

ROLAND PARK CIVIC LEAGUE
MARCH MEETING
3.7.19
MINUTES

In Attendance: Bob Connors, Anne Stuzin, Mary Kay Battafarano, Cara Kohler, Steve Grantz, Tom Carlson, Ashley Handwerk, Ann-Baron Carneal

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

Routine Business

- Bob Connors made his opening remarks.
- There were no Police/Fire representatives in attendance
- Due to the absence of the CL Secretary, there were no draft minutes for approval (will do at April meeting)

New Business

- a. Presentation by BUILD: (Baltimoreans United In Leadership Development) representative Rob English. Rob discussed the history of BUILD in Baltimore, and what the organization does. Fielded questions regarding the opportunities that exist for the RPCL to become a BUILD partner. It was agreed that dialogue would continue on this initiative.
- b. Presentation by Thread: Director of Community Growth Helene Kahn discussed the organization, its goals and opportunities for Roland Park residents to get involved.
- Eddie's 75th Anniversary: Bob Connors reported on a meeting he had recently with a new marketing person at Eddie's, Jared Earley. Events being planned to mark the anniversary, with opportunities for partnering with the CL.
- Spring Event/Egg Roll: Ann-Baron Carneal reported that plans are afoot for an April 20th event for kids ages 2-8 from 10:30-11:30, location still TBD. Discussion of alternating every other year and doing a Purim event. Involving older kids in the community to help out was mentioned, as well as setting up

info tables for the CL and CF. Need to advertise the event, and consider budget.

- Strategic Communications Update: Bob Connors reported on recent meeting of the CL board at his home to review the research results and recommendations of the strategic communications consultant. There were areas identified as priorities for initial action: 1. Algorithms on communications needs and roles for message dissemination. 2. Emails for RP residents: we need to get 100% of community on a database. Easier said than done. 3. Covenants: how they work/why we need them/contradictory info from SC research. 4. Community organizations and roles/Who We Are and What We Do. Research revealed continued confusion about CL/CF/R&M roles/functions.

- Roland Avenue Safety Update: Bob Connors reported on up-to-date status of Roland Avenue situation. Has had several meetings in person/on phone with DoT representatives over the past several weeks, with another conference call planned for 3/8/19 with DoT Director and Jon Laria. Working with them to resolve next steps for Roland Avenue design, and aiming for a best-practices, data-driven solution. Adding to the discussion were Donna Avila, Director of St. David's Preschool, and Brooke Thomas, St. David's teacher who talked about continuing concerns about safety for students and families as they navigate around the school in cars and on foot. Discussion also about new speed cameras that have been approved, but yet to be installed.

Committee Reports

- a. Architectural Review – nothing to report
- b. Nominating –
meeting 3/25 to discuss personnel needs for '19-'20 so slate can be mailed to residents prior to Annual Meeting. In need of 1st Vice-President and 2 Plat 1 representatives
- c. Finance – nothing to report
- d. Audit – waiting for guidance on scope of audit; will likely not be accomplished until Summer
- e. Social –
egg hunt planning underway
welcome bags to be dropped off to Plat reps
- f. Maintenance – no report

- g. Land Use/Zoning –
 - no issues in Roland Park
 - concern about potential vape shop on Cold Spring Lane next to Roland Park Bagel
- h. Public Safety – no report
- i. Traffic and Transportation – no report
- j. Landscape Committee (RPCF) –
 - 56 trees have been ordered – 22 directed to specific residents
 - new page on RP website
 - drain the bog test scheduled for Oakdale meadow – coordinated by Cynthia McIntire