



MORNINGSIDE LENOX PARK ASSOCIATION

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes January 13, 2020

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

President - Ben Nemo

Vice President - Donald Campbell

Treasurer - Lynn Ayers

Secretary - Grant Gandy

Communications - Micah Coleman

Events - ~~Alan Smith~~

Membership - Sarah Chatel

Education - Kristen Pollock

Neighborhood Watch - Phyllis Wingo

Parks - Charles Bayless & Marla Johnson

Security Patrol - Tosh Wolfe

Traffic - Kim Cobb

Zoning - Rebekah Falkler

At-Large 1 - ~~Kevin Tanner~~

At-Large 2 - Will Hazleton

Call to Order and Welcome.

Ben Nemo called the meeting to order and gave an overview of MLPA's meetings, operations, communications and objectives. A motion to approve the December minutes was unanimously approved.

Security.

Tosh Wolfe gave an overview of initiatives for the MLPA Security Patrol including:

- 1) technology to track and ensure accountability of officers on patrol
- 2) allocating security patrol hours to hours which most crimes occur
- 3) raising price of MLPA security patrol membership
- 4) raising pay of security patrol officers
- 5) adding recognition programs for security patrol officers
- 6) standardizing operating procedures for security patrol

The board voted to:

- 1) increase the security fee for new and renewing members as of March 1, from \$225 to \$300 and will maintain a senior discount (unanimously approved)
- 2) increase security patrol officer pay from \$35/hour to \$40/hour as of March 1 (unanimously approved)
- 3) alter the patrolmen's schedule based on a schedule that was circulated to the board (unanimously approved).

Jennifer Ide.

Councilmember Ide discussed adding pickleball striping to the tennis court and a dog run in Lenox-Wildwood Park. Department of Watershed Management is examining Sunken Garden Park to see how they can help resolve runoff into the park. Renew Atlanta has added signs on Johnson Road and will schedule repaving and coordinate with the Master Plan wish list for speed signs and pedestrian islands. Amir Faroki has introduced legislation to require the city to be responsible for sidewalk repairs. The city is exploring raising impact fees to pay for sidewalk repairs. The city is working with APS to add speed cameras in school zones to issue speeding tickets. There were no updates on the tree ordinance. Fire Station 19 will present plans for a renovation.

Variance and Zoning Applications.

V-19-276	1042 McLynn Avenue	Board Approved 6/5/2 Committee Denied 4/0/1
Applicant seeks to eliminate requirements for minimum front porch and reduced distance from street front to garage door for new house construction / renovation.		
	<i>Letters in support from neighbors: Yes</i>	<i>Applicant present: Yes</i>

V-19-280	1676 Noble Drive	Board Approved 13/0/0 Committee Approved 5/0/0
Applicant seeks to renovate garage and build new garage that have less setback than required. The existing garage has less setback than is required.		
	<i>Letters in support from neighbors: Yes</i>	<i>Applicant present: Yes</i>

V-19-282	1634 Johnson	Board Approved 12/0/1 Committee Approved 5/0/0
Applicant seeks a variance to increase square footage of accessory building to cover almost 50% of the lot.		
	<i>Letters in support from neighbors: Yes</i>	<i>Applicant present: Yes</i>

V-19-265	1480 Lanier Place	Board Approved 9/0/4 Committee Approved 5/0/0
Applicant seeks a variance to add a screen porch and pool that have less than the required setbacks		
	<i>Letters in support from neighbors: One neighbor objected initially and changes have been made to try to meet neighbor's demands</i>	<i>Applicant present: Yes</i>

Financial Statements.

The December bank balance was \$[BALANCE] . A motion to approve December financials was unanimously approved. The board unanimously approved a motion to donate \$2,000 to Morningside Presbyterian Church for 2020.

Education.

Kristen Pollock updated the board on Morningside Elementary relocation to Inman Middle School when Howard Middle School opens in August. APS is still deciding the future of elementary schools will be in the cluster. MLPA is exploring a town hall in February to update the community on future plans for elementary schools and allow neighbors to give feedback.

Parks.

Neighbors are planning a fundraiser / community building event to benefit parks. A proposal is an “Art for the Parks” event that would feature meals in homes to raise money for parks and beautification projects. Noble Park won a Park Pride matching grant.

Adjourn Meeting.