielded several questions from the group and suggested those interested attend a public meeting on Wednesday, March 10th. A meeting notice with a link will be circulated and posted online.
- e. 5G in historic neighborhoods: Bob Connors gave an update about 5G cells being attached to historic lamp posts. It is not as much an issue in Roland Park as it is in Homeland and Guilford.

He asked that residents contact the RP office if they see any of these advance notices attached to a lamp post, because our city council representatives may be of assistance where 5G equipment is determined to be incongruous with certain RP lamp posts. John Morrel mentioned that utility poles located behind our homes may be a preferred location.

- f. Strong Schools Maryland: Martha Holleman shared that the Maryland legislature overrode the veto and approved the Kerwan Commission's recommendations. Stay tuned for funding and financing proposals.

### 3. Committee Reports

- a. Architectural Review: John Morrel shared that the revised submission from Bank of America at the Roland Park Shopping Center needs further review.
- b. Traffic and Transportation: Eric James, Baltimore Division of Transportation liaison shared that cars are hitting curbs and bump outs at Wyndhurst Road and Roland Avenue. They are investigating the causes. Club Rd will be repaved. He also mentioned the Study of Northern Parkway and Falls Road is complete, it will be posted on the city's website this Friday, March 5th with public comments accepted for 30 days.
- c. Finance: Jen Viglucci - Spending is still in line with the budget. The committee will be meeting in April prior to May's annual meeting.
- d. Social: No report.
- e. GRP Master Plan: Martha Holleman reported that the committee is summarizing the feedback so that they can report back in a month. They will also send out a survey asking about priorities that should be considered moving forward.
- f. Maintenance: Kathy Hudson shared updates in Andrew Marani's absence. Path repairs are happening, he's still looking for an alternative signage source. In collaboration with the landscape committee and the City, weed trees are being removed along Falls Rd Terrace with additional clean up there.
- g. Nominating: There is room for 2 more members on the nominating committee.
- h. Landscape committee of RPCF - Kathy Hudson shared plans for Spring planting on the Eddie's block of Roland Ave as well as in Centennial Park.

### 4. Adjourned at 8:13pm

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