

**Roland Park Civic League  
Minutes of Board Meeting  
March 2, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 by Robert Hearn.

**ATTENDANCE**

<p><b>Board Members Present:</b> Michael DiPietro (Pres), Bob Hearn (VP), Christine McSherry (VP), Phil Spevak (Sec), Michael Braverman (Treas), Jerry Trout (2), Ian MacFarlane (3), Geoffrey Mudge (4), Annette Garofalo (5c), Sam Hopkins (5c), Hugh Fitzpatrick (2), Louse Phipps Senft (6), Bob Moore (6)</p>	<p><b>Board Members Absent:</b> Brian Kelly (1), Bill Griffith (1), Craig Smith (3) <b>Open Plats:</b> 5county, <b>Visitors:</b> RP Library (David Blumberg, Mary Ann Mears, Ann Koch), Hampden Council (Alan Hicks and George Peters), Falls Road Sunoco (Spencer Mench, Avi Amoya), Bill Senft</p> <p>Council woman Mary Pat Clarke and administrative assistant Jeremy Rosendale,</p>
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**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. RP Library.** David Blumberg, Mary Ann Mears, and Ann Koch appeared to update the RPCL. The Mayor has approved the City's payment of 48% of a now ~\$4,000,000 total for the RP Library. The community is responsible for the other 52% which means there is a balance of ~\$775,000 to raise by the end of April. We can move forward with the project while we raise the remainder of the money. In addition, more money would be needed to restore some of the design alterations that were (at this time) removed to remain within budget. The alterations are detailed in the RP Newsletter and on the RP website ([www.rolandpark.org](http://www.rolandpark.org)) and include such items such as the roof covering, façade of the building, lower terrace and railing. The community is asked to help with monetary support but also to help with input concerning the project.

We can anticipate opening of the library in October 2007. There will be a [bookmobile library](#) during that time.

**2. PUD Skyville Townhouses.** Alan Hicks and Richard Kamiusis of the Hampden/Medfield attended. Jerry Trout said that on [March 9 there is Planning Commission](#) hearing and the developer has asked for the RPCL input. Richard Kamiusis stated that traffic is a major concern. The additional traffic will be on top of the Rotunda and Clipper Mill project. Hampden has organized its own traffic study to review the overall traffic issues. Mr. Peters said that the Hampden council has not approved the project.

Decision was to take an email vote of the RPCL as to our position after we better understand the opinions of our immediate neighbor councils.

The Rotunda project was also discussed. Jerry said the architect has been changed to Hyde IM. New plans have not been presented but they are aware of the RP interest in reviewing the plans when they become available. Michael suggested that the surrounding communities work towards a wider community meeting once the developers present their revised plans.

**3. Sunoco Project.** Mr. Amoya stated that he is requesting a portion of the property be used for used car sales. He said that he wishes to have ~10-15 vehicles. He said he has been in the gasoline business for 15 years and that a zoning change is needed because the proposal involves dual use. The auto repair business will continue. Mr. Mench will be the primary manager of business. Two additional signs will be added (3 by 6 feet) and these will require a zoning variance. Jerry expressed concern about adding additional signage along Falls Road. The Zoning Committee hearing is for April 4 at 3pm.

Michael asked about a trailer which has been present for over one year. Mr. Amoya acknowledged that that was true.

CL discussed the issue further and a motion was presented and unanimously approved to oppose the dual use and to explain this decision in the context of the wider issues effecting Falls Road corridor.

**4. 5006 Lawndale Avenue (Wyndhurst Lodge).** Bill Senft appeared to discuss a zoning issue. He wishes to open a place for community meetings and as a place for teenagers as a gathering place on weekends and at nights. On April 4, a proposal will be presented to the Zoning Committee to as for a change in parking. Mr. Senft anticipates that members will pay dues. Jerry raised questions concerning security. The CL decided to not take formal action.

**5. Zoning dockets** are now being sent to the RPCL.

**6. 123 Hawthorne Road.** Michael received notice from Permits and suggested we defer to RPRM.

**7. 308 Overhill Road.** Michael noted that a project was begun to build a driveway and that a number of neighbors had expressed objection and had spoken with RPRM. RPRM discussed the issue and has had asked for further details concerning proposed regrading and the effect on the sidewalks. A motion was unanimously approved to express support of the RPRM efforts.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

Minutes of February 2006 meeting approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: (Michael DiPietro for Michael Braverman) Approved.

Crown. Michael said that City Enforcement resulted in violations and the machines will be removed in the next 30 days.

MTA meeting March 23 to discuss the proposed plan.

Community Crime Meeting March 14.

Adjourned at 10:39.