

Roland Park Civic League minutes July 1, 2010

Attendance: Ian MacFarlane, David Blumberg, John Kevin, Doug Munro, Mary Page Michael, Chris McSherry, Laura Grier, Ken Winkler, Peter Kannam, Michael Braverman, Muriel Berkeley,
Louise Phipps Senft, Kate Culotta

Absent: Rita Walters, Anne Porterfield, Mike McQuestion

Guests: Phil Spevak & Robert Ginyard (Sharon Middleton's office)

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm by Ian MacFarlane

Minutes for June: motion to approve by Doug Munro, 2nd by Chris McSherry- approved

Financial Reports: Recap by John Kevin, motion to approve by Kate Culotta, 2nd by Doug Munro approved

New Business:

A. North Baltimore Neighborhood Coalition Acquisition of 208 E. Cold Spring Lane presented by coalition member, David Blumberg. Loyola U. made presentation to NBNC to acquire the vacant/for sale property at 208 E. Cold Spring lane, which is adjacent to current Loyola property. NBNC & Loyola have a 10 agreement (renewed in 2005) that limits enrollment size, property boundaries, use of exterior lighting & other matters. Purchase of the property for use as new Alumni House and development office would be an alteration of the current agreement. A revised agreement would prohibit the use of student housing at that location, limit exterior lighting & noise among other details. The new agreement would also lengthen the terms of the agreement until 2025 (15 year extension). NBNC was in approval to the amendment, since RP is part of the NBNC, David Blumberg wanted to inform RP. Questions raised during the discussion include uses of the current R-1 zoning and what potential questions could arise when the voluntary agreement expires in 2025. Motion to approve by Ken Winkler, 2nd by Chris McSherry. Approved to agree with NBNC with stipulation of David asking additional questions and clarifications.

B. Traffic: 3'x3' concrete pads were placed in the grassy median just south of Roland & Longwood for use with Speed Camera aimed at the school zone. Louse Phipps Senft unhappy with use of cameras and placement of concrete pads in the median, felt too far south of the school zone. Discussion followed on the merits of the cameras and location south of the school zone. Several board members expressed opinion that camera's would be more effective just north of the school zone on Roland Ave to catch speeders coming off of Northern Pkwy & I83 corridor. Other questions /comments raised: Who & how was the location decided and why was RP not involved in the location determination? The pads are large in size. Can RP be first in line to try new technology to reduce the size of cameras? What about speed cameras on Cold Spring Land
Motion to approve by Doug Munro, 2nd by David Blumberg
4 Nay (Louise, Kate, Ken & David)
9 yes (Laura, Mary Page, Doug, Ian, Michael B, Chris, John, Muriel & Peter)

C. . Membership Drive: Presented by John Kevin. Currently 893 members
Of the 893, 601 are RP properties and 196 are new members/
most responding to the pool requirement that pool members be CL members. Up from 405 members last year. 110 new members from 550 2nd mailings that went out. Less than

20 pool members still unpaid.

D. **Ciclovía:** Mike McQuestion not present

E...**July 4th Parade-** under the direction of Mike De Pietro & Katy Couch. Plans all set for 1pm start in front of the library.

F. **Plat matters:** 103 Hawthorn-vacant house. Signs on front indicate home owned by Washington Mutual with property protect by Cyprexx. Marni & Kate ran internet searches and tax search, property does not appear on any Maryland foreclosure lists and still listed in the name of Holly Carletti with a Joppa address.

611 Edgevale (Fallsway & Edgevale) asking for variance to expand front facade 6" to match neighbor of semi-detached. Plat rep will look into and ask to neighbor. Marni will check if under covenant and if they applied to R&M.

Rumor that RP Deli is (leaving or moving?) due to proposed renovation to the RP Shopping Center. Owner wants to remove the addition that includes the RP Deli and add bank drive-thru.

Wine Underground is moving from Evans Chapel to Block Buster location by Hampden Super Fresh. What will happen to current bldg?

Eddie Dopkin & Baltimore Mediation working together to improve parking behind BM.

Discussion of 216 Hawthorn, state of overgrown property and deteriorating home of elderly resident. Neighbors on either side have complained about the property and the impact of their properties with falling trees and debris.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:25 pm by David Blumberg, 2nd by Doug Munro. Approved.