

RPCC Brief General Meeting Minutes
Ice Cream Social and Plant/Seed Exchange
Rolando Park Elementary School Room 25
June 13, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 by President Sonia Lang. Officer Hoskins spoke first and briefly as he had to leave shortly. He reminded us of his contact information and told us the crime in our neighborhood had gone down to 2 in the previous 30 days, in comparison to Rolando with 8.

Treasurer Lynn reported that numbers were up from last year.

Sonia revisited the **goals** from this past year and pointed out **accomplishments**. Behind her were large colorful posters made by Heather with articles and photos about the year: "Standing Out in Our City," "Looking Sharp in Rolando Park," "Strengthening Safety in Our Neighborhood," "Building Character in Our Neighborhood," and "Building Family and Friends in Our Neighborhood."

1) Gerrie spoke first about how her group of 3 was progressing on the Block Party planning. It will be in early spring of 2017. We can have vendors if they donate goods. They'll get a bounce house, and ask on Next Door about musicians; Sonia reminded everyone to volunteer if possible.

2) Sonia informed us that Zena traffic control research was completed, and it was decided that speed wasn't a big enough factor for the city to progress further, but we can do so if there is still concern.

3) The Smile account was set up on Amazon and can be accessed by going to smile.amazon.com and then selecting Rolando Park Community Council as the nonprofit to support.

4) Heather and Kathryn did start Transition Streets, and the group is about halfway through. May 22 was the last meeting, on energy and how to reduce its use. On **June 28th** the group will discuss how to reduce carbon emissions, cost and waste when acquiring and disposing of food. A neighbor's background featuring edible landscaping will be toured.

5) Stencils on storm drains are 90% completed.

6) Audrey started a Neighborhood Watch Surveillance group, had one informative presentation and will have another one.

7) Judy had nothing to report from Rolando Park Elementary, but an attendee informed us that Principal Valdivieso had left, and there was an interim principal. Judy will look into it.

8) Contacting Park Grove Apartments was something that Betty did, but now Kathryn will visit and encourage them to join us.

9) No Dumping signs are still in the works.

10) Lastly, in regard to “tree lined streets,” Sonia will ask for ideas of where to plant them and send the information to Katie Sadd.

Sonia asked whether anyone would like to be a Member at Large, as the fall election is coming up.

Then a guest, Tom Andrew, spoke about a mailman he has been having difficulties with, and asked if other people have had problems with him, too. If so, he asked for them to send him the stories through Next-door.

Katie Sadd, from Myrtle Cole’s office, passed out flyers about a workshop about buying or selling homes, credit counseling and the like, June 25 at the Jacob’s Center from 9-1.

Katie also reassured us that the Zena Drive study was done by city engineer, and that speed limit signs will be posted, hopefully by the first week in August. She will get an update on the “goat trail” sidewalk, and reminded us these things take a long time, and that sidewalks are a huge issue in the city. She will look into a graffiti complaint Yvonne made.

At 7:58 the meeting was adjourned, and the lively Social began. Everyone enjoyed plenty of ice cream donated by Sam’s Club, visiting with neighbors, and taking home plants and seeds!