

**Roland Park Civic League  
Minutes of Board Meeting  
April 6, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 by Michael DiPietro.

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>Board Members Present:</b> Michael DiPietro (Pres), Bob Hearn (VP), Christine McSherry (VP), Phil Spevak (Sec), Jerry Trout (2), Ian MacFarlane (3), Annette Garofalo (5c), Sam Hopkins (5c), Hugh Fitzpatrick (2), Louse Phipps Senft (6), Bill Griffith (1), Craig Smith (3), Bob Moore (6)	<b>Board Members Absent:</b> Michael Braverman (Treas) Brian Kelly (1), Geoffrey Mudge (4) <b>Open Plats:</b> 5 county, <b>Visitors:</b> Dorothy Baker, Kimberly Forsyth, David Fetter
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**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

Minutes of March 2006 meeting approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (Michael DiPietro for Michael Braverman): Dues are ~\$1000 less but other income is slightly up and the expenses are about the same. Report approved unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Fourth of July Parade** Dorothy Baker requested \$400 to support the occasion. Plan is to begin parade at 10AM on July 4 in front of the Library. The RPCL approved a motion to make a \$400 gift to support the parade.

**2. Linkwood Park Property.** Kim Forsythe said that she wished to convert a portion of the land immediately adjacent to the water pumping station within Linkwood Park to a space for working and living. She said she had approached the City in 2003 to see if she could use the water station as a live and work place but that her request was denied by Recreations and Parks. Phil Spevak said he thought that this would have a negative impact on the Park. No formal response was made by the CL.

**3. RP Roads and Maintenance**\_Ann Lundy updated the CL concerning the project at 308 Overhill and said that RPRM was waiting for additional information from the property owner concerning re-grading since over 210 feet of sidewalk would require regarding so that the incline was appropriate along the site. Michael suggested that a title search be made to determine the covenant status of the properties. Ann suggested that interested parties send correspondence to RM office with their opinion. Phil Spevak said he felt that extensive re-grading along with the proposed project would negatively impact the community's use of the path and sidewalk.

Ann also said that there have been complaints by neighbors that Overhill has been used as a cut through. Louise said that interested neighbors should contact her if there is interest in speed bumps if there is excessive speed in the area.

In response to a question from Ann concerning road maintenance, Bob Hearn has asked for help in reviewing the community's needs for repaving.

**4. Rotunda.** Michael recommended that we ask Al Berry, consultant for the developer to make a presentation at the RPCL Annual Meeting on May 17, 2006. Annette said a recent meeting with Medfield, she understood that the traffic report was completed (this is available via the [www.rolandpark.org](http://www.rolandpark.org) web site).

**5. Crown Station** Michael reported that the shed is has been removed but that vending machines remain. He is checking to see if this constitutes a zoning violation.

**6. Greenspring Dairy PUD** Jerry Trout said that the plan was approved at the Planning Commission after compromise was worked out with Medfield. Jerry presented a motion for the RPCL to support the adjoining neighborhoods in their request to change the PUD to allow this development as long as access through the east side remains closed except for emergency vehicles. The motion was also contingent on confirming that Medfield has registered support. Approved.

## **7. Zoning Commission Meeting**

Wyndhurst Lodge requested off site parking and the Commission will be studying this.

Falls Road Sunoco used care lot discussed and Michael represented the RPCL position that opposed the dual use. No ruling was made at this time. Sam Hopkins recommended understanding the adjacent businesses' opinions. Michael suggested that we reemphasize to the Zoning Commission, the absence of effective off-street parking.

**8. Library initiative** A motion was unanimously approved to donate \$10,000 to the RP Library Initiative. We will leave it to the Library Committee to recommend whether the gift should be restricted or not.

**9. Public Safety** Major Lukasik of the Northern District met with interested members of the community.

**10. MTA- Bus 61 line** Chris McSherry said that additional input was provided to the Maryland Department of Transportation at a community meeting. The MDTA proposed that every other #11 bus extend its route onto Roland and that the 61 line be discontinued. Chris said that the MDTA is to come back to the RPCL with a revised proposal.

**11. Nominating committee.** Bob Hearn said that we need replacements for Plat 1 (Bill Griffith) and Plat 4 (Geoff Mudge). His committee is finishing the nomination list for the CL Officers.

**12. Water tower** Michael said that the Department of Planning is interested in what the RPCL intent is.

**13. Baltimore City Master Plan** Sam Hopkins said that he planned to attend next Wednesday's presentation by the Planning Commission. (Plan available at <http://www.ci.baltimore.md.us/government/planning/>)

Adjourned 9:44 P.M.