

Roland Park Civic League
Minutes of Board Meeting
November 2, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 with a quorum of the Board of Directors in attendance.

Present: Michael DiPietro, Louise Senft, Annette Garofalo, Samuel Hopkins, Jim Hanna, Ian McFarlane, Michael Braverman.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Minutes of the October 5th, 2006 Meeting: were reviewed and approved with two corrections:

Under Old Business Plat 2 -the sentence "Hugh Fitzpatrick reported Hillside paving is proceeding ahead after broad support by residents" was not correct and should be stricken.

Under Old Business Plat 6 report should read as follows "Traffic on Longwood Road with be one-way from Club Road to Roland Ave during Library construction"

Treasurer's Report: From Oct. was approved as presented. It was noted that revenues from dues was down somewhat as a result of the timing of the second billing.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Ms' Shirley's Zoning Hearing:** the Board sent a letter in support of the conditional use to BMZA and it was received in advance of the BMZA hearing.
2. **Sunoco Station:** IT was agreed that there was no need to address specific non-zoning issues (e.g. positioning of vehicles, placement of banners, etc.) with the owner at this time
3. **Starbucks:** We have asked the landlord's attorney to contact Starbucks to see if they have proper City approval for the tables in front of the establishment. We have not taken a position on the issue at this time.
4. **Poly:** Mike is to meet with Dr. Wilson next week to discuss the football season.
5. **Lower Stoney Run:** Site walk is planned for this week. Ian will attend
6. **MTA – 61 Bus –** MTA's website states that they plan to move forward with elimination of the 61 line in June and have the Roland Ave corridor serviced by the 11 line.

7. **Water Tower:** Brian reported that the Water Tower Committee (CL, R&M, Foundation) have completed their charge (feasibility, costs, preliminary negotiations with the City) and it is now time to move forward with the purchase of the property. The committee has contacted a fundraiser willing to work on the project and would like for an organizational structure to be in place to formally deal with the City to obtain title, etc. Mike will try to organize a meeting of all area community associations to get a sense of their interest in participating as shareholders in the project.

NEW Business:

1. **Annual Meeting:** Mike will contact St. David's to get date for annual meeting. Nominating Committee will be appointed next month. Thoughts on a speaker include a lead paint expert or an expert on the various rehab. Tax credit available to our area.
2. **Road Repair:** Each Plat rep was asked to survey their parts of the community to create a list of roads that need repair.
3. **Roland Ave Traffic:** Chris will attend a meeting on 6/6 with City and School reps to discuss ways to improve traffic and safety north of the Library.
4. **N. Balto Coalition:** Mike will check with Francie to see if she plans to continue to serve on this committee. Otherwise, Mike or David will do so.
5. **ColdSpring Lane Business Organization:** Jake Eldridge is spearheading an effort to create a ColdSpring Lane Business organization. He will be sending letters to all of the merchants. David and Mike agreed to be RPCL liaisons to the group.
6. **University Parkway Speeding:** Charles Smith reported that he and other neighbors on University have asked the City to consider speed humps on University and have sought the CL's support. Concern was raised that speed humps on such a major road would encourage cut-through traffic and was most likely not a roadway that the City would consider for speed humps. It was agreed that the Board would send a letter supporting City's all available measures to efforts to reduce speed on this strip.