

Morningside-Lenox Park Association ([www.mlpa.org](http://www.mlpa.org))  
Monthly Board Meeting- January 14, 2013

Call to Order and Welcome

Security Committee Report: MSP Sgt. Vasquez reported that December was a very busy month for MSP due to the holidays and vacations. MSP checked an average of 65 houses per day. We are seeing relatively low crime this season. With respect to the gun recently found by the boys in Morningside Nature Preserve, the gun trace has been sent to the ATF, and the gun has not been reported stolen or known to be involved in a crime. The boys found the gun fully loaded with extra rounds. The boys did the right thing by telling a parent, and the parent did the right thing by telling the police. He views it as a success story on children who been properly advised on the safe handling of guns.

There have been several reports of questionable Atlanta Gas Light employees working outside of homes in the neighborhood. The employees are dirty and rude, but legitimate employees. If you have any questions about the legitimacy of someone, call the police and report it.

Elected Officials Report: Atlanta Council Member Alex Wan gave a report of the status of the proposed Sunset Legislation for Cheshire Bridge. There have been many comments and concerns both for and against the legislation. There will be a meeting on January 29 to discuss the legislation. This issue is of significant concern to our neighborhood, and we need more support from our neighbors and more voices to speak in support of the proposed legislation. Alex plans to add complete information about the legislation and upcoming meeting dates on his website.

Treasurer's Report: We have a current balance of \$36,500. The MSP continues to be our most significant expenditure.

Events Committee Report: We need a volunteer to take over the Monumental Ball. We have secured the caterer and location and are interviewing bands. The date will be October 18, 2013.

Membership and Communications Committee: Tom will get a draft of the newsletter in the next couple of days. The membership drive letter will go out ASAP with the newsletter to follow in the next couple of weeks. We will then have a quarterly newsletter. The first newsletter will be sponsored by Tom for free with notes that you can advertise. Carmen will reach out to the three businesses that have expressed an interest in the past to see if they want to be in the next one. We will limit advertisements to three per newsletter. Color is optional but we need to be consistent with it (all color or all black and white). Carmen and Trav will determine pricing for the ads with input from Tom. Carmen suggests putting a "Join Now" item on the home page of the MLPA site. Also suggests putting on the website that we need volunteers for the Monumental Ball and a Chair for the Ball.

Parks and Environmental Affairs Committee Report: A new storm water ordinance for new development will be before the City Council soon. The purpose is to implement green infrastructure to deal with water runoff. There is a need to make efforts to keep storm water on your property and not let it run down the street to go to retention streams, etc. There was a request for NPU-F to support the concepts of Green Practices that the ordinance represents at its 11/19/2012 meeting. The NPU-F voted "to support the principles and tenets embodied in the City's proposed Post-Development Storm Water Management Ordinance, specifically the Department of Watershed Management's promotion of green infrastructure--including green roofs, vegetated swales, permeable pavement, infiltration planters, rain harvesting/gardens and similar techniques--that mimic natural hydrologic functions and decrease the amount of impervious area and storm water runoff. The NPU-F chair conveyed their support to the Mayor, the DWM, the City Utilities Committee, our elected council members, and others. There was a request for the MLPA to support the same principles and tenets. The Board voted 10-0-0 to adopt the quoted language of the NPU-F from its 11/19/2002 meeting supporting those principles and tenets. Charlotte will convey MLPA's support to the appropriate officials.

#### October Variances

V-12-171 E. Rock Springs Rd. The zoning committee results (ZCR): motion to deny approved 7-0-1 because the applicant failed to appear at the December and January committee meetings. Applicant did appear at the Board meeting. Board voted to defer to the February zoning committee meeting 10-0-0.

V-12-201 898 Kings Court. Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the front yard setback from 35 feet to 30 feet and to reduce the east yard setback from 7 feet to 4 feet to allow construction of a single family house. ZCR: motion to approve per site plan filed with the City on 12/4/2012 and conditioned on letters of support from adjacent property owners with elevations attached passed 6-1-1. Board voted to approve per noted site plan 7-3-0.

V-12-209 815 San Antonio Drive, NE. Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the front yard setback from 35 feet to 11 feet for a garage addition and to reduce the south yard setback from 7 feet to 2 feet for an addition. ZCR: motion to approve per site plan filed with the City on 12/4/2012 and conditioned on letters of support from adjacent property owners passed 7-1-0. Board voted to approve per noted site plan 9-0-0.

V-12-210 1798 Windemere Drive, NE. Applicant seeks a variance to reduce the north yard setback from 7 feet to 3 feet and the rear yard setback from 15 feet to 8 feet. ZCR: motion to approve per site plan filed with the City on 12/12/12 passed 5-0-2. Board voted to approve per noted site plan 9-0-1.

#### Approval of Disbursements

#### New Business

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