



## ROLAND PARK

### Minutes of Civic League Monthly Board Meeting

Location: Hybrid – Roland Park Presbyterian and [Zoom](#)

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

7 p.m.

#### Agenda:

1. Routine Business

- a. *November Minutes for approval*
- b. *Acknowledgement: Don McPherson*
- c. *RPEMS Foundation: Fence Renovation*
- d. *In our Community!*
  - i. *State Delegates Attar, Rosenberg, and Bridges*
  - ii. *Author and RP resident Jason Gay*
  - iii. *RP Baseball League request for donation*
  - iv. *Santa Visits RP – 12/17*
  - v. *Toys for Tots Drive; Mitten and Scarves drive*
  - vi. *Meals for First Responders*

2. Old Business

- a. *Finance PayHoa update*

3. Committee Reports

- a. *Adhoc 5G*
- b. *Transportation*
- c. *DEI*
- d. *Maintenance, Landscape*

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:	7:02
Adjourn:	8:54

### 1. Routine Business

Agenda Item	Notes and Comments
Approval of November Minutes	No quorum at the beginning of the meeting (right?), so we'll approve either by email or at the next meeting.
Acknowledgement: Don McPherson	Chris Marshall shared his memories and experiences with Don. 50 years! Mary Page Michel and others shared their memories of him. Someone asked if Chris would share his comments.
RPEMS Foundation: Fence Renovation	Tom Gamper - Reported that the RPEMS fish fence needs \$24,000 to repair/replace it. They currently have \$6000. They are soliciting the alumnae community. They are also asking that the Civic League consider a contribution. Then, a bit of trout talk.
In Our Community:	
State Delegates Attar, Rosenberg, and Bridges	<p>State Delegate Sandy Rosenberg:</p> <p>Falls and Northern intersection needs improvement. Speed ticket money has to go for I-83 issues. Cold Spring at Poly-Western also needs work to control traffic and to help students navigate their way to and from school. Delegate Rosenberg agreed that something like a footbridge might help, but he was not sure exactly how much revenue that they are getting and where it will be allocated.</p> <p>There was a question about where the Roland Ave speed camera revenue goes and he replied that does not know.</p> <p>He mentioned 2 frontburner issues -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Protect health care providers who serve patients out of state.</li> <li>b) Handgun law amended. In discussion to provide protections.</li> </ul> <p>It is also a crucial year for improvements at Pimlico.</p> <p>He pointed out that now that we will have a Democratic Governor, bills might be able to move forward more efficiently, especially the Red Line transportation and extending sympathies to areas that Baltimore deserves attention.</p> <p>RP president asked about a possible 2028 renovation/demolition for Poly. A racehorse owner offered that funding Pimlico should be on par with Laurel.</p> <p>Council Member Middleton has asked for input. Community could get behind this as safety for kids crossing streets is an important issue.</p> <p>Delegate Dalia Attar - Asks: What would you like to see this session?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) School/Education is her priority – Kerwin. Western, Poly , teachers. She will leave some materials about their work.</li> <li>b) She sees crime as a major issue on folks' minds and in their lives. She did a lot of work on the PROTECT Act - Public Resources Organized to End Crime Together.</li> <li>c) 83 takes up a lot of patrolling time from the officers. She would like to hear from us, so asked us to please reach out.</li> </ul>

Author and RP resident Jason Gay	Jason Gay's book: I Would Not Do That If I Were Me . He shared that his family recently moved here. His wife grew up here and they appreciate having space here in BMO, RPBL, and all that RP has to offer. His kids are at RPEMS and Jemicy and his wife works at Gilman. RPBL. Check out his book!
RP Baseball League request for donation	Sponsorship – question about whether we have money to donate. Biggest barrier is not email addresses, but the lack of funds.
Santa Visits RP – 12/17	Coming soon – there will be an announcement and a map on social media.
Toys for Tots Drive; Mitten and Scarves Drive	Please donate to this effort, if you can.
Meals for First Responders	3 efforts to support the community – these are good RP traditions that benefit from all of our generous efforts. Firefighters' Dinners Police Northern District Meal Toys for Tots

## 2. Old Business

Agenda Item	Notes and Comments
Finance/PayHoa update	<p>Treasurer Dan Reck, President Claudia Diamond, et al</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Revenue collection is even lower than previously - the new system has caused a lag. Paper invoices will go out to cover all plats. Discussion about why folks don't pay or don't pay full fee and how it's affecting our budget.</li> <li>+ We need to get data on how many residents have paid, what percent are paying basic versus full and also who is not on our list.</li> <li>+ General Discussion – about the reserves and how it all works.</li> <li>+ That we did not have data is the reason why we went to the PayHOA but there is still bad data in the system.</li> <li>+ A recommendation was made to change the archaic fee structure.</li> <li>+ Can we enforce collection of fees? How?</li> <li>+ Apt Buildings are much at fault for not paying.</li> <li>+ There was a move to not do any discretionary funding until March, when we have a better sense of the budget.</li> <li>+ More discussion of the exact budget and what exactly it pays for – main expenses like landscaping, parks, snow plowing, and also deferred maintenance.</li> </ul> <p>We'll use the February meeting to update the Board on our financial situation (revenues to date, pending collections and current expenses). This motion passed.</p>

## 3. Committee Reports

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<p>Ad Hoc 5G Committee</p>	<p>Joel and - Ed Gunts – Update -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ They are waiting to hear from Verizon.</li> <li>+ Verizon says that they consulted with us enough and won't do any further.</li> <li>+ Questions remain unanswered. All current permits will lapse – they will not move forward – 5 cell nodes will not go up.</li> <li>+ BBaldwins via zoom – says that the community had a chance to give thoughts. We asked MD Hist Trust – they gave a ruling and now Verizon has decided not to “play.”</li> <li>+ Robust conversation ensued.</li> <li>+ One question: Can we ever go back to Verizon if we/the community changes its mind?. How can we consider some other options?</li> </ul>
<p>Transportation Committee</p>	<p>Discussion during the virtual meeting held 11.10.22 was limited to the western section of the intersection Northern Parkway as shown in the attached photo titled #1-Preliminary Improvements. The project will begin in FY 2023 using the allotted 5M CIP (Capital Improvement Projects) funding to create engineering plans, before any timeframe for the construction can be considered.</p> <p>Recall that to complete the entire project the will require additional CIP funding of 6M (or more). Sandy Rosenberg who attended the webex suggested submitting a joint letter annually until the project is fully funded and installed. A draft is underway accordingly to send this month, so expect to sign off on this as RPCL President. (NB: Diamond signed off on the letter 12/8).</p> <p>Attending was Graham Young, a DOT engineer, who we know from Roland Avenue, having recently been assigned to the project. His current title is Complete Streets Manager. Previously, Valerie Lacour DOT Manager of Strategic Initiatives was the point person. Liam Davis DOT Legislative Affairs Manager continues to be involved.</p> <p>PS-there was no mention of work on Falls Rd. south to Cold Spring, but a slide was briefly flashed on the screen from last year's CIP report (which references a bike facility). This is the final attachment here</p>

<p>DEI Committee</p>	<p>Martha Holleman reviewed ad hoc Committee recommendations on race equity and inclusion as presented in June – Acknowledge our history, build skills around DEI and better connect with the community as a whole. Recommendation was to work as a committee of the whole, rather than as a subcommittee (hence current report to Board).</p> <p>Updates: Board has reconnected with RPEMS, reached out to Guilford and Homeland on a possible joint statement about history (they’re not interested in a written statement per se but are interested in sharing current efforts) and connected with Live Baltimore about promoting the neighborhood to wide audiences.</p> <p>Also asked RP community for feedback on recommendations (via fall newsletter).</p> <p>Got comments back on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ More work to be done on racial diversity and housing.</li> <li>+ Including Poly and Western in embrace of community schools (i.e. feature in newsletter, reach out to for opportunities for support)</li> <li>+ Acknowledge the work of others in the community already doing this work, like the efforts of the Presbyterian Church.</li> <li>+ Recognizing/ attending to issues and concerns raised about the Roland Water Tower, the proposed pocket park and community access via the existing road.</li> </ul> <p>Civic League members attended town Hall on Water Tower. Learned much more about the history of Hoes Heights and the challenges the community has had with the road closure and barriers. WYPR also produced a podcast that gives a great overview of the history, background and current controversy.</p> <p>Situation is deeply unfortunate. Many worked very hard on the restoration of The Water Tower over the past 12 years. Many also feel unheard and disrespected by the planning process as it evolved.</p> <p>City Council (Councilman Torrance) is taking action to re-survey close- in neighbors from Hoes Heights and Healthbrook on their desires for the road and access. Mayor Scott has had the barriers removed.</p> <p>Recommendation for Civic League moving forward is to listen closely to the interests of neighboring communities for the Water Tower park and access road and support their plans for moving forward.</p> <p>Tim Hreha, Plat 4 rep offered via email “ I just want to say that we hope our reps include all of the surrounding communities in the new survey, not just Hoes Heights and Heathbrook”</p>
<p>Maintenance/Landscape Committee</p>	<p>Kathy Hudson - Talked about the issue of folks choosing not to pay dues. It all seems very transactional instead of giving to the greater good.</p> <p>Andrew Mariani - We are doing all the maintenance that is built into the contract.</p> <p>President Diamond - Wyndhurst and Wilmslow traffic not stopping at crosswalks is an issue that needs addressing.</p>

**4. Ad Hoc Discussions**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Notes and Comments</b>
NA	NA

**5. Motions**

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Result</b>
Approve November Minutes	No Quorum

## Attendance:

### 1. Board Member Attendance

In Attendance	Total	Quorum?
11	18	Yes

Position	Board Member	Attendance
President	Claudia Diamond	Y
First Vice President	Tom Hoen	Y
Second Vice President	Ed Goodlander	Y
Secretary	David Fitzpatrick	
Treasurer	Dan Reck	Y
Plat 1 Representative	Alisya Davis	
Plat 1 Representative	Ann-Barron Carneal	Y
Plat 2 Representative	Steven Ralston	
Plat 3 Representative	Ken Rice	Y
Plat 4 Representative	Tim Hreha	Y
Plat 5 City Representative	Andy Niazy	
Plat 5 County Representative	Rachel Dawson	
Plat 6 Representative	David Blumberg	Y
At Large A	Raman Tallamraju	
At Large B	Cara Kohler	Y
At Large C	Veida McCampbell	
At Large D	Martha Holleman	Y
At Large E	Rita Walters	
Roads & Maintenance President	John Morrel	Y

### 2. Notable Guests:

State Delegates Attar, Rosenberg, and Bridges

Author and RP resident Jason Gay