

Roland Park Civic League – Minutes

February 6, 2019

Attendance: Bob Connors, Chris McSherry, Anne Stuzin, Jen Viglucci, Richard Bruno, Steve Grantz, Dan Motz, Ashley Handwerk, Mary Kay Battafarano, Cara Kohler, Ed Goodlander, Ann-Barron Carneal, Chris Cortright, Tom Carlson

Police Report: Major Gibson introduced two new community liaisons, Officer Henry and Sgt. Street, (amy.streett@baltimorepolice.org). They will be the point of contact for the community going forward. He will work through them. They will be establishing a Northern District Face Book page too, and he will stop using his own page to stay in touch with the community. They reported the following:

- 2018 statistics show that Part 1 crimes (murder, rape burglary, larceny) are down 22% city wide
- Violent crimes are down 34%
- Auto thefts are up 12%
- Robberies are down 30%
- Burglaries are down 65%

President's Report:

- 1.) Bob attended the Greater Roland Park/Northern Baltimore Neighborhood President's Meeting at Susan Joslow's house. That group would like to push the State Police to patrol I-83 instead of the BCPD, so that the BCPD can focus its' resources on crimes in the city instead of traffic accidents on the Interstate. They are also asking for a Falls Road Corridor traffic study to be done by the State to examine the impact of all the proposed developments along Falls Road, such as the "The Falls at Roland Park" and the multi-use development planned for the current industrial site behind Princeton Sports. Would like to study adding another access point to I-83 in the Coppermine area.
- 2.) Roland Avenue – Nothing new to report. The independent consultant is still gathering data. They will be meeting on Friday to report on the options for a pilot to test proposals.

Roland Park Community Foundation:

- 1.) Mary Page Michel reported that they have a new editor for the Roland Park News. Martha Marani has resumed the job and did a great job with her first issue back.
- 2.) The MOU with the City for the Roland Water Tower restorations is finally signed! It just need approvals from the City (Board of Estimates?)
- 3.) The Landscape Committee is undertaking 2 projects in Stony Run Park to address flooding issues at Oakdale Road and the Park
- 4.) The RPCF Spring Celebration will be on April 26

Guest: Donovan Hatcher, Jill Carter's community liaison, can be reached at donovan@SenatorJPC.com or 410-301-1196 (cell ph.) and is happy to help us whenever he can. He runs the Baltimore City Delegation web page and live-streams hearings there for those who are interested.

Richard Bruno – Roland Park Place's new building is 70% presold so they will be beginning construction soon. Keswick's "Wise and Well" program provides lots of great opportunities for the community to learn more about wellness. He proposed that we join B.U.I.L.D., Baltimore United In Leadership

Development, to support their work. They have chapters at various institutions throughout the City and are a coalition to improve City Education, Housing and Crime. We will invite them to the next meeting to hear more about it.

Communications: Allison Parker-Abromitis has completed her report and recommendations and the Board needs to meet to review it and discuss. Bob will schedule a special meeting.

Maintenance: The contract with K & C landscaping is ready to renew. They haven't increased any prices. We have added some items, so the total price is higher. The **Board voted unanimously to approve the contract with K & C** for landscaping services for the next two years. The **Board also voted unanimously to approve spending up to \$1,500 for planting new trees throughout the neighborhood**, contingent on the money being available in the budget, which isn't finished yet.

Andrew Marani developed a "Project Approval Form" which the Maintenance Committee and the Landscape Committee of the RPCF will use from now on to document projects which are approved, and by whom, and who will be funding them.