

July 13, 2015
Morningside-Lenox Park Association
Monthly Board Meeting Agenda
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Board Members in Attendance:

Carmen Pope (President), Bill Long, Sally Bayless, Sonny Jones, Bob Silvia, Lynn Ayers, Tom Coggin, Susan Schlittler, Kirk Rich

Call to order and welcome:

MLPA President Carmen Pope called the meeting to order.

Approval of April - June 2015 Minutes.

Motion to approve April, May and June Minutes was made by Bill Long, seconded by Kirk Rich and passed 9-0-0

Variances:

****V-15-172 – 1218 Lanier Blvd.**

Applicant seeks a Variance to reduce the south side yard setback from 7' required to 2' to allow the for an addition to a single family residence.

Motion to approve the application V-15-172 with the site plan dated [REDACTED] and notification letters to the neighbors was made by Lynn Schlittler, seconded by Bill Long. Motion passed 9-0-0.

****V-15-149 – 650 Courtenay Drive.**

Applicant did not attend, Application deferred.

City Council Report -- Alex Wan

Councilman Wan discussed Tax Assessment issues along with Appeal procedures. He acknowledged the City of Atlanta reduced millage rate so that City portion would not increase as Mayor Reed pledged.

City of Atlanta has released \$10 million of the Infrastructure Bond fund. East Morningside is slated to be paved with a portion of these funds; work to commence within the next 90 days.

Councilman Wan discussed Impact Fees of approximately \$200,000 collected from the new Sprouts development on Piedmont. These fees will be spent on projects with input from Piedmont Heights and MLPA. Both Association Presidents have had an initial meeting with Councilman Wan to begin discussions on process and expenditures. Per State regulation, these funds cannot be used for traffic calming. Alternate ways to achieve traffic calming are being studied.

Councilman Wan discussed Music Midtown's request through Live Nation to add a 4th stage on the Piedmont Park recreation oval. After pushback from multiple groups including Councilman Wan, Live Nation has agreed to withdraw the application for the 4th stage. Music Midtown is planned for September 18-19 at Piedmont Park.

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Membership Committee Report -- Bill Long

Bill provided the detailed written monthly membership report showing activity for the period March 2015 thru June 2015. Celebration of Summer promotion brought in 14 new members.

Bill presented and made a motion to approve the Establishment of Membership Categories which detailed a new structure of 5 membership choices. After discussion around impact to security funding and more detail on value proposition of each category, the motion was withdrawn. Further detail will be presented to answer concerns so that the issue can be re-considered at the upcoming August 18th meeting. As part of that discussion, the Board will be provided the past 36 months operating history, security costs detail and study MemberClicks fees to better understand allowing for monthly payment of membership fees.

A membership drive with separate mailing was also discussed as part of a rollout of any new program.

Communications – Tom Coggin

Tom discussed upcoming Newsletter which will include topics of Treasurers Report, Education update, Events, Parks and Monuments and Membership. Susan suggested including neighborhood history interest story as well. The newsletter is planned for 3rd week of August with submission deadline of August 7th. Next newsletter will focus on Membership.

Parks and Monuments Committee Report -- Sally Bayless

Sally reported on Parks and discussed protecting our unique forested areas.

It was noted that the City had been notified of a large limb down in Sydney Marcus Park. It was noted that we continue to see illegal dumping on Beach Valley, Yorkshire and Amsterdam; probably done during nighttime hours.

It was noted that \$4000 has been deposited in the fiscal partnership account with Sherwood neighbors for the renovation of Smith Park.

MLPA is in touch with Traffic Island and Park Sponsors to facilitate better maintenance/upkeep of their sponsored areas.

Monument Repair bids are in with \$4,375 needed to repair current monuments with an additional \$190 to pressure wash. It was discussed that more estimates are needed. It was also suggested to include in our Newsletter the need for neighbors to help with weeding around monuments.

New Business

Carmen discussed the upcoming August 18th meeting where 100% Board participation is anticipated. Topics will include Membership, Fiscal matters, Communications.

Carmen discussed the creation of a Board Governance Committee. This committee's responsibilities will be to review the MLPA By-Laws and provide Best Practices so that the Board can update/improve operating template. A motion was presented by Kirk Rich to form the Committee consisting of five Board members, seconded by Sally Bayless. Motion passed 8-0-0.

Adjourn:

MLPA President Carmen Pope adjourned the meeting.