



ROLAND PARK

Minutes of Civic League Monthly Board Meeting

Location: Hybrid – Roland Park Presbyterian and Zoom

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

7 p.m.

Agenda:

1. Routine Business

- a. *In our Community! Welcome Dr. David Wilson, President, Morgan State*
- b. *Welcome new Board members and Office Manager*
- c. *Welcome Councilwomen Sharon Middleton & Odette Ramos*
- d. *Recognition of Julie Johnson, Enoch Pratt Library*
- e. *Approval of June Minutes*
- f. *September Socials*

2. Old Business

- a. *Update re: new database accounting system and budgeting*

3. Committee Reports

- a. *Ad hoc Committee on 5G*
- b. *Master Plan Committee*
- c. *Landscape Committee*
- d. *Maintenance Committee*

4. Adjourn

"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."

Minutes:

Convene:	7:06
Adjourn:	9:00

1. Routine Business

Agenda Item	Notes and Comments
In our Community! Welcome Dr. David Wilson, President, Morgan State	<p>President Diamond introduced Dr David Wilson.</p> <p>Dr. David Wilson provided updates on ongoing updates at Morgan State University.</p> <p>Vision: premier public urban research university in Maryland – every city of comparable size has a similar institution.</p> <p>Initiatives: drive pride and ownership through celebrating school colors and building landmarks like the Legacy Bridge; Retention and Graduation rates started around 65% and currently have 11 straight years of %70+ retention rates for the first time; won 3 national awards including a significant number of first generation college students; largest incoming freshman class and largest total enrollment ever in the most recent class – fastest growing public university in the state of Maryland; majority of incoming freshman are from out of state and 70+ countries are represented; #1 in awarded degrees to Black students in Maryland across several industries/domains; #1 in the nation in electrical engineering, civil engineering, and other engineering degrees.</p> <p>Future Vision: continue to evolve the institution, building on success and ascend to a premier global research institution that serves as an anchor institution in Baltimore; example of anchoring community: upgrades the Northwood Commons shopping center.</p> <p>School is in the process of a \$1.1B transformation of the university campus; new school of business and management, behavioral, social sciences building; health and human sciences, and others; state provisioned \$200M for new buildings.</p> <p>Dr. Wilson fielded questions from the audience.</p> <p>President Diamond asked if there are opportunities for our neighbors to support the school and its students; answer: Yes!; including mentorship and contributions to the food pantry on the campus.</p>
Welcome new Office Manager	President Diamond introduced our new RPCL Office Manager, Kristina Strakna.

<p>Welcome Councilwomen Sharon Middleton & Odette Ramos</p>	<p>The Councilwomen addressed the audience on the current water issue in West Baltimore; the Roland Park has not impacted; there are opportunities for volunteerism to hand out water; the councilwomen are in communication with the city offices to be abreast of the latest information and indicate that they will disseminate accordingly; investigations are undergoing.</p> <p>The Councilwomen debriefed the community on the 4th of July Parade and the incident where a child was hit by motor vehicle; Captain Jenkins of BPD and DOT representatives were contacted and indicate customer service and other sessions are being held to ensure a similar issue does not happen in the future; additionally, there were some issues with the permitting department that led to communication and coverage gaps; all parties acknowledge that events need to have proper coverage before they proceed and in the future, safety should preclude any community event.</p> <p>The shopping center area is being evaluated on how to deal with sewage grease; a pipe needs to be upsized to address the root cause of the issue; ongoing real-time fixes happen when the situation arises but permanent fix is forthcoming.</p> <p>For recurring or one-time issues, please continue to reach out to 311.</p> <p>Speed hump requests have been placed for several streets; curved roads cause some issues; the city only has 1 engineer which creates a backlog and delay.</p> <p>Some instances of deer control challenges; new contact in Forestry – Dan Coy.</p> <p>Roland Water Tower – tower is open, and falcons have returned and had babies!; the determination of whether the road should be closed or whether the area should be turned into a park is ongoing; there have been neighborhoods concerned with the process and access challenges which will be revisited to ensure all stakeholders are taken into account in decision making.</p> <p>Work is ongoing to revisit zoning rules.</p> <p>University Pwky is getting repaved and narrowed and will take several weeks</p> <p>Mervo High School is grieving a recent tragedy; there is a volunteer opportunity to support the school community and shower students and faculty with positivity; information is on the Mervo website.</p>
<p>Recognition of Julie Johnson, Enoch Pratt Library</p>	<p>President Diamond acknowledged Julie Johnson’s service and tenure at the Enoch Pratt Library (21 years).</p> <p>David Blumberg and other neighbors shared remarks on Ms. Johnson and thanked her for her tireless and gracious service to our community.</p>
<p>Approval of June Minutes</p>	<p>Minutes from the June meeting were approved by the board.</p>
<p>September Socials</p>	<p>Will be hosted throughout the fall; hosted by Plat representatives.</p> <p>Information will be posted online in various locations.</p>

2. Old Business

Agenda Item	Notes and Comments
<p>Update re: new database accounting system and budgeting</p>	<p>RPCL is implementing and deploying a new tool/system and process for invoicing neighbors for annual dues for RPCL and Roads & Maintenance.</p> <p>There will be a first run for known emails; follow on runs with a combination of electronic and mail.</p>

3. Committee Reports

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<p>Ad hoc Committee on 5G</p>	<p>Joel De Palma briefed the community that SHPO recently concluded as a result of the 106 review that they disagree with Verizon that they are following the proper process and protocols. Verizon is now in the process of amending their approach. This result applies to the 5 poles that are currently in process and not pre-existing or future poles. To date, Verizon has not contacted RPCL to collaborate.</p>

Master Plan Committee	N/A
Landscape Committee	Trees have been ordered for the fall; list to be confirmed but will be shared on NextDoor and Facebook. Stolen benches have been replaced and installed and secured (!!). Plantings at parking garage have been placed; native plants.
Maintenance Committee	N/A

4. Ad Hoc Discussions

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Annual Wiffleball Tournament	A group of local students are assembling a tournament to raise money for baseball and softball teams in Baltimore City including Carver and Patterson. The group requests a donation from RPCL as a sponsor (\$150). Motion made and approved by the board.

5. Motions

Motion	Result
Approve June Minutes	Approve
Approve \$150 donation to raise money for local school baseball and softball teams	Approve

Attendance:

1. Board Member Attendance

In Attendance	Total	Quorum?
15	18	Yes

Position	Board Member	Attendance
President	Claudia Diamond	Yes
First Vice President	Tom Hoen	Yes
Second Vice President	Ed Goodlander	Yes
Secretary	David Fitzpatrick	Yes
Treasurer	Dan Reck	Yes
Plat 1 Representative	Alisya Davis	No
Plat 1 Representative	Ann-Barron Carneal	Yes
Plat 2 Representative	Steven Ralston	Yes
Plat 3 Representative	Ken Rice	Yes
Plat 4 Representative	Tim Hreha	Yes
Plat 5 City Representative	Andy Niazy	No
Plat 5 County Representative	Rachel Dawson	Yes
Plat 6 Representative	David Blumberg	Yes
At Large A	Raman Tallamraju	Yes
At Large B	Cara Kohler	Yes
At Large C	Veida McCampbell	Yes
At Large D	Martha Holleman	No
At Large E	Rita Walters	Yes
Roads & Maintenance President	John Morrel	No

2. Notable Guests:

Dr. David Wilson, President, Morgan State

Kristina Strakna, RPCL Office Manager

Councilwomen Sharon Middleton & Odette Ramos

Julie Johnson, Enoch Pratt Library