



Roland Park Civic League
DRAFT Annual Meeting of the Membership Minutes
via Zoom
May 19, 2021
7:00PM

51 attendees

- I) Pre-Welcome slide show. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Connors at 7:05pm.
- II) Approval of Agenda and Standing Rules: There were no objections. Approved.
- III) Introduction/Approval of Parliamentarian: Carl Silverman was introduced and approved.
- IV) Approval of time keeper and teller: Kathy Hudson as time keeper and Greg Otto as teller were approved.
- V) Opening remarks and introduction of current officers and directors: Bob Connors shared his thoughts about our neighborhood and its connections with the greater community.
- VI) Tribute to Dan McIntyre by Hap Cooper.
- VII) Approval of 2020 Annual Meeting minutes: No objections. Approved.
- VIII) Introduction of slate and election of officers and directors for 2021: Kathy Hudson introduced the [slate](#). The slate was approved and elected.
- IX) Year End Reports:
 - 1) President Bob Connors outlined the ways that RPCL has connected with and supported various community and city initiatives.

Note: Mary Page Michel and Ed Goodlander officially thanked Bob on behalf of all for his 3 years of outstanding service as President during challenging times. A present from the outgoing Board on behalf of the community was also presented to Bob.
 - 2) Community Foundation: Mary Page Michel outlined their accomplishments.
 - a) For their hard work for the foundation, she thanked Kathy Hudson and Martha Marani.
 - b) She gave a short update on the [Roland Water Tower](#).
 - c) Lastly, she shared that the Roland Park Community Foundation was able to put in a competitive bid for the proposed Hillside Park land. The bid reached their goals and they are awaiting results.
 - 3) Finance Committee - Jen Viglucci:
 - a) Overall update:

- i) Committee met 6-8 times annually to review current expenses and balance the budget.
 - ii) Finance Committee looking for new members.
 - iii) 2020 – 2021 Income & Overall Expenses in line with proposed budget .
 - iv) Continued focus on ways to increase dues paid by ALL residents. She encouraged us to talk to neighbors, to spread the word about paying dues and what they cover in our community.
 - v) CL Cash Reserve balance on operating account can fund 4 years based on current expenses.

- b) She presented and explained slides outlining the Civic League and Roads and Maintenance Budgets for 2020-2021.
 - i) Conclusion: Based on the overall outlook, she poses the question, “Is it time to raise the recommended full RM fees?”
 - ii) She also explained the recent suspension of the organic debris program -- only 13% of fee paying residents are using it and the costs outweigh the income. She outlined three options:
 - (1) Progress from current suspension to termination.
 - (2) Raise the recommended Full Annual Fees – 1st time since 1985.
 - (3) Continue Service – but billed separately 1 month after debris collection. This would be in addition to your annual dues billing.
 - (4) Basil Matthews has graciously agreed to continue this service independently to be arranged individually. His contact information: matthewsbasil840@gmail.com, +1 (443) 562-6987.

- 4) Greater Roland Park Master Plan - Cara Kohler presented as Martha Holleman was not present.
 - a) Initial plan completed in 2011
 - b) Master Plan Committee initiated 10-year review
 - c) Met with leadership of 2010-2011 committee
 - d) Consulted with surrounding neighborhoods and affiliated groups
 - e) Reviewed accomplishments against original goals and surfaced new priorities. Key findings:
 - i) Major accomplishments in green space (tree planting, Stony Run Master Plan, Water Tower renovation/ park, bid for BCC)
 - ii) Continuing concerns around traffic safety, property crime
 - iii) Emerging priorities to better understand our history and how it shapes the present; embrace and support Roland Park Elementary/ Middle; serve as partner and advocate to/for neighboring communities and City at large
 - iv) Draft update available for review (contact holleman.martha@gmail.com)
 - v) Plans for 2021-2022 are to survey the community on any missing accomplishments and concerns and to rank priorities for the next decade of work.

- 5) Architectural Review and Roads and Maintenance - Tom Morrel shared highlights:
- a) Application activity reflects homeowners' interest in improving their homes, especially since many residents have spent significant time working from home over the past 14 months.
 - b) The proposal for additional security lighting at the Roland Park Shopping Center Bank of America ATM is still not acceptable due to light fixture selection by the bank's design engineer.
 - c) No new covenants have been signed in the past year.
 - d) Due to the pandemic, the Board is currently distributing application documents electronically for review and meeting virtually.
 - e) He reported that 62 applications were received last year. Most appeared to be for routine exterior improvements and clarification about acceptable door and window styles.
 - f) He reported about the properties under covenant, in total 82% (828 out of 1012) of properties in Roland Park are under covenants. There was a question about the total properties included under covenant and how they compare to the Roads and Maintenance billing list.

X) Goals for upcoming year: Outgoing President Bob Connors proposed goals for the Civic League's coming year.

- 1) New officers and directors will set final goals.
- 2) Encourage resident participation in our committees to support our community.
- 3) Encourage full participation in due and fees to support our mission and infrastructure including analysis of organic debris program.
- 4) Plan for community events as pandemic wanes .

XI) Adjournment at 8:10pm

"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."

Addendum: Odette Ramos, Councilwoman for District 4, was not able to stay for entire meeting but shared the following over the Zoom chat:

- a) May 20th at 6pm is the District 14 conversation with Baltimore City Public Schools about re-opening in September <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8274675571>
- b) I have a weekly E-Newsletter that comes out on Mondays. If you'd like to sign up, please email me odette.ramos@baltimorecity.gov and please email me for any other concerns.
- c) The Bag Ban is coming July 9th. If you have spare reusable bags, feel free to donate them to our effort to make sure everyone has reusable bags. We have a bin at the Waverly Farmer's Market compost stand for your reusable bags. - not your plastic store bags but your reusable bags.