



Minutes of Civic League Monthly Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Hybrid-Zoom and Roland Park Presbyterian

4801 Roland Ave. (at Upland Rd), Baltimore MD 21210

Attending: Claudia Diamond, Tom Hoen, Ed Goodlander, MK Battafarano, David Fitzpatrick, Raman Tallamraju, Ann-Barron Carneal, John Morrel, Alisya Davis, David Blumberg (7:25) & Ken Rice (7:35).
On Zoom: Bobby Marinelli, Patricia Carroll, and Martha Holleman. **Absent:** Rachel Dawson, Rita Walters, Margaret Black, Andy Niazy and Steven Ralston.

The meeting started at 7:10PM, after an uninvited Zoom attendee joined inappropriately. Fortunately, our host the Presbyterian Church recently installed equipment to facilitate hybrid meetings, tonight is our first opportunity to use it in place of our previous amateur setup.

Routine Business

a. February minutes were APPROVED.

b. In our Community:

- Chris Marshall announced Sat. April 2, 2022 is Roland Park night at Center Stage and invited all to join the 8PM show of *Folks at Home* at a discount.
- Dana Moore, Baltimore' Chief Equity Officer for will be our speaker tomorrow night at the Public Library, please remember to RSVP to Head Librarian, Julie Johnson.
- Future speakers in our monthly Speaker Series, Thursdays at 6:30PM include:
 - April 7- Ethan Abbott, Rails to Trails Conservancy
 - May 5- Tony Bridges, new Executive Director for Blue Water Baltimore
 - June 2- a representative from Baltimore's Adelante Latina
- Gateway Trash removal efforts continue, tonight a Homeland neighbor, Howdy joins us to seek more volunteers for "1 hour, 1 bag". Next date is Sat. March 5, 2022 on Falls Rd Terrace, meet in the Terranova's front yard.
- Annual Membership Meeting is Wed., May 4, 2022 here in the Presbyterian Church.
- In the last month, the City has been observed removed dead trees from the verges, between sidewalks and streets, addressing the backlog of those reported via 311.
- The 7-11 store on Falls Rd. closed quickly within the last month.

Old Business

1. 5G Update-the required Section 106 historic review facilitated by the MD Historic Trust, as our State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) begins later this month for 10 locations in Roland Park. Look for further communication online re: how to submit comments and a deadline. The City Planning Dept. confirmed receipt of our related Community Impact Assessment from last month. Claudia thanked Joel DePalma.
2. Reminder-we are co-sponsoring with Guilford and Homeland an event centered around the book *Shelter* on May 11, 2022, as part of the Redeemer Speaker Series, 5603 N. Charles St. The Ivy Bookshop is offering the book for sale. Author, Lawrence Jackson is a local neighbor and JHU professor; he will attend and be interviewed.
3. Copies of the brochure mockup were handed out to Board members for review.



New Business

- a. Baltimore City's incumbent State's Attorney, Marilyn Mosby- cancelled tonight and requested we reschedule her to next month. Darryle Wharton from Ms. Mosby's office (SAO) joins us tonight by Zoom, he shared how she joined Greater Remington last month at the end of their meeting to discuss public safety and related policies of the SAO. A robust discussion took place amongst our Board and neighbors in attendance tonight about the propriety of hosting Ms. Mosby due to both the upcoming primary election and her pending federal indictment. Past practices of welcoming incumbent public officials and all candidates for office to speak at our meetings were also shared. Claudia and Ann-Barron offered to look into holding a separate candidate's forum. We agreed to include Ms. Mosby in our April 6th meeting, for a time limited presentation followed by Q&A. Ken Rice introduced a Motion: "I (Ken) will draft for the Board's future consideration a written policy for the League concerning outside guests, incumbent public officials and candidates for office", APPROVED. (Note- this draft will still need to be reviewed and voted upon).

4. Committee Reports

Finance	Treasurer, Trish Carroll verbally presented a report on income through December 31 st year over year. Declines are evident for both CL dues and R&M fees, down 6k and 10k respectively. It was suggested our later second mailing and high turnover of home owners during the pandemic may both be contributing factors. In the months remaining it's possible those outstanding payments will be made and close the gap/s.
Maintenance	Andrew Marani requested the 2022-23 budgeted spending for community maintenance. Trish invited him to present a written request at the next Finance Committee meeting.
Nominating	Ed Goodlander, as 2 nd VP chairs Nominating per bylaws; he's beginning to form this year's committee. The Secretary and Treasurer roles are vacant going forward, with one Plat Rep. opening. Current Board members please let Claudia or Ed know if you're unable to continue beyond May. Also, send names of potential qualified nominees to Ed.
Transportation	Mary Kay reported the Planning Commission is due to finalize the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) awards later this month, to include partial funding expected for implementation of recent study recommendations at Northern Parkway/Falls Rd.
Task Force	Recognizing that recommended full fees were established 35 years ago, Claudia charged this small but experienced group last summer to address the possibility of structural changes to facilitate increased revenue and improved billing options for both corporations. The concept of value for both dues and fees was recognized and recommended be emphasized in future marketing and communication efforts. Claudia plans to report further on findings /recommendations at the Annual Meeting May 4, 2022.

The meeting concluded at 8:50pm.