

Minutes

NRPIA Board Meeting and Community Meeting | Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Board Meeting:

Attending: Doug Schmidt, Ricci Reber, Beth Foxwell, Debra Williams, Francis Turner, John Wogan.

Treasurer's Report: Beth Foxwell (Treasurer):

1. 2023 IRS Form 1120-H and MD Form 500 have been filed. NRPIA currently has no owed taxes. Articles of Revival for NRPIA were filed and the Resident Agent was updated from Anne Woodward to Beth Foxwell.
2. Dues: After recent NRPIA fundraising efforts, we collected dues from 88/152 homes in North Roland Park (58%) raising \$6,400. 31 households (20%) have not contributed to NRPIA in at least three years.
3. Donations: An additional \$6,050 has been raised this year toward our Roland Avenue Median Tree project.
4. Balance: NRPIA currently has a little over \$14,000 in our accounts. Anticipated expenses for the next year include the completion of the Roland Avenue Tree project, sponsoring community social gatherings meetings, snowplowing and advocacy concerning issues of interest to the NRP community (e.g., the Melrose Avenue bridge, local real estate development).

Roland Avenue Tree Project: John Wogan (Secretary):

Phase one of the project (pruning and stump removal) of the 72 trees along Roland Avenue between Lake and Northern Parkway was completed in March.

Phase two of the project (fertilizing and mulching) of all of the trees is scheduled for early June. Notices will be sent to the community.

Note: pruning and stump removal are not an expense that we anticipate repeating in the next few years.

Association Dues: John Wogan:

The North Roland Park Association, Incorporated (NRPIA) By-Laws were written in 2006 and last amended in 2007. Article III states, in part, that the “dues of the Association will be \$75 per year per residence.”

Proposed: Amend the By-Laws, above, to read: “dues of the Association may be modified, as needed, by the NRPIA Board.”

(Note: NRPIA has no legal authority to enforce annual dues payments. NRPIA is a voluntary, community association that operates with the approval and support of homeowners of North Roland Park.)

Vote: Six in favor, none opposed.

Proposed: The NRPIA Board annual dues for 2025 will be set at \$100.

Vote: Six in favor, none opposed.

Terms of Office (John Wogan):

A proposal to change the term of office to run from January to December had been considered at a prior Board meeting but was reconsidered at this meeting. The Board agreed to continue the practice outlined in our By-Laws, to hold elections of Board Members at the annual NRPIA Community Meeting (second Tuesday of May) and for terms of office to begin following that meeting (May) rather than January.

Community Meeting:

Attending: Doug Schmidt, Ricci Reber, Beth Foxwell, Debra Williams, Francis Turner, John Wogan, NRPIA community members

Guest: Yitzy Schleifer (Baltimore City Council Member representing North Roland Park)

Mr Schleifer addressed issues of concern to NRP, including:

1. His top priority is public safety. In that light he has been working closely with Ivan Bates (State's Attorney for Baltimore City).
2. The numbers of shootings and murders in Baltimore are lower than last year but the numbers of robberies and car-jackings have increased.
3. He was successful in advocating for the return of weekly recycling pick up.
4. He is working with City and State officials regarding improvements to be made at the intersection of Falls Road and Northern Parkway.
5. Mowing of the Roland Avenue median is supposed to occur every 2 weeks but if it isn't, residents should contact 311.
6. Ricci Reber (VP NRPIA) has advocated for a speed camera on the Roland Avenue median to slow automobile traffic. Ricci and Ritzzy discussed strategies to try to get speed cameras.
7. Doug Schmidt discussed storm drain obstructions that some NRP residents have reported.

President's Remarks: Doug Schmidt (President):

1. 5507 Roland Avenue: Doug updated the operations at MindWorks. At this point there have not been any reported problems for neighbors but Doug has requested regarding compliance and operations.
2. 5717 Roland Avenue: There is ongoing litigation at the Baltimore City Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals (BMZA) on June 4. A newsletter will be sent for community information.
3. Melrose Avenue Bridge: Doug Schmidt updated the current status of the project. While NRPIA has obtained a Maryland state grant to undertake repairs, the amount of funds will not be sufficient to perform the repairs. Doug has asked for an updated RFP for repairs and plans to submit an updated request to the Maryland legislature in the fall term. In the meantime, he has contacted representatives from the

Orchards Homeowners Association about enlisting their assistance with the project.

Treasurer's Report: Beth Foxwell (Treasurer):

1. YTD collections were \$11,144. YTD expenses were \$18,257.06. There is \$7,036.35 in the NROIA checking account and \$7,565.09 in the NRPIA savings account. Our Annual Report was filed with Baltimore City. Our 2023 IRS Form 1120;H and MD Form 500 were filed. We owe no taxes. Our prior accountant (Fried and Beares) was consulted. Our Articles of Revival were filed and approved.
2. Donations for the Roland Avenue Median project are \$4,700.00 thus far.

Roland Avenue Tree Project: John Wogan (Secretary)

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Board Nominations and Elections: all

Board Members whose term of service had expired and were eligible for another term of office: Doug Schmidt and Donna Emeott were nominated, seconded and approved unanimously by the NRPIA membership present.

New Board Members: Tom Ware and Chris Barnhill were nominated, seconded and approved unanimously by the NRPIA membership present.

The Board will conduct a follow up meeting, as per our by-laws, to elect officers of the Board.

Board Members are: Doug Schmidt, Ricci Reber, Beth Foxwell, Debra Williams, Francis Turner, John Wogan, Tom Ware and Chris Barnhill.

Officers currently are:

Doug Schmidt: President

Ricci Reber: Vice-President

Beth Foxwell: Treasurer

John Wogan: Secretary

Submitted,

John Wogan