

January 12, 2015
Morningside-Lenox Park Association
Monthly Board Meeting Agenda
www.mlpa.org

Call to order and welcome:

MLPA President Carmen Pope called the meeting to order.

Update from Alex Wan:

- \$250M infrastructure bond was approved. Project list is still being worked on - \$1B in city improvements are needed eventually.
- Beltline/APS/City debt issue – very close to a settlement being signed – should be resolved in the next 30 days.
- Inman Middle expansion was discussed regarding possible tree removal and an appeal.
- Atlanta District #6 – sign up for Alex’s monthly newsletter for neighborhood information.

Zoning Report/Variances:

****V-14-294 1455 Lanier Place**

Applicant seeks a special exception to make an addition to a non-conforming duplex. Applicant is requesting to expand the Kitchen into the bedroom, relocate the existing bedroom within the proposed addition area along with the new bathroom and new screened porch. (The number of bedrooms will remain the same.) Applicant also seeks a variance to reduce the side yard setback from 7 feet to 5 feet 9 inches to allow the addition to match the existing home.

Lillian makes Motion to Approve the special exception. Bob Silvia seconds the motion.

Motion Passed 9-0-0.

****V-14-295 1785 Meadowdale Ave**

Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the required front yard setback from 35' to 34' to allow for the construction of a 2nd story addition that will align with the first floor of the existing house. (Basically raising the front gable of the house about 7 feet to keep in line with a 2nd floor addition.)

Lillian Caudle made Motion to Approve. Tad seconded the motion.

Motion Passed 9-0-0.

****1-14-076 – 655, 685 Lambert Drive**

Applicant request property to be rezoned from MRC-2-C (Mixed Residential/Commercial) to PD-MU (Planned Development – Mixed Use). Hedgewood is the developer - they are “downsizing” the overall FAR of the site. Project will have some live-work units (18 units), 40 detached homes and 20 attached townhomes (fee simple lots to be sold individually). Current property has one existing tree with only 15% free space due to 2 commercial structures. Plan is to add landscaping and up to 22% free space.

Lillian Caudle made a motion to approve rezoning with 78 total units per the site drawings submitted and dated 12-2-14. Tom Coggin seconds the motion.

Motion Passed 9-0-0.

Approval of December 2014 Minutes:

MLPA motion to approve the December minutes was deferred.

Parks Committee:

Sally Bayless spoke:

- The wooden bench that was broken at Smith Park will be replaced by a metal bench within a week by the City of Atlanta. Katie Vann looking for another sponsor for the park. MLPA to request a new sign and better water access (which is why the previous Sponsors have left). The City quit replacing signs about 4 years ago. Bob Silvia will take to the Cub/Boy Scouts about replacing the flag and the light/bulb.
- The mold maker/storage of the monuments may need a storage fee. Sally has asked for an Invoice if so.

- Katie Vann has developed a Google Maps site with park locations and names that we'd like to add to the website.
- Zonolite trails have been revised. There is a meeting at the end of January to show the new plans if anyone is interested.

Security Committee Report:

Bob Silvia noted Ric Velasquez could not attend due to illness; Ric is now with the Fugitive Division and will continue working with the MLPA. MLPA Security Patrol had 769 house checks in December. Fortunately, the recent rash of crimes has stopped.

The first Morningside Street Captain meeting will be at DBA BBQ on Monday night at 7:00 – he hopes to recruit one to four people on each street to help maintain and notify the street of suspicious activity, neighborhood crimes, etc. Virginia Highland has this program and almost all streets have a Captain. An EBLAST will be sent out from the MLPA asking for volunteers.

Treasurer's Report

Chuck Tobias reported the balance is currently \$66,483; Jan/Feb Annual Membership should bring this back up.

Communications

Tom Coggins – The Newsletter will be going out soon and he needs articles from each Chairperson by next Monday or any other points of interest to the Neighborhood (Mill Creek, Clifton Corridor, Schools, etc). We need to set a date for the Annual Meeting.

Events Committee Report

Carmen spoke on the Celebration of Summer. It will be May 22nd.

Membership Committee Report

Carmen spoke on turning over the membership to MemberClicks. The renewal drive is coming up. There will be a push for online payments.

New Business

Carmen spoke on the Morningside/Lenox Park monuments and what we have previously asked for and received. We need to check on the monument at Sunken Garden Park.

Bob Silvia – VHMPA Board proposed a 4th of July parade down Lanier and ending at Doc Cheys starting about 10:00 or 10:30.

Adjourn:

MLPA President Carmen Pope adjourned the meeting.