

Roland Park Civic League Annual Meeting Minutes
Wednesday May 19, 2010
Roland Park Elementary & Middle School

Attendance: Phil Spevak, Ian MacFarlane, John Kevin, Kate Culotta, Mike McQuestion, David Blumberg, Laura Grier, Muriel Berkeley, Bill Sharpe, Ken Winkler, Chris McSherry, Peter Kannam, Mary Page Michel, Rita Waters, Louise Phipps Senft, Doug Munro, Michael Braverman

Guests: Ken Rice, Sharon Middleton, Lisa Morris, Cindy Leary, Steve Ziegler, Mary Pat Clarke, Dietreius Malasham (Mayor's office) , Delegate Rosenberg, Delegate Oakes, Delegate Carter, Senator Gladden, Senator Pugh, Senator Robinson, Robert Ginyard

Call to Order: 7:12 PM Greeting and opening statements by Phil Spevak

Minutes: Minutes from Annual Meeting 2009 by Secretary Kate Culotta. Motion to approve by Phil Spevak. 2nd from the floor. Approved

Finances: Financial update by Treasurer John Kevin. Motion to approve by Phil Spevak, 2nd from the floor. Approved

Introductions: Introductions of Special Guests by Phil Spevak. Opening Statements of the Roland Park Master Plan by Phil Spevak. (presentation starts at 7:18 PM)

Roland Park Master Plan Presentation

In response to the City's plan to re-write the Baltimore City Zoning Code, the Greater Roland Park community decided to undergo a long term planning process to address future zoning changes and plan out long range improvements to the community. Areas addressed by the Master Plan include Residential zoning, landscaping, architectural preservation, neighborhood amenities, infrastructure, open space & paths, educational institutions, commerce and transportation.

The study began in November of 2009 by identifying the vision. January 2010 the vision was refined. February 2010 concept designs and recommendations. March 2010, testing and refinement. The cost to the Civic League to date is \$17,000. Much of the work being done pro bono by local experts who reside in the greater Roland Park Community with assistance from City Agencies.

Presentation was made to the audience by a representative in each area:

- I. Steve Zeigler: Overall lay-out of the Greater Roland Park community
- II. Ian MacFarlane: Infrastructure, roads, sewers, storm water management
- III. Matthew Fitzsimmons: Transportation, traffic calming and road/bike designation
- IV. Jean Mellot: Open Space, green space, landscaping, tree canopy and public paths
- V. Phil Spevak: Village centers, commercial & retail zoning, schools and educational institutions
- VI. Ken Rice & David Tufaro: Housing, single family and multi-dwelling structures

- VII. Next Steps in process:
- Understand the plan
 - Motivate the constituency
 - The means & power to carry out the plan

- VIII. Organizational Structure:
- Transform Baltimore re-zoning
 - Align City process with community goals
 - Use plan to compete for public dollars
 - Identify educational, retail and commercial entities
 - Identify who is ready to implement

Comments from the audience by Delegate Turante', Councilwoman Sharon Middleton, and Michael Schaffer (from Eddie's of Roland Park)

Councilwoman Middleton presents Phil Spevak with Certificate of Citation from the Mayor's Office for his work with the Roland Park Civic League.

Election of new officers: motion from the floor to approve the slate as presented with the addition of Anne Porterfield to fill the Plat 3 vacancy. 2nd to the motion from the floor.

Approved

President: Ian MacFarlane

1st Vice President: Louise Phipps Senft

2nd Vice President: Doug Munro

Secretary: Kate Culotta

Treasurer: John Kevin

Plat 1: Michael Braverman

Plat 2: Mike McQuestion

Plat 3: Laura Grier

Plat 5 County: Muriel Berkeley

Plat 6: Chris McSherry

The remaining plat positions were not up for re-election this year.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: 1st & 2nd motion from the floor

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 PM