



MORNINGSIDE LENOX PARK ASSOCIATION

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes December 11, 2017

Call to order and welcome:

Sally Bayless called the meeting to order.

Board members present: (*strikethrough indicates not present*)

President - Sally Bayless	Neighborhood Watch - Phyllis Wingo
Vice President - Charlie Nalbome	Parks - Julia Payne
Treasurer - Lynn Ayers	Security Patrol - Kevin McGlynn
Secretary - Drew Gandy	Traffic - Sharon Ferguson & Kim Cobb
Communications - Marti Breen	Zoning - John Ayers
Education - Amanda Strawser	At-large 1 - Chase Horner
Events - Vacant	At-Large 2 - Alex Munoz
Membership - Sonny Jones	

Minutes of the November meeting were approved. Motion to approve was made, seconded and passed 8/0/0.

Treasurer's Report:

- MLPA currently has \$127,438.43 in the bank account. Despite increased security costs among other additional expenses, the MLPA is doing better than in prior years. See attached financials for further information.

Zoning Matters:

	1919 Piedmont Rd - The Carlyle	Board Approved 6/2/0
<p>Applicant is applying for an alcohol license for his proposed catering space in what is (or was) a furniture store. Applicant previously held a catering license 25 or so years ago. The seating capacity will be 350 (though target is 225-250). There will be 67 parking spaces. The discrepancy would be addressed by Uber-ing guests and supplemental parking south of the venue. There will not be a functional kitchen.</p> <p>The Board expressed concerns about the proximity of the single family homes under construction immediately behind the subject property. However, those residences have not received their certificates of occupancy and are not otherwise occupied.</p>		
	<i>Letters in support from neighbors: N/A</i>	<i>Applicant present: Yes</i>
V-17-323	1323 Northview Ave N.E.	Board Approved 11/0/0 Committee Approved 8/0/0
Neighbor desires to add a detached garage and addition to house, which will result in setback		

being reduced to about 5 and 4 feet respectively.		
	<i>Letters in support from neighbors: Yes</i>	<i>Applicant present: Yes</i>

V-17-338	1141 Reeder Circle NE	Board Approved 7/1/0 Committee Approved 7/1/0
Neighbor desires to reduce setbacks to construct garage and remove existing carriage house that is on the lot line.		
	<i>Letters in support from neighbors: Yes</i>	<i>Applicant present: Yes</i>

District 6 Carry Forward Spend. As Councilman Wan leaves office, he is allocating discretionary funds. The MLPA received \$65,000 for a variety of matters. See attached for the Carry Forward Spend list.

Purchase of License Plate Readers. There is now a ‘traffic camera’ committee with 8 or 9 members. Discussions have focused on 2 rings of security. The outer ring will ultimately be made up of 3 locations with programmable license plate cameras that cost \$15,000 each. The first camera that the MLPA seeks to install is at Piedmont and Cheshire Bridge. Ultimately, in partnership with Piedmont Heights, there will be up to 4 cameras at this intersection. The next location the MLPA hopes to have a camera installed is at Piedmont and Monroe. The MLPA has \$14,000 available for a camera. A motion for the Board to submit an application to the City of Atlanta for a license plate reader and to contribute an additional \$1,000 to the purchase of a license plate reader was seconded and passed unanimously.

Parks Update. Mrs. Bayless provided an update on the parks. A fundraiser at DBA BBQ raised \$250, which is a start towards the renovation of Sidney Marcus Park.

501(c)3 Application for Morningside Lenox Park Conservation League. Mr. Gandy circulated a draft of the formation documents this past week and the board provided a number of comments which are being addressed. The plan currently is to form a shell of a corporation now while the articles and various other documents continue to be revised so as to keep the ball rolling. Once the articles are finalized, they can be filed with the Secretary of State and be implemented with the existing corporation. Mr. Gandy is also working on the non-profit filings with the state and federal governments.

Traffic and Master Planning Update. The first community forum will be on December 10, 2017, at 7pm at the Morningside Presbyterian Church. This meeting is open to all. There will be focus/stakeholder groups with property owners, business owners, religious groups, home builders, etc. The goal is to have the master plan process complete by mid-June.

Events Chair. Mika Coleman appeared to express interest in filling the vacant events chair. He had many ideas on how to increase the number of events and neighbor participation in the MLPA. A motion to elect Mika Coleman to fill events position on the board was seconded and passed unanimously.

New Business.

- Ms. Breen is in need of help with the MLPA communications, including maintaining the website and editing the newsletter. Various neighbors were suggested and/or volunteered to assist.
- The zoning committee was notified that the old Peek-A-Boo adult video site will be a gas station. This is, cautiously, an upgrade to the area.

Meeting Adjourned.

FINANCIALS

[See Attached]

DISTRICT 6 CARRY FORWARD SPEND

Proposed Budget - District 6 Carry Forward Spend
 Alex Wan - End of Term

Legislation #17-O-1579

Project	Final Budget (\$65,000)
Parks	
Sidney Marcus Park Renovation	\$ 18,600.00
Noble Park Renovation	\$ 4,200.00
Restore Old Growth Forest in Daniel Johnson Nature Preserve	\$ 4,200.00
Security	
Matching Funds for LPRs (match business contributions)	\$ 14,000.00
Traffic and Master Planning	
Use to Match Contributions from Neighbors and encourage donations; Do not restrict spending if funds not matched.	\$ 24,000.00
Total	\$ 65,000.00