

RPCC general meeting - January 8, 2018

Board Members present:

Co-presidents Lynn Edwards and Sonia Lang

Co-vice presidents Gerrie Flaven and Kathryn Kern

Co-secretary Audrey Ledesma

Members-at-Large Tom and Ellen Mester

After Sonia opened the meeting, Tom Mester gave a report on the Giving Tree project. He stated that last year, it was only for the needy children at Rolando Park Elementary but this year every child at the school received a wrapped gift. Tom and Ellen worked with the RPE PTA who got specific gift requests from each student. RPCC board members solicited outside of Target, Sam's Club, and Walmart to encourage people to buy a gift for a child. At Judy Fleischman's suggestion, the gifts were also wrapped. Tom played Santa during gift distribution and photo opportunity.

Chevelle Tate from Toni Atkins' office passed out newsletters and said that Toni was finishing up passing legislation from last year. She also remarked that Senator Atkins is the first female to hold the President Pro Tem position and the first female to hold this position in both the Assembly and the Senate. Universal Health Care is still in play, passed the Senate, but stalled in the House over funding details.

Terri Hoskins gave a 30 day 'snapshot' of Rolando Park for the month of December, noting one residential burglary and one vehicle theft. He then compared RP to the larger area covered by the SDPD. He announced Jud Campbell as his new lieutenant and said he would be coming to one of our meetings in the near future. Officer Hoskins also praised the Pace Car Project and agreed to participate in one of our 'pop-up' efforts to enlist more participants. He also took note that enforcement officers should focus more on speed as well as obeying stop signs in future efforts. He mentioned that he is seeing an improvement in the Billman, 7/11 area and thanked the RPCC board members for their efforts on behalf of the RP community.

Gerrie Flaven requested that Terri provide SDPD policy regarding the homeless to post on the Nextdoor and RPCC websites. Terri noted that there must be a progressive approach to enforcement and that citations must be issued before arrests can be made. Gerrie requested that Terri assist us in getting the Homeless Outreach Team to come out to speak at one of our future meetings so that our community can better understand how to approach this issue.

Katie Sadd from Myrtle Cole's office also passed out newsletters and stated that the council was on legislative recess until Jan. 9th and that our banner district consideration would be going before the council on Jan. 30th. She said that the entire undergrounding utility project has been updated online and that there are interactive tools on the city's website to explore for more information. The website shows completed projects and yet-to-be completed projects. There will be a public information meeting regarding the website on Monday, January 22nd from 5:30 - 7:30 at the Jacob Center. Katie also asked to be apprised of the priorities we set for 2018.

Sonia and Lynn presented a visual of the banner choice and stated that the projected installation date is sometime in February.

After the community suggested priorities for 2018 and they were posted on the screen, ballots were passed out for members to select their top three.

Suggestions included:

Traffic-volume and speeding  
Highly visible crosswalks/walkable neighborhood  
Pocket park improvement  
Unkept homes  
Adult/elder protective services  
Undergrounding presentation  
Improve RP business district  
RPE PTA presentation  
Continue Holiday Giving Tree  
Presentation by District Attorney  
Presentation on homelessness  
Increase Lean and Clean volunteers