

Civic League Board Meeting
June 6, 2018
Mennonite Church

In Attendance: Bob Connors, Anne Stuzin, Chris McSherry, Jennifer Viglucci, Blair Storzer, Tom Carlson, Mary Kay Battafarano, Ashley Handwerk, Cara Shea Kohler, Dan McIntyre, Ann-Barron Carneal, Chris Cortright

1. President's Introduction: President Connors called the meeting to order at 7:46. He invited the newly-elected Board members to introduce themselves and presented the meeting agenda.
2. Police and Firefighters Report
 - a. Captain Dave Magaha, from the Roland Avenue Fire House was in attendance. He reported that Truck 25 has been replaced by the new engine and is now in Hampden. Construction of the new roof on the firehouse is underway and is estimated to be done in two weeks.
 - b. There was no police department representative.
3. Routine Business
 - a. Minutes approval: Blair Storzer moved for the approval of the March and April Minutes, with the intended correction of Principal D'Ambrosio's name on the circulated minutes. Ashley Handwerk seconded the Motion, which was unanimously approved by voice vote.
 - b. COI disclosure forms: The 2017 revisions to the RPCL bylaws directed the Board to create a conflict of interest policy. This policy was approved at the March 2018 RPCL meeting. All Board members must complete a conflict of interest disclosure form and turn it in to the Secretary. Completed forms will then be stored in the RPCL office. The policy and form are available on the RPCL website. Blair Storzer asked Board members to please complete them and noted that she will have copies available at the July meeting.
 - c. Communications committee: The 2017 revisions to the RPCL bylaws also directed the Board to create a communications plan. This plan was approved at the March 2018 RPCL meeting. The plan is available on the RPCL website. There are ten different areas that need to be divided up for responsibilities. Mary Kay Battafarano read these and asked for volunteers for the various roles. She encouraged Board members to review the plan and this will be revisited at the July meeting.
 - d. Committee assignments: We have a bunch of committee that we need people to participate on. Anybody can be a chair of a committee. We will circulate the list of committees to the community and seek volunteers.
 - i. The standing committees specified in the RPCL bylaws include: Audit, Executive, Finance, Land Use & Zoning, Maintenance, the Greater Roland

Park Master Plan and Nominating. Additionally, an ad-hoc Social Committee was created during the last year. Per the Bylaws, the Second Vice President (Ann Stuzin) is the Chair of the Nominating Committee. Otherwise, we will need to solicit people for these roles.

- e. Budget approval: Jennifer Viglucci presented the proposed members of the Finance Committee.
 - i. Jennifer Viglucci moved for approval of the following members of the Finance Committee: Jennifer Viglucci (Chair), Cara Shea Kohler, Scott Matt Clark, Ian McFarlane, Beth Hayes, Tim Schere and Bob Connors (Nonvoting). The Motion was seconded by Chris McSherry and passed unanimously by voice vote.
- f. GRPMP Update and call for new members:
 - i. Bob Connors has been the Chairman of the Greater Roland Park Master Plan Committee. Committee members have included: Ann Teaff, Leslie Goldsmith, Blake Goldsmith and Blair Storzer.
 - ii. The Committee has been meeting and reviewing the We focused on five categories: Traffic Engineering, Community, Crime, Infrastructure and Landscaping.
- g. New Roland Avenue/University Parkway Committee: Bob Connors introduced the idea of creating a committee to review the plan for Roland Avenue and perhaps University Parkway, and widening the focus of a committee to the whole of Roland Avenue rather than only focusing on the cycle track. There was discussion of this idea, but no vote was taken.
- h. Sale of Alonso's to current owner of Namaste: Steve Summers, the current owner of Alonso's has notified the Civic League of his intent to sell his business to Binod Uprety, the owner of Namaste, and to transfer the liquor license to him.
 - i. Bob Connors moved that the Civic League should support the transfer of the liquor license, which motion was seconded by Cara Shea Kohler and passed unanimously by voice vote.

4. Roads and Maintenance

- a. Tom Carlson nominated Claire McLaurin to serve as the Plat 2 Representative on the Roland Park Roads & Maintenance Board. The motion was seconded by Chris McSherry and unanimously approved by voice vote.
- b. Shopping center proposal: There has been an ongoing issue for years with respect to the windows at the Roland Park Shopping Center. We have a unique condition with the covenant for the shopping center. The Civic League holds the covenant but has asked Roads & Maintenance to review the proposal and to forward comments. A few years ago, the owner of the shopping center started taking specialized leaded windows out from the second floor without permission. There is a CHAP designation to this property in addition to the covenant. CHAP got a

stop work order on the property after this started, and the shopping center was directed to replace the windows but didn't. The shopping center owner has now submitted a proposal to Roads & Maintenance for new windows. Tom Carlson passed out copies of the proposal and discussed the specifics. Roads & Maintenance has reviewed the proposal and recommended an approval by the Civic League with three conditions.

- i. Tom Carlson moved that the Civic League approve the proposal, which motion was seconded by Cara Shea Kohler and unanimously approved by voice vote.

5. Social Committee

- a. Aaron Parker presented the report as to upcoming Fourth of July Parade.
 - i. The Police and Fire Truck are on board. There is a band coming. The usual things with popsicles are in motion and the Presbyterian Church is also on board.
 - ii. Bob Connors floated the idea of selling t-shirts or engaging in some other fundraising at the Civic League parade. Discussion was also that a table set up at the parade could provide education as to the various Roland Park entities and encourage community members to join the Civic League or to pay their full Roads & Maintenance dues.
- b. New resident welcoming efforts: Ann-Barron Carneal suggested that people moving in to Roland Park should receive a letter discussing the various aspects of life in Roland Park, which would include information about the RPCL, Roads and Maintenance, and the Roland Park Foundation as well as community events.

6. June 14th BCDOT meeting: This is the rescheduled meeting date for Baltimore City Department of Transportation to present their proposed revised designs for Roland Avenue.

- a. Bob Connors and Anne Stuzin met with Sharon Middleton and Michelle Porciou earlier this week regarding the next meeting. They are keeping their plans close to the vest at the moment. The Director clearly understands that we have a new Project Approval process in place and has said that she will abide by that.
- b. Work of RAI and latest petition opinions: There is a new petition put forth by people who are using the cycle track. Bob Connors introduced Peter Armitage who is the principal organizer of this new petition. Mr. Armitage discussed the petition. Susan Newhouse of the Roland Avenue Initiative was also invited to speak. She discussed her group's position.
- c. Community preparation: Bob Connors stated that he asked Director Porciou to come to the meeting with data to back up any proposal. We don't yet know what the format of the meeting will be.

7. Bob Connors adjourned the Meeting at 9:38.