

**Roland Park Civic League Minutes
December 1, 2011**

Attend: Phil Spevak, Andrew Marani, Doug Munro, David Blumberg, Ken Winkler, Mary Page Michel, Laura Grier, Anne Porterfield, Seema Iyer Minutes: Kate Culotta

Absent: Christy Crain, John Kevin, Rita Walters, Muriel Berkeley, Mike McQuestion

Special Guests: Major Sabrina Tapp-Harper and Doug Gibson from Northern District Police Station, Mary Pat Clarke, Sharon Middleton, Adam Bednar, Robert Ginyard

New Business

1. Approval of new CL plat reps: due to resignation of Nigel Sequeira & Peter Kannam. New rep-at-large Tom Hoen. Works as IT consultant and web design. Has contributed to Master Plan. Rep-at-large Jennifer Vey works in urban planning for the Brooking Institute. Motion to approve 1st David Blumberg, 2nd Doug Munro approved
2. Approval of new R&M members of architectural review: Maggie Marra & Richard Truelove motion to approve 1st Ken Winkler, 2nd Doug Munro approved
3. Crime & Public Safety presentation (arranged by Anne Porterfield & Muriel Berkeley) by Major Sabrina Tapp-Harper, commander of Northern District and neighborhood service officer Doug Gibson. Major Tapp-Harper lives in Coldspring-New Town, 25 yr veteran. Education from Coppin State in Law Enforcement, Master's degree from Hopkins. Ad-junc professor at BCCC on criminal law.
 - * ND crime stats down over LY in most categories.
Robberies -5%, assault -13%, burglaries -5%, larceny -8%, grand larceny -1%, auto theft +13%
 - * RP can help the ND by becoming a "block watch" partner. When you call to report, identify yourself as "block watcher" and you get expedited service to calls from officers.
 - * Organization of ND. Commanding Officer, Deputy Major, 4 Lt. Major's (3 are shift commanders and 1 is Drug Op.) 175 officer's. (RP is posts 530 & 521)
 - * Major likes officers on foot patrol and recent problems have officers on foot in Guilford & Greenmount areas. Patrols shift as problem areas shift. (youth crimes in Guilford and murder investigation on Greenmount Ave.) There was an incident reported in 4800 block of Roland Ave, purse snatch and struggle on front lawn of resident.
 - * Residents can request to "ride-along" with officer on 2 or 4 hr patrols.
 - * ND boundaries are listed on police website (Pimlico Rd – to county line – Alameda- 21st st.)
 - * The City does not have a resident requirement for officers (Major Tapp-Harper lives in ND)
 - * Officer Gibson provided copy of "Neighbor Watch" form which will be posted on web site.
4. Shop & Dine locally December 15, 16, 17. (Laura Grier) support local merchants and restaurants during the holidays. Look for flyers, posters and special events.
5. Miss Shirley's & S'ghetti Eddies: School of Rock moving to Clipper Mill complex. Miss Shirley's will expand into space.(details available on web site). Plans include interior improvements to kitchen, restroom, waiting and seating space & landscaping improvements next to and front of Roland Spring community. S'ghetti Eddies will get exterior make-over with new stone wall on corner, curb fill-in and improved storm drain. Motion to write letter of support for Eddie Dopkin's plans for Miss Shirley's & S'ghetti Eddies 1st David Blumberg, 2nd Ken Winkler approved

6. Cold Spring traffic update (Al Copp) The Roland Avenue Resurfacing Contract has been expanded to include special pedestrian crossings at the Schenley Road and Keswick Road intersections with Cold Spring Lane and traffic calming curb extensions along Cold Spring Lane at Schenley, Atwick, Wilmslow, Sedgewick and Wickford Roads. The Department of Transportation has also committed to study the need for speed cameras on both east bound and westbound Cold Spring Lane.
7. Expenditure approvals: [Tom Hoen & Jesse Halvorsen working with John Kevin on finances] R&M currently has \$161,000 in assets. If everyone pays basic fees, R&M collects \$128,000. If everyone paid full fees, collection would be \$209,000.
proposal to allocate \$50,000 on immediate priorities like paths, snow removal, medians and pruning. Keep \$50,000 in reserve fund. Keep remaining \$61,000 to pay upcoming bills and responsibilities. Motion to approve R&M fund allocation 1st Mary Page Michel, 2nd Jennifer Vey. Approved
Proposal to spend \$60 to install wireless connection in office. Motion to approve 1st Doug Munro, 2nd Ken Winkler. Approved. Ken will look into costs of renting high speed scanners to convert some records to digital.

Old Business

8. Minutes from November: motion to approve 1st Andrew Marani, 2nd Seema Iyer approved
9. Finances: John Kevin out of town, postpone until January
10. Motion to adjourn 1st Seema Iyer 2nd Andrew Marani approved 9:04 PM