



## ROLAND PARK

### **Roland Park Civic League Board Meeting**

Roland Park Presbyterian Church  
4801 Roland Avenue (enter on Upland)  
December 5, 2018  
7:00-9:00PM

Attendance: Bob Connors, Tom Carlson, Dan Motz, Blair Storzer, Dan McIntyre, Mary Kay Battafarano, Ed Goodlander, Ann-Barron Carneal, Ashley Handwerk

#### 1. Routine Business

1. Bob Connors called the meeting to order at 7:02.
2. Police/Fire Updates
  1. No Police representatives were in attendance due to a mandatory training.
  2. No Fire Department representatives were in attendance.
3. The October and November minutes have been previously circulated via email.
  1. Blair Storzer moved for approval of the October minutes, as amended, previously circulated to the Board via email, which motion was seconded by Tom Carlson and unanimously approved by voice vote.
  2. Blair Storzer moved for approval of the November minutes, as amended, previously circulated to the Board via email, which motion was seconded by Tom Carlson and unanimously approved by voice vote.

#### 2. New Business

1. Matt Achhammer, Community Liaison for the City of Baltimore's Liquor Board attended. He is visiting each community association in the City. His is a new position and has been around for approximately 8 months. The board created his position so that he could talk to communities that may be having difficulty with licensed establishments. Liquor board hearings may be viewed on Charm TV, channel 25, and are also available for viewing online. Mr. Achhammer discussed the role of the liquor board and inspectors. There are 10 inspectors that go out in the City to review conditions at licensed establishments. Mr. Acchammer presented a powerpoint presentation printout and discussed it. A copy of that powerpoint will be scanned along with these minutes.
  1. Mary Kay Battafarano asked about the Waverly Tavern protest of renewal last year. Mr. Acchammer responded that the police reports for 911 calls had not been coordinated with the liquor board. That was a problem, but the liquor board's task force has been out 51 times to the Waverly Tavern this year, and continue to monitor the situation.

2. Thanksgiving Food Drive success: The community donated cash and food to the Langston Hughes Center. The drive was a huge success and will be added to the master calendar. Bob Connors thanked everyone in the community who participated in the successful drive, especially RPCL Board members Ashely Handwerk, Kristin Herber and Steve Grantz.
  3. RPBL team sponsorship. The Board approved the expenditure to sponsor a Roland Park Baseball League team at our November meeting. The paperwork has been submitted.
  4. Donation to RPCL for sending holiday poinsettias. A resident donated to the RPCL to send holiday poinsettias to approximately 16 civil service offices, including our local post office and fire department. She prefers to remain anonymous, but is in the process of delivering the poinsettias with a holiday letter from Bob Connors on behalf of the RPCL.
  5. Strategic Communications update: Our retained communications team has surveyed 18 people or so regarding their communication preferences. Surprisingly, most people contacted were pleased that the RPCL is undertaking this effort. Bob Connors provided an update on the results of the survey so far. The team will continue to work to create a plan on behalf of the RPCL.
  6. Roland Avenue Safety Update: Bob Connors has attended another meeting of the committee formed by DOT to work on the issue. The consultant from WR&A is mainly doing data collection right now. He is making decisions about what further data he needs for his analysis. He is looking for crash data from two years prior to the implementation and for two years after. But, the crash data is flawed because if there is no injury, there is no report. We have a compilation of visuals of the damage, which have been sent to him. He has told us that the current design does not meet any current design standards for this type of facility. He said that we were early to this and there were no design standards for this type of bike facility in early 2015. The earliest standards appear to have been promulgated in late 2015. At the next meeting there will be further discussion about what data is needed.
  7. Rick Leandry, the Mayor's Liaison, attended and reminded us about the standards for recycling. The City's recycling has been rejected from the plant in China. As a reminder, plastic bags cannot be recycled. Pizza boxes should not be recycled unless they are free of grease.
    1. Additionally, the Mayor has selected a new police commissioner. Councilwoman Middleton and a small delegation are participating in the background checking in Texas.
3. Committee Reports
- a. Architectural Review: Tom Carlson presented the report of the architectural review committee. There was no meeting in November. The committee reviewed one application by email.
  - b. Social: Ann-Barron Carneal brought more welcome bags for new residents. The bags have been very well received. The plan is to do the bags every two months. Ms. Carneal raised the question of possible followup with new residents to encourage them to join RPCL.

c. Maintenance: Barbara Scott presented the report of the maintenance committee. The committee is working on the restoration of the Laurel Path. Work is ongoing. They are looking at maintenance in Centennial park to include cutting the forsythia and invasives back and considering K&C to do the work. There was some previous discussion about spraying with Roundup, but this was abandoned after neighbors raised concerns due to recent reports the product has caused environmental and health deficits.

There was a question as to whether there is a schedule for replacing the path signs. There is. Due to cost, the replacements will be spaced over several years.

d. Public Safety: Tom Carlson reported on a home break-in on Keswick recently. Kathy Hudson reported on a break-in on Goodwood Gardens. There is a car with Montana tags driving recklessly in the neighborhood.

e. Traffic and Transportation: Overhill between Linkwood and Wickford is closed this week due to ongoing DPW work.

f. Landscape committee of RPCF: Kathy Hudson presented the report of the landscape committee. The committee is working to trim forsythia and invasives in Centennial park. There was discussion of the flooding issue in Stony Run, where water cascades down the hill, discussed at previous meetings. A total of 42 trees have been planted in Roland Park this year. The sign that fell down many weeks ago has been removed from the bumpout at Wyndhurst. There is a contract to have the bike racks in front of the library reinstalled.

1. There was a question regarding covered bus stops and whether these have been considered in Roland Park. These were considered years ago, but the City was not interested.

4. Bob Connors adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm.