



ROLAND PARK

Minutes of Civic League Annual Board Meeting

Location: Hybrid – Roland Park Elementary and Middle School and Zoom

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Mayor Brandon Scott
3. RPCL Bill & Vivienne Wilson Award Presentation
4. Office Manager Update
5. Annual Highlights
6. Financial Overview
7. 2023 – Year of the Paths
8. Councilwomen Odette Ramos and Sharon Middleton-Green
9. RPCF Update
10. Board Departures and Nominations
11. RP R&M Nominations
12. Upcoming Items
13. 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:	6:00
Adjourn:	7:48

Agenda Item	Notes and Comments
<p>Introductions</p>	<p>President Diamond welcomed the audience and convened the Annual Meeting.</p> <p>President Diamond reviewed the Roland Park organizations that serve the community; Roland Park Civic League, Roland Park Roads & Maintenance (Architectural Review Board), Roland Park Community Foundation</p> <p>President Diamond reviewed the fee structure for our community members and where they are allocated and what they serve.</p> <p>President Diamond reviewed the past and recent history of the organizations.</p> <p>President Diamond discussed the environment of revenue collection and budgetary challenges to support the community in its mission and endeavors. She also introduced some of the changes that have been made in the last year.</p>
<p>Mayor Brandon Scott</p>	<p>Mayor Scott thanked the volunteers in the City and in the neighborhood for the time and efforts in striving to make our city better.</p> <p>Mayor Scott discussed some of his administration's efforts including modernization.</p> <p>Mayor Scott took questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekly recycling will return in Q1 of 2024; DPW fleet is being modernized; staffing and retention is being addressed; prioritizing CDL training and bonuses • More funding is anticipated for road resurfacing which is a result of federal infrastructure efforts and highway user revenue increases; City is coordinating with vendors/contractors to improve coordination with digging roads and standards for returning roads to the state they were in prior any project • Police response times are a focus for the Mayor's effort; part of the issue is that people are calling 911 for non-emergency issues and triaging those issues better will increase response time across the board • The mayor's office is prioritizing public private partnership when it is advantageous for the financial health of the city • The major drop in the presence of Squeegee Boys around the City as a result of the office's Squeegee collaborative • Mayor Scott called for the community to continue to care about their neighborhood and to find opportunities to mentor the youth of the City. • Mayor Scott discussed reducing access to guns for the population of the City and the benefits that would result. <p>President Diamond thanked the Mayor and thanked the City liaisons who consistently participate in our community meetings and support our neighborhood.</p>

<p>RPCL Bill & Vivienne Wilson Award Presentation</p>	<p>President Diamond introduced the award and that its recipient acknowledges notable stewards of Roland Park.</p> <p>This year's award is presented to David Blumberg. President Diamond shared memories and remarks on David and his impact to the community including spearheading an effort to raise capital funding to ensure the Roland Park Enoch Pratt Library remained open.</p> <p>Susan Newhouse shared remarks about Mr. Blumberg and his time as a leader within the community and his efforts to retain the Roland Park Enoch Pratt Library.</p> <p>Chris McSherry shared additional remarks about Mr. Blumberg.</p> <p>Mr. Blumberg shared remarks about his 35 years in Roland Park and conveyed his appreciation for the recognition.</p>
<p>Office Manager Update</p>	<p>President Diamond recognized the impact of outgoing Office Manager Kristina Strakna, specifically the advancement of our use of the new community management tool PAYHOA.</p> <p>President Diamond introduced Ms. Strakna's replacement Pat Sarratt.</p>
<p>Annual Highlights</p>	<p>President Diamond shared highlights from the year in the form of guest speakers, discussions about the history of the neighborhood, social and community events, community clean ups, and ensured federal/state processes were upheld.</p>
<p>Financial Overview</p>	<p>President Diamond briefed the audience on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved to PayHOA which has resulted in more efficiency and less administrative costs • Finishing a period of austerity during the transition to PayHOA to mitigate risk associated with the move • Year with no snow • Raising Revenues with fewer expenses • Initiated working groups to review how to collect delinquent accounts. • Results in plans to address years of deferred maintenance <p>Treasurer Reck shared remarks about the financial performance of the organization indicating a \$69,000 surplus Budget to Actual.</p>
<p>2023 – Year of the Paths</p>	<p>President Diamond shared with the community about the plans to restore the paths in the neighborhood that need the most maintenance and renew the path signs.</p> <p>Estimated expenses are \$50,000.</p>
<p>Councilwomen Odette Ramos and Sharon Green-Middleton</p>	<p>Councilwoman Ramos shared some of her key areas of focus including traffic abatement on University Parkway and the upcoming sale of a church in the neighborhood.</p> <p>Councilwoman Middleton-Green shared remarks about her key areas of focus and an update on a local fire.</p>
<p>RPCF Update</p>	<p>Chris McSherry updated the community on the Hillside Park. The progress is moving slower than desired but hoping to have the sale closed in 2023-2024. Funds are still being raised and grants are being applied for and received.</p> <p>The RPCF landscape committee is active in the neighborhood and working on replacing trees in the neighborhood.</p>
<p>Board Departures and Nominations</p>	<p>President Diamond shared remarks on outgoing League Representatives; Martha Holleman, Rachel Dawson, Andy Niazzy, and David Blumberg.</p> <p>President Diamond introduced the 2023-2024 Board Nominations.</p> <p>The community voted for and approved the 2023-2024 Board Nominations and the 2022 Annual Meeting minutes.</p>

RP R&M Nominations	John Morrel introduced Patrick Ward, nominee for President and Michael McCann for Plat 1. The Roland Park Civic League board voted to approve the nominations.
Upcoming Items	In the next year, meetings will start at 6:30 pm for board business and community presentations at 7 pm. Meeting format will be discussed as to whether virtual participation will continue.

Motions

Motion	Result
Approval of the 2023-2024 Board Nominations	Approved
Approval 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes	Approved
Approval of the Roads & Maintenance Nominations	Approved

Attendance:

1. Board Member Attendance

In Attendance	Total	Quorum?
	18	

Position	Board Member	Attendance
President	Claudia Diamond	Yes
First Vice President	Tom Hoen	No
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	No
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	No
Plat 6 Representative	David Blumberg	Yes
At Large A	Raman Tallamraju	Yes
At Large B	Cara Kohler	No
At Large C	Veida McCampbell	Yes
At Large D	Martha Holleman	Yes
At Large E	Rita Walters	No

2. Notable Guests:

Mayor Brandon Scott

Councilwoman Odette Ramos

Councilwoman Sharon Green-Middleton