

Roland Park Civic League  
October 3, 2018  
7:00-9:00 PM

Attendance: Ed Goodlander, Anne Stuzin, Trish Carroll, Chris McSherry, Tom Carlson, Bob Connors, Ashley Handwerk, Steve Grantz, Mary Kay Battafarano, Dan McIntyre, Cara Shea Kohler, Dan Motz, Blair Storzer, Ann-Barron Carneal, Jennifer Viglucci, Richard Bruno, Kristin Herber

1. Routine Business

1. Bob Connors called the meeting to order at 7:06.
2. Police/Fire Updates: Officer Andrew McCarty (cell phone: 443-791-3808; email: Andrew.Mccarty@baltimorepolice.org) and Officer Gina Saunders attended the meeting. The Club Road carjacking is still an open case. There have not been any other patterns. There was a murder in Federal Hill that is being actively worked. There is not a pattern that the police are aware of at this time. Residents are encouraged to reach out to Officer McCarty on his cell phone with any suspicious activity. Chris McSherry asked Officer McCarty about a recent post on NextDoor made by a resident who noticed men standing on the street talking about committing violence with a car following behind them. Officer McCarty said that he read the post and residents should email him with these types of concerns. As far as what to do if residents notice something that indicates imminent violence, residents should call 9-1-1.
3. Draft minutes for approval: Blair Storzer noted that the conflict of interest forms mandated by the Board's Bylaws have been signed by all Board members and will be deposited at the RPCL office. No conflicts have been reported.
  1. Blair Storzer moved for the approval of the previously circulated September regular meeting minutes with the additions:
    1. That the Minutes will reflect:
      1. a suggestion that the traffic study requested by the letter that we are signing on to be extended from Falls Road and Northern Parkway to North Charles Street and Northern Parkway; and;
      2. a desire to thank Mary Pat Clarke for her efforts to retain police officers in our community,
      3. which motion was seconded by Ashley Handwerk and passed unanimously by voice vote.
    2. Motion by Blair Storzer for the approval of the Minutes of the September Special Meeting, which motion was seconded by Steve Grantz and passed unanimously by voice vote.

2. New Business

1. Alonso's MOU update: Chris McSherry reported on the meeting held with Mr. Uprety, his attorney, the presidents of Keswick and Evergreen. In the current MOU there is a requirement that Alonso's may only stay open until 11:00 on

- weeknights and 11:30 on weekends. Mr. Uprety would like to make that 12:00 on weeknight and 12:30 on weekend. There has been agreement to extend these hours in a revised MOU to be filed.
2. Stony Run/Wilmslow update: We were asked to sign on to a letter that was sent by a number of residents on Wilmslow to DPW. The Board approved the signing of that letter, and it was sent earlier this week. The letter has been signed by the neighboring community associations, several neighbors, friends of Stony Run and the Roland Park Community Foundation. Aaron Parker reported on the ongoing issues related to the City's work on the Stony Run path. The City has proposed to do work on the Stony Run path, but the plan for the work includes, *inter alia*, the removal of 50 trees. The letter asks the City to review and revise its current plan.
  3. 1<sup>st</sup> annual Octoberfest/Halloween event: The Board has been talking about a first annual Halloween or Harvest Festival. This Church will be doing a "trunk or treat" on Halloween night. We are hoping that the RPCL will man a table at that event. We will look into an event for next year. There is also some interest in, perhaps, an egg hunt for Easter.
  4. Communication plan: Bob Connors briefly reviewed the September discussion related to the need for assistance communicating with our neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods. The Board has voted to allocate some money toward retaining a consultant. A Doodle Poll has been sent to Board members to try to convene the first focus group to discuss this in further detail.
  5. Roland Avenue Safety Design Consultants: We have been talking to DOT and have been asked to select a Design Consultant that is already approved by the City and is on the "on-call" list. We have reviewed the list sent to us by the City. There are teams that have worked together in the past. Kathy Manson of the Landscape Committee of the RPCF had questions and noted that the P.E.L.A. had some involvement early-on with the Master Plan and had worked on the stormwater management and bioretention plan for Roland Avenue, which failed. We don't know if the design or installation was botched. There was discussion about trying to loop in Peter Furth, a Professor who has worked on several different options. DOT will be paying for the consultants. We don't know what the specific different costs will be, but we assume that they will all be about the same. It is very likely that we will be asked if there are aesthetic things that we want, that the City will ask us to pitch in.
    1. There will be a small committee, including Bob Connors, Jon Laria and DOT.
    2. Richard Bruno moved that we accept WR&A and P.E.L.A. as the design consultants, which motion was seconded by Chris McSherry and passed unanimously by voice vote.
    3. The hope is to include Professor Furth in the planning.
  6. Approval of revised R and M bylaws: Ashley Handwerk moved to approve the revised Roads & Maintenance bylaws that were previously circulated 10 days prior to the meeting in accordance with the requirements of the current Roads and Maintenance bylaws for approval of amendments, which motion was seconded and unanimously approved by voice vote.
  7. RPEMS Request for donation: Principal Amanda Brown had attended the September meeting to ask for a donation. The Finance Committee has allotted \$500 for this donation. Bob Connors moved to approve a \$500 donation to

RP/EMS, which motion was seconded by Kristin Herber and unanimously approved by voice vote.

8. Councilwoman Middleton stated that she was aware of the robbery incident on Club Road. Additionally, the Maryland Women's Commission approached Councilwoman Middleton to host an event for people who would like to be part of the Women's Commission. That group has advocated for things in Baltimore City that affect women and children. The first meeting that she hosted recently included 75-100 women interested in the Commission.
  1. Councilwoman Middleton also discussed some legislative updates.
  2. The Taxation, Finance and Economic Development committee is planning to pass regulations related to Air B&B's.
  3. The Transportation committee has been reviewing the Complete Streets bill.
  4. The Mayor has begun the practice of "VRI" walks after a homicide in the City. These walks are attended by representatives of all of the City departments who could affect positive change. She recently did one in Park Heights, which Councilwoman Middleton attended and they were able to see evidence of neglect and criminal activity.
9. Rick Leandry from the Mayor's Office attended (phone: 443-388-0322). Mr. Leandry is the liaison for the 4th, 5th and 6th Districts. He also spoke regarding the VRI walks. The Mayor has identified where the most violence takes place in the City and the walk includes bringing all of the Department heads from the City, as well as the Mayor, to walk the district
  1. The Mayor is in charge of the national committee of mayors for the census. There is information available at [Baltimorecity.gov/census2020](http://Baltimorecity.gov/census2020).

### 3. Committee Reports

- a. Architectural Review: We have responded to the 532 West University Parkway's petition to the Court of Appeals.
- b. Finance: The Finance Committee met this past Monday and discussed the financials for October for RPCL and Roads & Maintenance.
- c. Audit: Bob Connors appointed Ned Bartlett and Steven Kohler to the Audit Committee
- d. Social: Ann-Barron Carneal passed out copies of a draft welcome letter for new residents.
- e. GRP Master Plan/Roland Avenue-University Parkway: Get more community input, and advertise in the E-Letter for additional committee members.
- f. Maintenance: Andrew Marani discussed additional repairs that are being done to Laurel Path which will constitute additional, unexpected expenses. Organic debris pickup This includes 2 cubic yards only. Please read the instructions.
- h. Public Safety: Plat Reps should get the information out from Officers McCarty and Saunders. Richard Bruno reported on an interesting conversation with the head of the Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance regarding crime. She divides the City into growing neighborhoods and shrinking neighborhoods. In growing neighborhoods such as ours, community policing works well because most crime is stranger crime.

i. Landscape Committee of Community Foundation: Recently sent a letter to City Forestry asking to be put on the City's "proactive pruning" program. They are working with City Forestry to get trees.

4. Adjourn: Bob Connors adjourned the meeting at 9:06.