

Roland Park Civic League
Minutes of Board Minutes
March 6, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 pm.

Present: Phil Spevak, Bill Sharpe, Jesse Halvorsen, David Blumberg, Michael Braverman, Chris McSherry, Sam Moore, Ian McFarlane, Louise Phipps Senft and Mike DiPietro.

GUESTS

Angie Black from Councilwoman Middleton's Office.

Doug Monroe and David Fetter , and Bill Miller from Roland Springs.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

The Treasurers Report was circulated and approved.

No formal minutes from the February meeting were adopted as there was no quorum for that meeting.

BUSINESS

1. Discussion of annual meeting. Conclusion: New format – shorter formal meeting leading into the usual open house. Beer and wine to be added to the provisions.
2. Melanie Harwood voted onto Roads and Maintenance Board (plat 5).
3. Discussion of Blue Ribbon property tax committee led by guest Doug Monroe. Decision to ask our council women to advise on whether the Council is committed to the removal of the 4% cap.
4. Discussion of the sewage overflow at Club and Deepdene. The City needs to replace the existing 6" line with a larger one. Chris reported that both EPA and MDE were advised of the City's failure to cleanup and its failure to replace the line.
5. Mike advised that documents are being drafted to create the corporation that will take title to the Water Tower.
6. Marianist Property – Bill Miller reported on set-back issues surrounding the proposed Marianist development and that the developers will comply with existing set-back. Bill has not seen a landscape plan or a final development plan. RPCL expressed its thoughts on the development in a letter to the planning board. Issue raised whether planning board can/will force developer to use building materials suggested by them in our discussions. Bill will attend the Planning Commission hearing on 4/1.
7. Roland Park Women's Club – Discussion of their request to RPCL for a letter of support to the BMZA to permit them to rent their facility for events. Their president was scheduled to present but did not appear. Group generally concerned about the parking issues that would be created but vote put off until the Women's Club was available to present.
8. Mike updated group on the new 61 bus service through Roland Park. Link to be posted on our website
9. Discussion about the condition of the RP firehouse and how RPCL can assist in improving the facility. Board members asked to tour the firehouse to get a better sense of need. Councilwoman Middleton will be touring facility the week of the 24th.
10. Bill Sharpe approved as new Plat 2 rep replacing Hugh Fitzpatrick.

ADJOURNED at 9:00 p.m.