

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



December 12 RPCC Meeting – “Bring a Neighbor” Holiday Social

Mark your calendar!

Our second annual Holiday Social will be held at the **Kroc Center** this year, Administration, Building F, Community Room. Building F is the last building on the east side of the Kroc campus (enter from 69th St.)

Please join us and of course, “Bring a Neighbor” for an evening of food, drinks, music, great door prizes, and community socializing. Pizza, soft drinks, and dessert will be provided.

RPCC meetings are open to the community. You do not have to be a member of RPCC to attend and families are welcome to the Holiday Social.

There are not any guest speakers for this meeting, but we will acknowledge our many community volunteers for their efforts during the past year.



January 2017 Meeting – Setting Our Annual Priorities

What changes or improvements would you like to see in our community in 2017? At our annual January meeting, attendees suggest priorities and programs for the coming year. Members then vote for their first, second, and third choices. Votes are tallied and the results announced on Nextdoor and our website.

This is an important meeting, as it sets the RPCC agenda for the year. Please plan to attend and help guide the priorities of RPCC for the next year.

2017 Board Election Results

At the November 14 RPCC meeting, the 2016 Board Nominating Committee the list of candidates was presented for voting. All ballots were returned with a unanimous “Yes” vote for all candidates.

Your 2016 Rolando Park Community Council Board:

- Co-Presidents: Sonia Lang and Lynn Edwards
- Co-Vice Presidents: Gerrie Flaven and Kathryn Kern
- Secretary: Judy Fleischman
- Co-Treasurers: Audrey Ledesma and Debbi Blake

We welcome Gerrie, Audrey, and Debbi who have all served on the board in prior years and are rejoining the board for 2017.

Sonia was our 2016 Vice President and took over the President position when it became vacant in April 2016. She has done a great job leading the monthly meetings with sensitivity to speakers and time limitations. Lynn has been our Treasurer for the last two years and has organized record keeping for that position. For the last year, she has edited and published *The Rolando Park Reporter* and updated our website. She led efforts to obtain donations to purchase new Neighborhood Watch signs and solicit volunteers to install them.

Kathryn and Gerrie worked together on the 2014-15 San Diego Foundation grant awarded to RPCC. Kathryn is a 2016 Board Member-at-Large. She initiated RPCC Pop-ups to encourage neighbors to join the RPCC or to keep them informed of important issues. Gerrie has taken the lead on the RPCC Nominations Committee for the last three years and has helped establish a relationship between the Kroc Center and RPCC.

Judy has been our 2016 Secretary. She is our liaison with Rolando Park Elementary School and has updated us on the Joint Use Park project with the school district and the City. She obtained two separate grants from Walmart to benefit RPCC and our community: A grant to cover the ice cream social at the June 2016 meeting and a grant in the amount of \$1,000.

Audrey and Debbi have each been prior Board members. Audrey initiated the monthly Lean and Clean project to pick up trash in the southwest corner of Rolando Park and Zena Canyon plus help neighbors unable to take care of their front yards. Debbi is also taking responsibility to update and maintain the rolandopark.org website.

Special thanks to Gerrie Flaven and Kathryn Kern for driving the Board Nominating Committee search and the election.

2016 RPCC Board

President

Sonia Lang
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Vice President

Vacant

Treasurer

Lynn Edwards
lynn@rolandopark.org

Secretary

Judy Fleischman
judy@rolandopark.org

Members-at-Large

Heather Erwin/Kathryn Kern (shared position)
heather@rolandopark.org
kathryn@rolandopark.org

RPCC 2017 Membership Drive

Membership is \$12 per household or business per calendar year. This is your chance to join with others to improve our community.

Thanks to community support and volunteers, RPCC completed many successful community projects in 2016 including:

- A new four-way stop at Vista Grande and Marlowe soon to be installed
- Traffic study completed for Zena Drive and speed limit signs installed
- Smile account on Amazon – Allows members to make purchases on Amazon with a contribution made to RPCC
- Formation of a Rolando Park Transitions Group
- Storm drains repainted with I Love a Clean San Diego stencils
- Two Zena Canyon cleanups
- Established a liaison with Rolando Park Elementary School

Please help support our many community improvement projects by renewing your membership for 2016 or joining RPCC this year.

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

Councilmember MyrtleCole

(619) 236-6644
myrtlecole@sandiego.gov

Missed trash collection

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

Loose dogs

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

Get it Done

You can download the *Get it Done* app from the Apple App Store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android) to report the following problems in San Diego:

- Abandoned vehicle
- Curb/Gutter
- Dead Animal
- Graffiti
- Litter/Dumping
- Pothole
- Sidewalk
- Storm Drain
- Street Light
- Traffic Sign/Signal
- Tree Hazard

Mini-Dorm Ordinance

On Monday, November 14, the San Diego City Council voted 6 to 3 to end the development of mini-dorms in College Area neighborhoods near SDSU.

The legislation includes limiting the number of bedrooms in new construction with stricter parking regulations and there will be greater enforcement for homeowners who violate the rules. Also, the maximum fine for code violations will be increased to \$10,000 a day to be paid by the homeowner, not the tenant.

Why does this matter to the Rolando Park community? Unfortunately, the ordinance was *only* approved for the College Area, even though the Eastern Area Community Planning Commission (EACPC), Councilmember Cole, and Councilmember Emerald requested that it also include all communities in EACPC. Without the protection of the ordinance, those of us in Eastern Area communities (Rolando Park, Rolando, El Cerrito Heights, Redwood Village, Oak Park, and Webster) could start to see mini-dorms.

EACPC is discussing passage of the mini-dorm ordinance and its exclusion of our area with Councilmember Emerald’s office. Thus far, the response has been that “the Eastern Area communities need to start advocating for their neighborhoods to be included in the ordinance sometime after December 12 when an email/letter writing campaign to their Councilperson would certainly be in order.” Councilmember Cole is taking the lead to include Eastern Area communities in the ordinance.

The current ordinance will become law and take effect sometime in January 2017 after the Second Reading. As a member of EACPC, RPCC is making inclusion of Eastern Area communities in the ordinance a top priority for 2017. Please attend our monthly meetings to ensure that you voice your opinion (pro or against the ordinance) and stay updated on the latest status for our community.

In the meantime, should you suspect that a recent home sale is morphing into a mini-dorm (against single-family zoning codes), please contact Code Compliance to have them reconfirm. If someone is building an addition to their home and it is permitted, then no harm no foul. As a third-party, they will investigate and take proper action. Here is the link: <https://www.sandiego.gov/ced/report/investigation>.

Vista Grande/Marlowe Intersection

More than two years ago, residents requested that the Vista Grande/Marlowe intersection, which is the entrance to Rolando Park Elementary, install two additional stop signs to make it a four-way stop and a traffic study was requested. The traffic study concluded that the intersection did not qualify for a four-way stop, but instead, recommended that traffic calming radar display signs that display vehicle speed be installed. Two of these speed signs cost approximately \$20,000.

To date, funding for these radar signs is still not available and there has not been any indication that it would be in the near future. At the request of residents, RPCC decided to pursue an alternative process. Volunteers collected more than 130 signatures in the community, including many parents with children attending Rolando Park Elementary and on October 11, we presented our case to Eastern Area Community Planning Commission (EAC-PC) who voted unanimously to convert this

intersection to a four-way stop. The approval letter from EACPC was forwarded to Councilmember Myrtle Cole and we are waiting for an installation date.

Many thanks to all of the community volunteers who supported this cause and made it happen.

Rolando Park Elementary School

Good things are happening at Rolando Park Elementary, under the new leadership of Principal Anthony DeLuca. On October 28, after a three-year absence, the school had a Halloween Carnival. The parking lot was packed! The atmosphere was electric, with music playing, lots of booths, costumes, and a cake walk. Approximately 300 people attended and brought in about \$1800, to be used for a variety of student needs.

A Western Day Barbecue was held on November 4, with a showing of around 100 parents, impressive for a small school during the work day. The students were

thrilled to share burgers and dogs with them!

Every Friday begins with a Coffee with the Principal session at 8:00 in the auditorium, when parents and guardians have a chance to visit and ask questions or get information about happenings at school. Next, they go to their children's classrooms and read to the students for 30 minutes, finishing up back in the auditorium to share the experience or ask further questions.

In an interview, Pre-K teacher Alma Tidwell shared that Mr. DeLuca is passion-

ate about the students' education and well being, and is very supportive of the teachers. The school is now well organized and she feels that he has turned the school around 360 degrees. She said that Principal DeLuca stays on top of the latest in education, sharing information with the teachers at math and literacy meetings.

Best wishes for continued revival of Rolando Park Elementary! Every neighborhood is made better when its local school has a good reputation!



Community Calendar

Rolando Park Community Council Meetings

- December 12, 7 pm, **Kroc Center, Administration Building F, Community Room**
"Bring a Neighbor" Holiday Social
- January 9, 7 pm, RPE Room 25
Setting Our Annual Priorities
- February 13, 7 pm, RPE Room 25
TBD

Other Community Events

Lean and Clean
Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 4 – Saturday, 8:30 am to 10:30 am
Meet at the pocket park, corner of College and College Grove (SE corner, across from Chase Bank)
Contact Audrey, audreyj99@cox.net, for more information.



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Rolando Park Community Council Membership

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) _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ email _____

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