

## **NRPIA Board Meeting | September 7, 2023 (approved)**

### **Board Governance:**

1. Attending: John Wogan, Donna Emeott, Francis Turner, Ricci Reber, Beth Foxwell, Debra Williams | Absent: Doug Schmidt | Guest: Robin Prothro
2. Minutes from May 9, 2023 Annual Community meeting: Approved
3. Minutes from May 16, 2023 Board Annual Board Meeting for election of Officers: Approved
4. Welcome of new At-Large Board member: Debra Williams
5. Welcome of new Officers: Ricci (Vice-President), Beth (Treasurer) and John (Secretary).

**NRPIA By-Laws**, last amended in 200, were reviewed, including NRPIA Membership, Association Dues, Board of Directors, Officers, Elections, Committees and Board goals.

1. The North Roland Park Association's purposes, as originally approved, are:
  - Promote community communication,
  - Provide and offer residents of North Roland Park advice on matters of mutual interest,
  - Enhance beauty and health of common grounds within the community, and
  - Offer advice to residents regarding acceptable architectural guidelines.
2. Alignment of current meetings, dues schedule and financial year was discussed. A proposal for future NRPIA Board meetings and NRPIA events was discussed (footnote 1). No action taken. For discussion at December Board meeting
3. Current terms of Board members reviewed (footnote 2). For discussion at the December Board meeting.

### **New Business**

#### **1. Treasurer Report**

- Checking account balance: \$10,010.40
- Savings account balance: \$13,646.14
- Payment mechanism:** the Treasurer (Beth) and the Secretary (John) will review current methods of dues payments. Assess efficacy and cost (Beth, John).

**-Membership:** Treasurer and Secretary to assess which members, and what percentage of households in North Roland Park, are currently active, dues-paying members of NRPIA (Beth, John).

-New treasurer contact: [nrpiadues@gmail.com](mailto:nrpiadues@gmail.com)

-New address for check payment: 1020 Saint Georges Road, Baltimore, MD 21210.

-Homeowners Association Status (Beth, Donna, John): Homeowner Association status is apparently delinquent. Review NRPIA documents to decide how to bring status current. (Beth, Donna, John).

NRP Web Site: [NorthRolandPark.org](http://NorthRolandPark.org) website updates (John)

## 2. **Web site and Newsletter**

-Newsletter will be distributed when information (e.g., BGE project, public safety, community events) warrant.

-Distribution audience of Newsletter will continue to be email addresses currently in the NRPA database and other people who request the newsletter.

-Promote website on NextDoor and other social media (John, Donna)

## 3. **NRPIA community event: 2024)**

Consider late October or early November for NRPIA membership party.

-Request for hosts? (Debra?, or ask other interested residents)

### **Public Safety (Ricci)**

-Details of the recent incident were sent and an informational letter will be sent to NRPIA email distribution. (Ricci, John)

-Snacks (e.g., bagels) to be delivered to the Northern District BPD station: (Francis, Doug).

## 4. **Construction/Development:**

**-Melrose Ave bridge project** (Doug)

-Doug updated the Board that the bridge repair will likely require more funding and he will contact elected officials to promote this project.

- Contractor to update estimates of bridge repairs. Update December meeting (Doug)
- **Falls Road / Northern Parkway intersection changes** (Doug) Doug updated the Board on the status of the proposed Falls Road and Northern parkway project with Baltimore DOT. NRPIA is on record as opposing DOT's plan to take a lane from Falls Road for a bike lane.

## 5. Beautification Projects

- Proposal for Roland Avenue median trees (John, Robin)  
After Robin's presentation of her research regarding upkeep of the Roland Avenue median trees, including with the Baltimore City Department of Parks and the Baltimore City Forestry Service as well as with private contractors, there was a preliminary proposal made to move forward on hiring a contractor to prune some (or possibly all, depending on cost) of the median trees, likely in the Spring of 2024. Robin will continue to work with Baltimore City officials on this project and keep the NRPA Board informed.
- The Board voted unanimously to approve Robin's further exploration of this plan, and for a presentation of a more detailed plan and budget at the December Board meeting.

### [1] Proposed Calendar of NRPA Events and Meetings for 2024

- January: Dues notice goes out.
- March: Board meeting #1.
- April: Volunteer activity opportunity (e.g., Grounds and Landscaping beautification of common areas, such as the Roland Avenue median).
- June: Board meeting #2.
- September: Board meeting #3.
- Oct/Nov: Annual NRPA party
- December: Board Meeting #4 and Annual NRPA membership meeting (Board elections).

- Other possible Events: Child centered activity  
Shredding or dumping event  
Volunteer opportunities.

[2] Board members terms are three (3) years. Officers are re-elected annually.

Doug (President):	2022-2024
Ricci(Vice President):	2023-2025
Beth (Treasurer):	2021-2023
John (Secretary):	2021-2023
Donna (At Large):	2022-2024
Francis (At Large):	2022-2024
Debra (At Large):	2023-2025