

RPCC general meeting - May 14, 2018

Board Members present:

Co-president Sonia Lang

Co-vice president Gerrie Flaven

Cosecretaries Judy Fleischman and Audrey Ledesma

Members at Large Tom and Ellen Mester

Community representatives present: Darnisha Hunter from Mayor Faulconer's office, Katie Sadd from Myrtle Cole's office, and Jessica Poole from Susan Davis' office.

The meeting was called to order by Sonia who reminded everyone that the minutes to our meetings are posted on the RPCC.org website.

Sonia also reported that dues and memberships were unchanged since last month.

Cheryl Bailey was introduced as the candidate for RPCC treasurer. She made a brief statement saying that she just moved to Rolando Park less than a year and a half ago. She wants to be involved and is excited to be part of the RPCC board.

Darnisha Hunter introduced herself as the District 4 and District 7 representative from the Mayor's office. She stated that she won't be able to be at our meetings every month but she can be reached via email. She reported that the Mayor is working on the proposed budget for 2019 including funding for the Climate Action Plan, Pure Water Program, Vision Zero goals, Park & Recreation, Homeless services & programs, Police recruitment & retention, Police academies, Replacement of Lifeguard vessels and the Fire Academy to name a few.

Officer Hoskins presented crime maps and compared his entire service area to the Rolando Park neighborhood for a 30 day period.

He said homeless complaints should be referred to the Get It Done website under the categories of 'Illegal Dumping' or 'Other'. There is

an effort to get a Homelessness designation on the Get It Done website in the future. When specifying a location that is in the canyon or not at a specific address, it was suggested to use Google maps to send a picture of the location. Officer Hoskins said that he would also like to be notified of these reports via email. He suggested a way to avoid car break-ins is to avoid keeping items in plain sight.

Katie Sadd brought newsletters and said that Council President Cole was still working on the budget and that members of the public were welcome to provide input. In regard to the joint-use field at Rolando Park Elementary, the general development plan to the first 2 acres (Phase 1) is done, the school district has funding, and it should be open next summer. The ramp is now being evaluated for Phase 2 of the project and Council President Cole is still advocating for that part to be completed.

Katie also stated that there will be 10 public input meetings regarding park planning and development, the first for the Skyline District being on May 19th. She said there will be more meetings conducted in the future. The first recoating on College Ave. has been repaired. The 'goat trail' along College Ave. should be replaced with sidewalks in the next year. Landscaping will be cleared in the meantime.

Jessica Poole from Susan Davis' office brought newsletters and said that she will be attending our meetings in the future. Items discussed included the FAA reauthorization bill and the Farm Bill which involves funding for the SNAP program.

Ron Lacey from the Pure Water Project stated that 1/3 of our water comes from Northern CA and the Colorado River. He said that water costs are rising, our drought continues, and that a natural disaster could disrupt our water supply. He reminded the audience that the water we are drinking is already recycled and the difference between what we have now and what the Pure Water Project will do is that the city will be doing the recycling closer to the source. Also beneficial to our region is that the San Vicente water storage has been doubled.

Two candidates for the County Board of Supervisors, District 4 were present for a question and answer session.

Omar Passons and Ken Malbrough made opening statements, questions were presented and each candidate had two minutes to answer each question. They also made closing statements.

Throughout the discussion, it was explained what the Board of Supervisors does, the services they provide and why each candidate was best suited for the job. Both candidates also have websites that voters can access for further information.

At the conclusion of the meeting, RPCC members were asked to vote on whether or not to approve Cheryl Bailey as the treasurer. She was approved.