



MORNINGSIDE LENOX PARK ASSOCIATION

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes September 9, 2019

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

President - Ben Nemo	Neighborhood Watch - Phyllis Wingo
Vice President - Sharla Borghorst	Parks - Charles Bayless
Treasurer - Lynn Ayers	Security Patrol - Tosh Wolfe
Secretary - Grant Gandy	Traffic - Kim Cobb
Communications - Marti Breen and Micah Coleman	Zoning - John Ayers
Events - [Open]	At-Large 1 - Kevin Tanner
Membership - Sarah Chatel	At-Large 2 - Donald Campbell
	At-Large 3 - Marianne Scharbo-DeHaan

Call to Order and Welcome.

Sharla Borghorst called the meeting to order.

Objectives 2019.

- 1) Increase Funding
 - a) Revenue YTD through August is behind 2018 by approximately \$20,000
 - b) Expenses are lower by approximately \$16,000, primarily due to Master Plan expenses in 2018

- 2) Reduce Car Break-Ins
 - a) Twenty-three car break-ins in August (second highest month on record).
Twenty-one of the twenty-three were in commercial areas
 - b) LPR camera on East Rock Springs will be turned to face westward. The LPR camera at Cumberland and Monroe is in the permitting stage
 - c) The board unanimously approved a motion to publish the Morningside Security Patrol number on the MLPA website
 - d) The board is discussing shifting hours of Morningside Security Patrol hours

- 3) Master Plan Implementation
 - a) One page implementation summary was circulated to the board

- 4) Active Friends Groups and Action Plans for Four Recreational Parks
 - a) Charles Bayless was out of town, but sent an update to the board:

1. Clara Kwon (CoA Parks) has taken over Dan Calvert's role in the neighborhood. I have extended an invitation to meet with her and update her on Parks and Preserves activities in MLPA.
 2. I am working on formalizing the Parks Committee. Basic structure will be a lead person from the five Friends of Park groups and an alternate for when there are schedule conflicts. I also propose adding perhaps three greenspaces interested neighbors who are not part of the FoPs or are in parts of the neighborhood which have less direct access (basically NW, S, SE of the neighborhood). Want to ensure their interests are addressed as well. Already have one volunteer identified. I am waiting for some information from Park Pride before finalizing.
 3. Confirming my desire to continue in the Parks role next year. Depending on what Park Pride does with their FoP program review, I have some ideas for bringing in some new blood into the MLP parks community. We should hear from PP this month.
 4. Met with Ren Lewis of Trees Atlanta. Their intended tree planting this November involves some 150 trees in the vicinity of Sunken Garden and Lenox-Wildwood. I have put Ren in touch with those two FoPs to ensure that they are coordinated with one another.
 5. Providing information to the Markham HOA regarding some property line issues near the southern end of the Preserve. Will monitor.
- b) Lynn Ayers asked the board for approval to spend money on specific friends of parks groups. The board unanimously approved a gift of \$8,000 to match a Park Pride grant, should Sunken Garden park win.
- 5) October MLPA Meeting
 - a) The board unanimously approved a motion to keep the October meeting on the originally scheduled date of October 14
 - 6) MLPA Board Nominating Committee
 - a) The board unanimously approved the nominating committee of Donald Campbell, Micah Coleman, Marti Breen and non-board members **[NEED NAMES]**

Financial Statements.

The August bank balance was \$109,323.44. A motion to approve August financials [was unanimously approved].

Variance and Zoning Applications.

V-19-182	1274 Avalon Pl NE	Board Approved: 10/0/0 Committee Approved: 5/0/0
Reduce required front yard setback, northern yard setback, southern yard setback for addition and new garage structure.		
	<i>Letters in support from neighbors: No</i>	<i>Applicant present: No</i>

V-19-185	1515 North Morningside Drive NE	Board Denied: 3/4/3 Committee Approved: 4/0/1
Seeks variance to construct a new house that will exceed lot coverage, exceed northern and southern lot setbacks		
	<i>Letters in support from neighbors: Yes</i>	<i>Applicant present: No</i>

V-19-195	996 Cumberland Road NE	Board Approved: 10/0/0 Committee Approved: 5/0/0
Reduce front yard setback for addition to the house		
	<i>Letters in support from neighbors: Yes</i>	<i>Applicant present: No</i>

V-19-197	791 Cumberland Road NE	Board Approved: 10/0/0 Committee Approved: 5/0/0
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Reduce western yard setback for screen porch addition		
	<i>Letters in support from neighbors: Yes</i>	<i>Applicant present: No</i>

V-19-205	1159 Reeder Circle	Board Approved: 10/0/0 Committee Approved: 5/0/0
Reduce eastern yard setback and rear setback to erect a new garage.		
	<i>Letters in support from neighbors: Yes</i>	<i>Applicant present: No</i>

U-19-023	1700 Piedmont Road	Board Approved 14/0/0 Committee Approved 5/0/0
Maintain existing uses that were approved in 2008 and adding a new building.		
	<i>Letters in support from neighbors: No</i>	<i>Applicant present: No</i>

Jennifer Ide.

Stop sign at Cumberland and Sussex will be before the transportation committee on Wednesday, September 11. The General Manager of Renew Atlanta walked on Monroe with Councilmember Ide during Friday rush hour and is reviewing methods to slow traffic. Ide has had discussions with Councilmember Faroki about the Candler Park sidewalk project and doing research on funds for sidewalk improvements.

Adjourn Meeting.