



## ROLAND PARK

### **Minutes of Civic League Monthly Board Meeting**

Location: Hybrid – Roland Park Presbyterian and Zoom

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

#### **Agenda:**

1. Routine Business
  - a. December Minutes to be approved
  - b. In our Community! RPCL at Live Baltimore “Trolley Tour” event
  - c. Annual Meeting date and speaker
  - d. Treasurer’s Report
  - e. City agency liaison reports
  - f. Report on Fire Station Staffing
  - g. Update on New Business in old Evergreen Café location
2. Old Business
  - a. Workgroup Report on Jan 25 Revenue Discussion
3. Committee Reports
  - a. Ad hoc Committee on 5G
  - b. Master Plan Committee
  - c. Landscape 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:	7:01
Adjourn:	8:14

### 1. Routine Business

Agenda Item	Notes and Comments
December Minutes to be approved	Motion was proposed and approved unanimously
In our Community! RPCL at Live Baltimore “Trolley Tour” event	President Diamond shared that Rachel Dawson has been coordinating with Live Baltimore and hosted a table to share information and promote city living. More volunteer opportunities of this nature will be available in the future.
Annual Meeting date and speaker	Hosted on May 3 <sup>rd</sup> ; Mayor Scott will be guest speaker; RPEMS multi-purpose room will be the location.
Treasurer’s Report	RPCL Treasurer was not able to attend to present his report
City agency liaison reports	<p>Anthony Greene (DPW) attended and discussed two key DPW initiatives: 1) Paperless Billing is a big push to be green and efficient 2) several ongoing efforts to manage rising water bills – Water for All provides federal funds for water billing support and other state initiatives such as Pay as You Go; visit their websites for information; No interim DPW Director has identified</p> <p>Eric James (DPT) our Department of Transportation liaison. Signage has been put up to address pedestrian issues at Deepdene and Wyndhurst. Kathy Hudson asked Mr. James about the 1 purple light put in recently who suggested he would investigate and inquire..</p>
Report on Fire Station Staffing	<p>Michelle Pasternack shared a report she prepared discussing shortages in fire and medic staffing in Roland Park and across the city which results in delayed response times and degraded working conditions.</p> <p>The fire team asked for Roland Park neighbors to engage our local council members to address budgetary concerns to make the community safer.</p> <p>President Diamond reached out to the Fire Department and discussed some of the issues referenced in the aforementioned report and was informed some of the items were being addressed, some of the shortages will be addressed in upcoming Fire Department recruitment classes, and others remain open.</p> <p>An invitation has been extended to the fire chief and the firemen to join the March RPCL to discuss some of these issues. President Diamond will reach out to councilwoman Ramos to attend with the intent to have a engaged discussion about the current state and how the community can provide support and impact.</p>

Update on New Business in old Evergreen Café location	<p>Matthew Mulcahy – Keswick Assoc. and Finn Lepski – Evergreen Assoc. attended to discuss conversations with Binod Uprety about the plans for the new restaurant and how to manage each party’s interest in relation to operating hours and liquor licenses.</p> <p>The two associations have developed an MOU for an understanding between the two/three neighborhood associations for the Evergreen space and the laundromat. The intent is to have alignment between the communities and Mr. Uprety with RPCL sharing their support.</p> <p>The group discussed the mechanics and the levers that are available to influence the liquor licensing process.</p> <p>The group discussed supporting the draft MOU and agreeing to collaborate on any formal drafting MOU between the three groups. RPCL board will need to vote and approve any formal draft that may be presented and approved. The draft MOU will have language changed to present the three associations together as determined by the board.</p>
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**2. Old Business**

Agenda Item	Notes and Comments
Workgroup Report on Jan 25 Revenue Discussion	<p>President Diamond shared with the group that the board convened to discuss opportunities to increase revenue. The group determined a committee needs to be formed to present ideas to the community at the Annual Meeting as to how to improve the community engagement and increase funds to maintain and improve our neighborhood and landscaping.</p> <p>Tom Hoen and Dan Reck were recognized for their efforts in the transition to PayHOA which has provided visibility and transparency into our fund collection and where we can find opportunities for improvement.</p>

**3. Committee Reports**

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Landscape Committee	<p>107 trees are coming in for public and private areas; additional trees are being replanted; bump outs have been maintained and are now more visible.</p> <p>The committee will provide the list of people who will be receiving trees for the board to reach out.</p>

**4. Ad Hoc Discussions**

Agenda Item	Notes and Comments
Roland Park Water Tower	<p>The road around the water tower will remain open and the new planning phase has been initiated. Mr. Torrence and Councilwoman Ramos are leading the effort and will be taking into account equity.</p>

**5. Motions**

Motion	Result
December Minutes Approval	Approved

## Attendance:

### 1. Board Member Attendance

In Attendance	Total	Quorum?
13	18	Yes

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

### 2. Notable Guests:

*Anthony Greene – DPW*

*Eric James – DPT*

*Matthew Mulcahy – Keswick Assoc.*

*Finn Lepski – Evergreen Assoc.*