



# MORNINGSIDE LENOX PARK ASSOCIATION

## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes February 12, 2018

### Call to order and welcome:

Charlie Nalbone called the meeting to order.

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

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| President - Charlie Nalbone               | Neighborhood Watch - Phyllis Wingo                  |
| <del>Vice President - Sally Bayless</del> | Parks - Julia Payne                                 |
| Treasurer - Lynn Ayers                    | Security Patrol - Ben Nemo & <del>David Hecht</del> |
| Secretary - Grant Gandy                   | Traffic - Kim Cobb                                  |
| Communications - Marti Breen              | Zoning - John Ayers                                 |
| Events - Micah Coleman                    | At-Large 1 - Kevin Tanner                           |
| Membership - <del>Sonny Jones</del>       | At-Large 2 - Austin Hall                            |
|                                           | At-Large 3 - Marianne Scharbo-DeHaan                |

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

### Treasurer's Report:

- MLPA currently has \$152,565.99 in the bank account. \$65,000 from Alex Wan in Liabilities. Have spent \$14,000 for license plate readers and \$6,500 on master plan.

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| Z16-079                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1824 Piedmont Rd. | Board Approved 13/0/0<br>Committee Approved N/A |
| This is the site behind Rock Spring Presbyterian Church that is before the board again because of a reconfigured site plan. The developer now plans 9 single family homes. This will result in the development being density-neutral and resolve several of the Board's concerns. |                   |                                                 |
| <i>Letters in support from neighbors: N/A</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                   | <i>Applicant present: Yes</i>                   |

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| V-18-001                                                                                                          | 1325 North Highland Ave. | Board Approved 13/0/0<br>Committee Approved 8-0-0 |
| Homeowners seek approval to build a carport on top of an existing parking pad that reduces the required setbacks. |                          |                                                   |
| <i>Letters in support from neighbors: Yes</i>                                                                     |                          | <i>Applicant present: Yes</i>                     |

**Update on 10th St. & Monroe Development.** City Council Member Jennifer Ide updated the

board on the project. There is a substantial approval process ahead. Rep. Ide is scheduled to meet with Virginia-Highlands neighborhood and developer. Invest Atlanta says that only thing set in stone is multi-use and 30% affordable housing. Rep. Ide says that there would likely be “significant hurdles” for approval from NPU-F.

**Discussion of Board Process and Timing.** Charlie Nalbhone raised the issue of discussing board topics over e-mail vs. discussing in monthly meetings.

**Master Plan Update.** Austin Hall updated the board on the Master Plan process. The process started in the fall and the steering committee has been working with Aaron Fortner / Canvas Planning Group. Public forums were held in January and February and an online survey was conducted. The plan itself is still in development. There is still an opportunity to comment online. Takeaways: 1) strong level of engagement from the neighborhood. 200+ people at each forum. Hundreds more have filled out surveys. 2) Traffic, development, preserving single-family character of neighborhood are key areas of focus. Canvas has engaged another firm to further help with the traffic plan. 3) Specific input is being sought for a community center (one of the ideas that came out of the forums). NPU approval would be sought in May and City Council approval in June.

### **Security and Neighborhood Watch**

- **MLPA Camera Plan.** Phyllis Wingo has formed a security camera committee to develop a network of cameras that will cover the neighborhood. There will be three levels of security: 1) license plate readers (placed on main corridors) linked to APD’s 24/7 monitoring station; initial camera installation at Cheshire Bridge and Piedmont is held up in the city’s processes, 2) solar cameras can be rented from a private company that will record 24/7, testing three cameras this week and decisions need to be made about further roll out. Neighbors will be surveyed about agreeing to be recorded, 3) home security cameras.

- **Frequency of Security Patrol Reports / Emails.** Phyllis Wingo raised the issue of more frequent security reports to better accommodate private security camera recording archives (typically 3-7 days). Board felt that more communication was not necessary.

### **Parks Update**

- **Sidney Marcus Park.** Representative John Pappas was not able to attend. RFP was sent to six landscape architects. Applying for grant from Park Pride.

- **Noble Park.** Master plan has approved by the city. Applied to Park Pride for Legacy Grant and Noble Park has raised matching funds. Final approval is being sought at Urban Design Committee. Charlie Nalbhone proposed granting \$5,800 to Friends of Noble Park to provide the full \$10,000 grant from MLPA that was earmarked from Alex Wan’s funds.

## **Events**

- **Concert Series**. Concerts in the Park will continue this year. The events committee is exploring events that will appeal to a wider audience beyond families with children.
- **Celebration of Summer**. Celebration of Summer will be a smaller affair and incorporated into one of the concerts.
- **Morningside Mile**. MLPA and VHCA are taking over the Morningside Mile race and raised funds will be used to rehabilitate the North Highland corridor.

**Communications**. Marti Breen needs help producing the newsletter. She will explore outsourcing portions of production.

**Update on Morningside Elementary School**. APS has not yet made a decision on whether to have a kindergarten annex, a 5th grade annex or temporary trailers.

**New Business**. None

**Adjourn Meeting**

## FINANCIALS

[See Attached]