

Summer 2016

ROLANDO PARK REPORTER

A publication for the residents, workers, and businesses of Rolando Park and their supporters



Meetings 2nd Monday of the month ♦ 7 pm ♦ Rolando Park Elementary School Room 25 ♦ 6620 Marlowe Drive



June Meeting & Ice Cream Social

Monday, June 13, 7pm

We'll be updating the community on progress to date on our 2016 priorities voted on in January.

Additionally, we will have our annual plant exchange and new this year, a seed exchange.

We hope to have Bill Tall from City Farmers join us this fall for a presentation on fall planting.

This meeting will be our first **Ice Cream Social** that is open to the community. Families and children are welcome to attend.

Please join us! We look forward to seeing you.

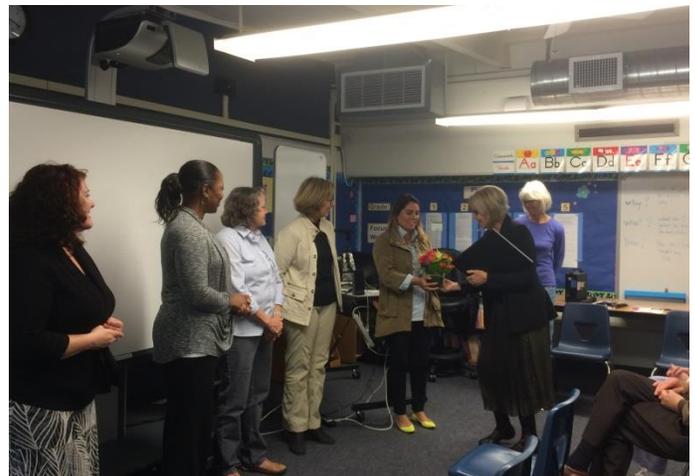
This is our final meeting before the summer break. The next RPCC meeting will be September 12.

Farewell to Betty White

At our April 11 meeting, we honored President Betty White and said goodbye, as Betty has recently moved out of our community.

On behalf of Councilmember Myrtle Cole, Katie Sadd, our representative from the Councilmember's office, presented a special commendation to Betty, and the RPCC board presented flowers and a certificate of appreciation. Betty was an outstanding president and council member and will be deeply missed. During her 2015-2016 tenure, RPCC completed many successful community projects including becoming a 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity, launching a new and dynamic website, four new four-way stops, a successful Neighborhood Watch sign replacement drive, fencing for Zena Canyon, and our Little Free Library.

Vice-President Sonia Lang has assumed the role of President for the remainder of 2016.



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Community Numbers & Links

San Diego Police Department

24-hour non-emergency issues
 (619) 531-2000

Community Liaison Officer

Terry Hoskins
 (619) 516-3091
thoskins@pd.sandiego.gov

Report graffiti

Graffiti hotline
 (619) 527-7500
[Graffiti online complaint form](#)

Councilmember MyrtleCole

(619) 236-6644
myrtlecole@sandiego.gov

Broken water lines and leaks

619-515-3525
www.sandiego.gov/water

Report water waste

(619) 533-5271
waterwaste@sandiego.gov

Broken streetlights, signs, and potholes

619-527-7500
www.sandiego.gov/street-div

Service request

[Map method](#)
[Text method](#)

Missed trash collection

858-694-7000
[Service request](#)

Loose dogs

619-236-4250
<http://www.sddac.com/>

Updates on RPCC 2016 Priority Projects

Traffic Study on Zena Drive

On May 4, the RPCC board received the following communication from the City of San Diego Traffic department:

“As part of our evaluation, we have conducted a 24-hour study of the traffic volumes and vehicle speeds at the subject location. The results of the study indicated that the 85th percentile speed (speed at which 85% of the motorists’ are driving at or below) is 33 miles per hour for eastbound and 32 miles per hour for westbound directions of traffic. The prima facie speed limit for the subject location is 25 miles per hour in each direction. The total vehicle volume in a 24 hour period is approximately 1,077 vehicles per day. The subject location does not qualify for traffic calming measures at this time. However, for motorists’ notification we will install speed limit signs for both directions of traffic. This work should be completed within 90 days.”

Storm Drain Stenciling

In April, 15 storm drains in Rolando Park were stenciled/painted with no dumping awareness messages. Thanks to Shawnamarie Livingston Coatney for initiating this project and Elli Alpert, Lynn Edwards, Heather Erwin, and Paige Livingston Coatney for volunteering and helping paint/stencil storm drains. Another stenciling event is planned for September, so if you are interested in volunteering or see storm drains on your walk that need stenciling, contact Shawnamarie via Nextdoor.



Rolando Park Transition Street Group

The Rolando Park Transition Street Group had a productive gathering on Saturday, April 16. Activities included examining a typical water bill and converting HFC into gallons of water used and looking at the water meter in front of our host home and discussing how to record and measure the data. In addition to going through the Water chapter, some other items discussed were water pressure gauging devices, water heaters vs tankless space-saving water heaters, and recirculating water pumps. Also covered were benefits of using shower wands with an on/off switches and fixing dripping faucet leaks, etc.

One of our participants provided us with quite a bit of information on how her grey-water system worked. Our host was able to demonstrate a sprinkler head conversion to Hunter rotator nozzles and we examined a graph that was prepared prior to the installation. We also spoke about using the effective water and labor saving hose-end timer for a drip system install.

The May 22 meeting covered Chapter 2 on Energy. For more information on our upcoming June meeting, contact Heather Erwin, herwin@ucsd.edu, or Kathryn Kern, kernkn@yahoo.com on Nextdoor or via email.

Our Local Business Community – Cartagena Square

Elli Alpert, owner of Cartagena Square Shopping Center (one block east of College Avenue on University) has ambitious plans for this year. One of her major goals is to open up and/or divide over 8,000 square feet of restaurant space. She has built and installed two large commercial-size kitchen facilities and hopes to attract an Italian or ethnic food restaurant into the spaces.

“I will work with a prospective restaurant owner to accommodate the large space into two smaller size areas with commercial-sized kitchen equipment and make it an appealing destination spot for local neighbors.”

She is also currently looking for someone to work with her to create a food and craft market in Cartagena Square.

Elli took ownership of Cartagena Square four years ago and has made many property improvements to signage, parking, and overall maintenance. She tries to work with small business owners to grow their businesses and create new, diverse businesses in this space.

She also hopes to take advantage of newly expanded opportunities available to owners and business people through the Store front Improvement Program (SIP), a city program that offers funds to help business owners improve business storefronts by repainting, replacing windows, installing new awnings, designing a new street-facing storefront, etc.

“I hope that other owners will see how small improvements can transform the cash flow into bigger returns. A new facelift can do wonders for anyone willing to give it a try.”

Stores at Cartagena Square include Ye Olde Bicycle Shoppe, Umi Market/African Spice Takeout Cafe, Eastgate Barber, Herbalife, Lawnmower Parts and Services, and Express Auto Registration/Checkcashing.



Plan for “Kroc 2” Introduced to Rolando Park Neighbors

The Kroc Center staff and members of the Kroc Center Advisory Committee, including the Executive Director Major Rick Peacock, introduced neighbors in Rolando Park and Rolando to a preliminary plan for a “Kroc 2” expansion on April 30 at a barbecue event.

One hundred neighbors living closest to the Kroc Center in both Rolando Park and Rolando were invited to a first-annual BBQ on Saturday, April 30. Copies of the preliminary “Kroc 2” plan were distributed and attendees had an opportunity to ask questions and give input. Kroc Kids Junior Theatre gave a preview of the upcoming (May 27-29) “Peter Pan” production and Kroc Catering provided a very nice barbecue buffet.

The preliminary “Kroc 2” plan will add an additional 17,311 square feet of “wellness center” (gym and athletic space) and 132 parking spaces underneath. Changes will be made to the “green” athletic field between the gym and the Preschool Playground on the west side of the Administration Building.

Funding is not yet secured, but all involved are hopeful it will be forthcoming from the Salvation Army fund created by Joan Kroc to sustain the center in our neighborhood as well as to create centers in additional cities. The project is therefore not ready for final development or application for building permits. The Kroc Center is committed to keeping neighbors and members informed about the project.

The proposed structure will include a 132-space, single-level parking structure that will be partially underground. On top of the structure will be a new athletic field and a one-story L-shaped expansion of the gym/wellness center.

Contact Clarissa Glasco, Kroc Director of Operations, for further information: clarissa.glasco@usw.salvationarmy.org or 619-269-1404.

Major Rick Peacock from the Kroc Center will be invited to a fall RPCC meeting to present on this project.



Lean and Clean

Lean and Clean is a group of neighbors who get together once a month to tidy up and beautify Rolando Park. These events are posted on the Nextdoor website. The L & C crew is also available to assist RP residents who may not be able to do their own yard care for various reasons. Please contact Audrey through Nextdoor or [619 251-5436](tel:6192515436) for more information.

Cartagena Square Discount



Present this coupon at any Cartagena Square store for a special Rolando Park Community Council discount

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Membership dues are \$12.00 per calendar year, per household. You can pay by check or cash at a general meeting, through PayPal (additional \$1 service charge) at rolandopark.org, or by mailing a check made out to RPCC along with this form, to RPCC, PO Box 152352, San Diego, CA 92195.

Name(s) _____

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Amount enclosed _____ \$12 dues only or \$ _____ donation + \$12 dues.