

MLPA Board Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2016

In Attendance: Bayless, Nalbone, Wingo, Horner, Long, Jones, Munoz, Silvia

1. Approval of Minutes of August 8, 2016. Unanimous vote to approve.
2. Jim Elgar Caesar Mitchell's office presented the following:
 - a. APS free practice test sessions for ACT SAT and PSAT
 - b. A free session for parents on how to prepare their students for these tests
 - c. Discussed the Kwanza Hall proposal to repeal "life ordinances" from the Atlanta Municipal Code.
3. Application for liquor license by Mr. Paul Rohan, store manager for Sprouts
4. Sally Bayless referenced the Treasurer Report sent in advance by Chuck Tobias and asked if there were any comments or questions. There were none.
5. Zoning- Four cases presented
 - a. V-16-212 Approved 11-0-0
 - b. V-16-214 Approved 10-1-0
 - c. V-16-221 Approved 11-0-0
 - d. V-16-222 Denied 9-1-1.
6. Alex Wan
 - a. Discussed Monroe Road diet plans and the first meeting that was held in August at Grady High School. Expressed appreciation for the large interest and turnout. Regretted the lack of an opportunity for discussion due to large crowd size of 400+. The next meeting is planned for January 2017. Kirk announced MLPA Traffic Forum to discuss plans for Monroe Road will be held on October 6 at Haygood Methodist Church. Please attend.
 - b. Park Atlanta contract is up for renewal. The City of Atlanta pays them approximately \$5 million annually. New proposal is approximately \$7 million. He said there were obvious options for more revenue: more tickets/fines, and/or more metered spaces. He is inclined to fight for more metered spaces. The city recognizes the need for an upgrade of a new meter system and equipment.
 - c. Music Midtown this coming weekend.
 - d. Annexation of Woodbridge Crossing (Emory University area). Question about whether the City would be providing Services to the University such as police and trash. Alex reported that the city would not provide these services if the area were to be annexed.
 - e. Election on November 8. New polling place and some purging of voter registration rolls, particularly for those not voting since 2008, reducing state totals by some 500,000. So check and confirm before heading to the polls. The ballot will include two referendums that would increase the sales tax.

7. Events—Sonny Jones
 - a. Committee Met on August 22nd. Attending were Jones, Horner, Strawser and Breen.
 - b. Would like to have a representative from each quadrant of the neighborhood to be sure we were fully represented.
 - c. Need to recruit for and plan quarterly get-togethers/dinners/mixers in order to attract and retain more volunteers.
 - d. Working on a “Touch a Truck” event for later this year which Amanda will be spearheading.
 - e. Considering the idea of a Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt.
 - f. Discussing a fundraiser at Orpheus Brewing. Marti and Amanda will be reach out and report back.
 - g. Google has indicated an interest in being a sponsor at one of our events and/or what else they can do in the neighborhood. Several Board members indicated that they could “start” with filling in the holes they left after construction and installation of Fiber. Sonny will reach out and report back.
8. Traffic. Kirk Rich reported the following:
 - a. October 6 Meeting at Haygood United Methodist Church (referenced earlier) discussing the Monroe Road Diet plan and the potential impact this would have on the Morningside Lenox Park neighborhood.. Of particular concern are the cut through traffic and what can be done to help curb it such as left turn restrictions, speed humps, road narrowing, etc.
 - b. Kirk made a particular point that communication is very important to this process.
 - c. One of our neighbors and members on Greystone gave an update on the construction at Piedmont/Greystone/E. Morningside. It has been a real mess and was poorly communicated. Sally Bayless asked the pertinent question: What do we want when reporting about this type of problem? Answer: Safe work that is well communicated to neighbors.
9. Parks
 - a. October 22 Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the newly renovated Smith Park. Sally specifically thanked John and Lynn Ayers for their financial and hands on support for the renovation.
 - b. Discussed the “homeless man” who likes to paint in the park
10. Security
 - a. Please dial 9-1-1 when witnessing anything as this data is used to allocate resources to the neighborhoods.
11. Meeting Adjourned.