

**September 14, 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.

**Approval of July 2015, August 2015, Annual Meeting Minutes:**

A motion to defer the July, August and Annual Meeting minutes until October was made by Rae Conlan. The motion was seconded by Kirk Rich. The Motion to Defer the minutes until October was approved 8-0-0.

**Zoning Report/Variances:**

**\*\*V-15-226 – 690 Hillpine Drive**

Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the front yard setback from 35 feet to 32.1 feet to allow for an alteration of the roof line of an existing single family dwelling.

Motion to Approve per the site plan dated 8-19-15 pending verification of notification letters to neighbors was made by Tad Christian. Kevin Lyman seconded the motion. The Motion to Approve passed 9-0-0.

\*\*A representative from the new Owner of the Woodfire Grille was in attendance. They will be requesting a Liquor License/dba for the new owner/operator who also owns a South African restaurant in Buckhead and is opening a space in Ponce City Market.

**Speakers:**

**Alex Wan (District 6 City Councilman)** – The city has implemented a new recycling incentive program. You get points for pushing out your cart, etc that can be redeemed for gift certificates, etc. The gift certs are also to help small business development. The Park Atlanta contract expires in September 2016. They can non-renew or bring it all in-house. Alex feels like in-house would be beneficial for many reasons. Fire Station #19 should be one of the first projects to get funding from the infra-structure bond. The “Cry Wolf” system where you register your home alarm has been effective with preventing false alarms. The renewal was in August. You could get fined if your alarm is not registered and creates a false alarm response.

Car break-ins have increased but 3 people have been apprehended so hopefully we will see a reduction.

**NPU Representative Debbie Skopczynski** – The NPU-F is recommending various changes to the By-Laws and Policy Sheet.

- Proposed new liquor license approval process – the applicant and representative would need to go to only one neighborhood/civic association meeting prior to attending the NPU-F meeting. The neighborhood organization would provide a recommendation to the NPU.
- Rearrangement of the NPU-F agenda to better work with the neighborhood and scheduling
- Create a “Consent Agenda” – This would enable the uncontested, basically administrative in nature, ‘variance’ approvals to be listed on a “Consent Agenda” that would be voted on by the NPU without hearing the application. There are currently 14 suggested pre-requisites for inclusion on this Agenda. There is also a section for Special Events based on size of the events, length and location. Walk/runs will also be looked at with specific emphasis on the one-off events – not the annual neighborhood events.
- Remove the time allotments for the meetings.
- By-Laws – to consolidate some committees and redefine others
- Clarification of the role

- Bob wants NPU to get the city to remove Atkins Park, allow all Business associations to be included in the by laws
- MLPA needs to provide 2 executive committee members for the NPU executive committee meetings – these people will get the communications sent from the NPU pass it along to the board and come 2 approximately 2 meetings per year.

**Security Committee Report:**

Earlier in the meeting, Bob Silvia noted the MLPA security patrol officer and an APD police officer stopped and escorted a solicitor out of the neighborhood.

Bob Silvia made a request for a disbursement of \$600 for a Street Captain meeting. Tad Christian mad a motion to approve. Kirk Parks seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-0-0.

**Adjourn:**

MLPA Vice President Rae Conlan adjourned the meeting.