

MLPA Board Meeting Minutes June 13, 2016

Sally Bayless called the meeting to order and welcomed all who attended.

Board members present: Sally Bayless, Kirk Rich, Alex Munoz, Phyllis Wingo, Chase Horner, Sonny Jones, Marti Breen, Kevin McGlynn, Chuck Tobias, John Ayers, Charlie Nalbone and Bill Long.

Board Members not present: Bob Silvia

Minutes of the May meeting were approved. Motion to approve was made, seconded and passed 13/0.

Neighborhood Watch Program

Major Hobbs and Inspector Solomon were in attendance to swear in the MLPA Street Captains to the Neighborhood Watch Program. Major Hobbs reported that overall crime in Morningside is about the same as last year. He also reported that in Zone 2 auto theft and auto break-ins are up 40% and most of the auto theft coming from keys left in the car or the engine running.

Phyllis Wingo brought two issues to the board for a vote.

Proposing that the one year trial of sharing safety information with the whole MLPA neighborhood be made permanent. Alex Munoz made the motion to approve and Charlie Nalbone seconded. Motion passed 13-0.

Proposed to share the MLPA member's email addresses with their respective street captains. After discussion it was agreed upon that we should communicate to the members that their email address would not be shared with others and if they opted out then keep a record of that request and that street captains distribute reports on a blind copy. Marti Breen moved and Alex Munoz seconded. Motion passes 13-0.

Treasurer Report

Chuck reported that our balance is over \$127,000 which is up 34% due to an overall increase in membership-thank you Bill. Also COS has not been formalized as checks are still in process.

Events

Sonny reported that COS had over 800+ people in attendance. Revenues were about \$14,000 which should equal our expenses for a breakeven. Good job Sonny! And we need a volunteer coordinator for next year. Alex Munoz has stepped up to create a project plan going forward.

Security

Alex Munoz reported that he, Sally and Bob Silvia met to discuss the adoption of Edmund Park to the MSP. It was decided that the focus should be on improving the current MSP jurisdiction as opposed to growing it outside Morningside. Edmund Park is serviced by the Druid Hills Security.

Communication

Marti reported that the newsletter will be going out June 16th. She would also like pictures of the COS if anyone has some.

Variances

V-16-135 1205 Lanier Blvd. Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the required half depth yard from 15 feet to 11.6 feet for the purpose of a new single-family dwelling. Charlie moved to deny the application; Chuck seconded. Motion to deny passed 13-0.

V-16-134 1002 Amsterdam Avenue. Applicant seeks variance to reduce the western side yard setback from 7 feet to .63 feet in order to construct a carport with porch. Charlie moved to approve based on Site Plan dated 5/18/2016; Bill seconded. Motion passed 13-0.

V-16-133 1715 Pine Ridge Dr. Applicant seeks variance to reduce front yard setback from 50 feet to 27 feet to allow an addition to a single family dwelling. Charlie moved to approve based on site plan dated 6/13/2016; Alex seconded. Motion passed 13-0.

V-16-120 732 Amsterdam Ave. Applicant seeks variance to reduce north side yard from 7 feet to 3 feet and the rear yard setback from 15 feet to 3 feet for the construction of a 2 car garage. Applicant further seeks a variance to exceed the maximum floor area of the garage from 30% to 36%. Charlie moved to approve; Amanda seconded. Motion passed 13-0.

V-16-119 722 E Morningside Dr. Applicant seeks variance to reduce rear yard setback from 15 feet to 12 feet to allow the construction of a swimming pool. Marti moved to approve; Charlie seconded the motion. Motion passed 13-0.

Parks

See report attached.

Meeting was adjourned.

MLPA Parks Report
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Smith Park

- Benefit party held May 15 with about 60 attendees. Thank you to everyone who came to support the park. While we have not yet received the check or the final numbers from Rae & Brian Conlan who organized the party, it appears that approximately \$1300 was raised including direct donations of \$280 to Park Pride.
- Last week work on Smith Park began. Jason Phillips of Surrounding Landscapes did the trenching for the plumbing and electrical lines. J. W. Ayers plumbing completed the plumbing work and Cherry Electric completed the electrical work. The plumbing has been inspected and approved. This morning (6/13/16) John Ayers is having a final meeting with Lathan Croom, the water protection supervisor for City of Atlanta. Hopefully he will also sign off on the project. The electrical work has not yet been inspected, but we hope that will occur today.

As soon as the inspections are complete, Surrounding Landscapes will backfill the trenches and begin work on the fountain.

We plan to have a ribbon cutting ceremony three weeks after the fountain is completed. More details will be provided shortly.

Our interim report to Park Pride is due June 15. Marti Breen and Sally Bayless will prepare and submit the report.

Herbert Taylor Park / Johnson Taylor Nature Preserve

- We expect that the city will soon begin work to repair the curbing that borders the park on Beech Valley Road. Repairing the curbing will fix many of the erosion issues in the park.
- The Parks Committee is continuing to work with the city on new signage for the nature preserve. Part of the new signage is needed to ensure that there is an address that EMTs, firefighters or police could navigate to quickly in an emergency. The remaining signage will be informational about the history of the park as well as the trees and wildlife present.