

**September 8, 2014**  
**Morningside-Lenox Park Association**  
**Monthly Board Meeting Agenda**  
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**Call to order and welcome**

MLPA Vice President Rae Conlan called the meeting to order.

**Approval of August Minutes**

August minutes were not available at the meeting. MLPA motion to defer the approval of the August minutes made by Tad Christian; Lillian Caudle seconds the motion. Motion approved 6-0-0.

**Parks Chair Report**

Sally Bayless reported that the Parks committee had a meeting with a group of Forestry students from UGA, they have chosen to focus on a Morningside area park/preserve as their senior project. They are not exactly sure what they will focus on, but will get back to us soon.

**Security Committee Report**

Bob Silvia was unable to attend.

**Treasurer's Report**

Chuck Tobias reports that there is \$81,896 in the account.

**Zoning Report: Variances**

Tad Christian reported that Oak Knoll asked for a deferral for one month – MLPA motion to approve by Tad Christian; Lillian Caudle seconds the motion. Motion approved 6-0-0.

**V-14-182 894 Kings Ct NE** -- Application seeks a variance to reduce the East side yard setback from 7' to 4' for a new screened porch. Zoning Committee approved variance based on the site plan submitted with the application dated 8-19-14 and pending letters from rear neighbors.

At the meeting, the applicant brought got four letters from neighbors; the house is already in the setback. The new porch will have the same structural posts but will be cantilevered out 2 ft.

MLPA motion to approve by Tad Christian; Rae Conlan seconds the motion. Motion approved 6-0-0.

**V-14-184 1740 Meadowdale Ave NE** – Application seeks a variance to reduce the required South side yard setback from 7' to 5.7' and to reduce the required front yard from 35' to 31.6' to allow an addition to a single family house. Zoning Committee approved variance based on the site plan submitted with the application dated 8-20-14 and pending letters from adjacent neighbors.

At the meeting, Mark Arnold (architect) presented the plans. The owners have delivered the letters to adjacent neighbors plus additional neighbors and have support. Only one tree going down and the yard includes many pines and hardwoods.

MLPA motion to approve by Tad Christian; Lillian Caudle seconds the motion. Motion approved 6-0-0.

**V-14-185 1249 Lanier Blvd NE – presented by mark Arnold**

Application seeks a variance to reduce the front yard setback from 35' to 23.3' and reduce the South side yard setback from 7' to 5' for a second story addition. Zoning Committee approved variance based on the site plan submitted with the application dated 8-20-14. Note: A neighbor was present to support application.

At the meeting, Mark Arnold (architect) presented the plans. The house is already in the setback and is staying within the footprint. No trees are affected and the lot coverage is conforming. Letters complete and one neighbor came in support to the zoning meeting.

MLPA motion to approve by Tad Christian; Lillian Caudle seconds the motion. Motion approved 6-0-0.

## **Education Report**

Michelle Constantinides was unable to attend. It was noted that APS submitted a permit to add additional space to Inman Middle School to be completed by 2016 -

## **Traffic Report**

Lillian Caudle gave the report.

- 1) Lillian is going to ask for a traffic study for Lanier Blvd and Amsterdam. The Signage is confusing, not a stop sign but it tells you to stop for pedestrians. May need to work with VaHi on this initiative since it is at the border.
- 2) Lillian is going to a meeting related to Piedmont Park Festivals and the traffic effects. She will report back.
- 3) Hollis Chamberlain spoke and requested traffic assistance on N. Morningside between Highland and Lanier. Cars go too fast, there are no crosswalks and no stop signs. After discussion it was decided we could pursue several options to help improve this area
  - a. Lillian to ask for speed enforcement (police)
  - b. Ask for a crosswalk sign and to repaint crosswalk at Lanier Place.
  - c. Try to get the speed limit lowered to 25 (it is everywhere else on the street) and then request a traffic study.

## **Membership Committee Report**

There is no report at this time.

## **Events Chair Report**

Tom Coggin & Susan Schlittler gave the report on the Monumental Ball (September 26, 2014):

We are ahead in ticket sales -- 56- tickets sold; We need more volunteers – we have 19 volunteers; need 36; We need help organizing the raffle; We need help organizing the silent auction; We need donations. The Ball costs about \$15-16K and we have raised about \$8400 in sponsorships so far.

A request was made by Tom and Susan that Board members attend, buy 2 tickets and give to friends, or donate \$100 to the ball. This is what's been done the past several years... After discussion we decided Rae would send an email to all board members requesting one or more of the following from the board:

- 1) Volunteer time before the event
- 2) Volunteer time at the event
- 3) Ticket purchase (2)
- 4) Donation of \$100

## **Communications Chair Report**

Tom Coggin reported that a proof of the newsletter is coming this week.

## **New Business**

Liquor License – Jim Erno from Club Silhouette came to ask for support in the his liquor licenses application for the club (formerly Kamal's). The owner has ousted Kamal and Club Silhouette is taking over. The liquor license will be in Jim Erno's name. Jim has been in adult business for 20 yrs; has never been in jail, is a marital artist. His number is 770-622-4188.

Club Silhouette took over on July 11. Some of the changes they made include:

- Patrons are wanded and patted down upon entry
- 2 bouncers outside the doors to check ID's
- Keeps lot clear of trash and no girls hanging around the front

MLPA motion to take no position by Rae Conlan; Lillian Caudle seconds the motion. Motion approved 6-0-0.

## **Adjourn**

MLPA Vice President Rae Conlan adjourned the meeting.