



## Minutes of Civic League Monthly Board Meeting

Wednesday October 6, 2021

Hybrid: on Zoom and in

person at 4801 Roland Avenue, Roland Park Presbyterian.

In Attendance: Claudia Diamond, David Blumberg, Ed Goodlander, Steve Ralston, Mary Kay Battafarano, Rachel Dawson, Bobby Marinelli, Ann Barron Carneal, Ken Rice, Tom Hoen. Via Zoom: Patricia Carroll, Andy Niazy, Rita Walters. Absent: Martha Holleman, Margaret Black.

### 1. Routine Business

- a. President Claudia Diamond called the meeting to order at 7:05PM. Unfortunately the speakerphone was unable to connect with Zoom, resulting in audio challenges for those attending remotely throughout the meeting.
- b. Guest Speakers: Delegate, Tony Bridges provided an update. Sandy Rosenberg was delayed, he spoke later in the meeting.
- c. RPEMS parent April Newton presented a request for donation/s to the Annual Fund for support of their library through the fall "Run for Big Returns". David Blumberg personally pledged \$1,000. The Board will vote at a later date on a gift from the League Treasury.
- d. Erin Pauken was introduced and welcomed as our Office Manager.
- e. September Minutes circulated and revised were **Approved**.
- f. A discussion took place about our recent September Socials, which all considered a success with plans to repeat next year. Suggestions for improvement in future: provide name tags and budget for snacks. The QR code survey resulted in limited responses in Plat One and Two; it can be reused in the future.
- g. New neighbor welcome packets continue to be made available by Ann Barron Carneal for Plat Reps. to distribute with assistance from Erin in the office. A new volunteer is sought to continue this work.
- h. *In Our Community*: Claudia shared that an esteemed former resident, David Rudow has recently died. He founded the Community Foundation during the 1980's which continues today. Fond memories of David were shared by many in attendance.
- i. Plat Reps. are asked to get the word out about next week's speaker on October 13th at the Ivy Bookshop, when author Paige Glotzer will share insights on Baltimore's history of exclusionary practices in residential housing history fostered by developers including the Roland Park Company. This event is also being publicized through the usual online channels including social media.
- j. Claudia shared an update from Eddie's that the renovation work is underway in the basement as planned, more visible results on the first floor and entry are on track to occur in 2022.

### 2. New Business

- a. Roland Park Pool President, Chris Marshall appeared to request approval of their Board members according to existing bylaws. Action was deferred based on Ed Goodlander's request to review said bylaws in advance of a vote. Chris also advised these bylaws are pending revision for our approval in the next year.
- b. 5G pole installations on Kenwood Road, at Hawthorne and Ridgewood, were brought to the Board's attention by Joel and Mary Uhlfelder of 123 Hawthorne who have aesthetic concerns. They also question the location's close proximity to their home and the possibility of health concerns for their young children due to this new technology. Additional Hawthorne neighbors attended live and on Zoom because of this issue. It was mentioned that Guilford recently negotiated an agreement with the assistance of their City Council representative to limit such installations to arterial roads. A **motion was passed** to submit a written request to our City Councilperson seeking delay of this installation to facilitate our Project approval process and inform the community accordingly.
- c. Claudia has finalized a letter for use with neighbors when sidewalks and lanes are in need of attention to provide expected clearance for all.
- d. Agenda items deferred due to time constraints: Holiday giving project, transfer fee discussion, tree canopy report and spring projects to pursue.

### 3. Committees

- a. Nominating- Ed Goodlander reported that he has made progress interviewing neighbors to fill our three Plat Rep. vacancies and expects to present candidates for our approval next Month. In the meantime, David Blumberg has agreed to fill the Plat 6 role.
  - b. Landscape Committee of Community Foundation: Kathy Hudson reported on recent seasonal plantings in the Eddie's block by their committee.
  - c. Task Force on structural financial constraints- Claudia has insights to share with this group at their next meeting based on a recent conversation with a neighbor having local expertise.
  - d. Maintenance-the "Fall Blitz" work has been completed including the cleanup of sidewalks along Cold Spring Lane between Falls Road and Roland Ave. we approved last month. A report with photos for the community is being prepared. Note-the Mayor's Cleanup is Saturday, October 23, 2021.
4. **Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 9:05PM.