

## Rolando Park Community Council meeting notes - October 9, 2017

Board members present:

Co-Presidents: Sonia Lang/Lynn Edwards

Co-Vice President: Kathryn Kern/Gerrie Flaven

Co-Secretaries: Judy Fleischman/ Audrey Ledesma

Community representatives present:

Darnisha Hunter – Mayor Faulconer’s office

Lee Hernandez – State Assemblymember Shirley Weber’s office

Sonia opened the meeting at 7 p.m. and let everyone know that the council meeting notes are available on the RPCC website.

Lynn announced that we now have 93 members and are able to meet operating expenses. She also announced the opening for the Treasurer’s position on the RPCC board starting in Jan. ’18.

Darnisha Hunter from the Mayor’s office passed out fact sheets regarding the Hep. A outbreak. The city is offering free vaccinations on an ongoing basis and sanitation efforts especially downtown with the highest visible population of homeless people exist. She stressed the importance of open communication between the mayor’s office and communities such as Rolando Park. She explained Bridge to Housing, Quality of Life and HOT team resources being implemented and that the city’s emphasis is on vaccination, sanitation, and education in regards to the Hep. A outbreak.

Shirley Weber’s rep. asked for input regarding emergency preparedness concerns. One person volunteered fire as a concern. He also shared a handout which listed the bills that Representative Weber is working on.

Ellen reported that the RPCC is teaming with the RPE PTA on the Holiday fundraiser. A giving tree with removable hands listing gift needs will be rotated throughout the community as well as be present at the next RPCC mtg. in November. Locations of the giving tree will be posted on Facebook, Nextdoor, and the RPCC website.

Lynn announced that Rolando Park has been chosen to pilot a Pace Car program to address our community’s highest priority issue, traffic volume and speeding. Community members may volunteer to sign a pledge to follow all traffic laws, stopping at stop signs and keeping to the posted speed limits. They will receive a decal to put on their car signifying that they are a Pace Car. RPCC will recruit volunteers through neighbor contact and periodic pop-ups.

RP will also receive more law enforcement presence through the program.

There will be a program kick-off at the Kroc Center that will include a press conference with police, dignitaries, and media on October 19th. This event will be also be announced on social media sites to notify residents of RP.

Jan Tubiolo from the Water Conservation Garden at Cuyamaca College gave a presentation about where our water comes from and the importance of wise water use in San Diego. She gave handouts regarding an upcoming children’s program and planning for planting. She emphasized plant groupings according to water need, sun, and shade requirements. She

explained sustainable landscapes and the benefits of native plants. She recommended the website, [bewaterwise.com](http://bewaterwise.com) and the Sunset Western Garden book as valuable resources.

Roland Park resident, Noel Avilucea gave a power point presentation on her front yard landscape project. She showed how her family set a budget, did research, designed the yard, decided upon labor and materials and set a timeline for the project. She also presented Before and After photos.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m. and attendees were able to select cuttings brought by neighbors to take home for their landscapes.

---