

**March 9, 2015**  
**Morningside-Lenox Park Association**  
**Monthly Board Meeting Agenda**  
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**Call to order and welcome:**

MLPA President Carmen Pope called the meeting to order.

Thanks to Tom Coggin for compiling and sending out the recent MLPA Newsletter!

The MLPA Annual Meeting will be March 23<sup>rd</sup> and held downstairs at Morningside Presbyterian at 7:00.

Many speakers are already planned.

**Treasurer's Report**

Chuck Tobias reported the balance is currently around \$71,745. The MemberClicks payment process is working well.

**Security Committee Report:**

Bob Silvia - The Street Captain program is going well. Street Captains keep their street informed of incidents and will also help with neighbors that are away, etc. Phyllis Wingo (Street Captain for Cumberland) proposed that we are less restrictive with alerts (data) sent out from the Morningside Patrol – currently this information is limited to MLPA members only – for various reasons: It is hard to determine who is a member and who is not a member on her street, safety is a community issue, this would facilitate more communication from non-members on crime, etc which would also be helpful to members, good will and advertising for the MLPA Security Patrol. The Board will review and consider.

**Zoning Report/Variances:**

**\*\*V-15-027 1121 University Drive**

Applicant seeks a Variance to reduce the West side yard setback from 7 feet to 1.2 feet and to reduce the rear yard setback from 15 feet to 0 feet to allow for a roof pitch change on an existing detached accessory structure (storage shed). Neighbors have been notified and have signed approvals.

Rae made Motion to approve per the site plan dated 2-2-15. Bob seconded the motion.

Motion Passed 9-0-0.

**\*\*V-14-301 1370 Monroe Drive**

Applicant seeks a Variance to reduce the North side yard setback from 7' feet required to 3 feet to allow the placement of a condensing unit for a single family residence.

Carmen made a motion to defer as applicant was not in attendance. Bob seconded the motion.

Motion to defer passed 9-0-0.

**Membership Committee Report**

Rae Conlan noted that MemberClicks was turned on 2/25 – MemberClicks is a new back-end membership system employed to streamline the membership process. Since we began using it, we have processed 60 renewals (which included 18 new memberships). There are 443 people set to renew in the next few months and 848 current members total at this time. We need a list/postcard to send out to new homeowners in the neighborhood and maybe offer a discount or a free membership for a year and/or a discounted membership fee for bulk purchases by real estate agents to give to their new neighborhood home buyers.

**Events Committee**

Sonny Jones - the Celebration of Summer will be here in May – Sponsors and Volunteers are needed (other than Food/Beer Truck volunteers).

**Parks:**

Sally Bayless notes that Smith Park has been adopted by Surrounding Landscape, Sonny Jones/Dorsey Alston will sponsor the Johnson-Lenox Triangle and Dorsey Alston will adopt Barclay. The Monuments were all inspected recently and several are in need of repair. Sally will investigate if the City pays for any

of this. Susan mentioned that the Monumental Ball was first incepted to raise money for this sort of project years ago.

Haygood is planning to remove trees – the lower level of the church will be redone due to mold, etc and that process will damage the tree roots, etc.

Tree Experts of McDonough left tree pieces, etc from a cutting. This was investigated/reported by CBS 46 and they were told to come back and pick them up although haven't done so yet.

The Zonolite area is considering adding some picnic tables and a shelter. The Haygood Eagle Scouts may be able to do the labor. A research group from UGA is helping the Parks Committee to formulate a plan to establish an urban wildlife refuge in the two nature preserves (Morningside Nature Preserve and Johnson Taylor Nature Preserve) and Zonolite Park which connects the two. The total area involved is approximately 80 acres. Sally plans to attend a citywide parks meeting in March.

#### **Disbursements:**

Sally made a motion to approve a \$150 for storage of the MLPA Monument Molds and \$255 for mowing the traffic triangle at Lenox and Johnson (17 times).

Motions to pay both invoices were made by Rae Conlan. The motions were seconded.

Motions to pay both invoices were approved 8-0-0.

#### **New Business**

Rae Conlan spoke – Smith Park is in disrepair because the previous landscaper couldn't get water to the area and a homeless person lived there. A new bench, flag, sign, etc is on the way. Sherwood Road is having their own fundraiser to benefit the park called "Sherwood-Be-Good" on March 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:00 to 9:00. Money received will go to repairing the fountain in the park. Sponsors include Varuni, Smiths Olde Bar, Laughing Skull Comedy Club, etc. Laughing Skull will offer \$5 reduction in ticket price to their comedy festival (two nights to be held at Smiths) and donate that \$5 to Sherwood-Be-Good.

#### **Approval of January/February 2015 Minutes:**

MLPA motion to approve the minutes was made by Ran Conlan. Bob seconded the motion.

The Motion to Approve the minutes was approved 7-0-0.

#### **Adjourn:**

MLPA Vice President Rae Conlan adjourned the meeting.