



MORNINGSIDE LENOX PARK ASSOCIATION

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2021

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

President – Ben Nemo	Social Media – Kristen Pollock
Vice President – Donald Campbell	Webmaster – Grant Davies
Treasurer – Lynn Ayers	Events – Ryan Murphy
Secretary – David Alexander	Zoning – Rebekah Falkler
Membership – Sarah Chatel	Legal – Josh Kirschner
Business Partnerships – Mark Smith	Communications – Marla Johnson
Security – Phyllis Wingo	Traffic – Kim Cobb
Parks – Micah Colman	Marc Tammes – Member at Large

Call to Order and Welcome.

Ben Nemo called the Zoom meeting to order and opened the floor to discussion topics.

Sgt. Benjamin King provided an update on crime report, emphasizing that street racing remains a concern throughout the city, as do car break-ins, and urged continued support of the Clean Car Campaign, which statistically is the largest impact in terms of avoiding additional break-ins.

Zoning Variance Requests

- V-20-192 756 Cumberland Road
 - Zoning Committee voted 3-0 to approve
 - Motion to Approve
 - Aye: Marla, Micah, Ben, Kristen, Rebekah, Donald, Grant, Mark,
 - Abstain: Lynn, Josh
- V-21-001 1705 N Pelham
 - Zoning Committee voted to approve (details not discussed)
 - Motion to approve
 - Aye: Ryan, Josh, Sarah, Ben, Donald, Phyllis, Kristen, Marla, Mark, Rebekah, Grant
- V-21-021 693 Courtenay Drive
 - Zoning Committee voted to approve (details not discussed)
 - Motion to approve:
 - Aye: Ben, Micah, Sarah, Donald, Phyllis, Kristen, Marla, Mark, Rebekah, Grant



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Phyllis provided an update on security. No material issues to discuss other than the change in schedule of the Security Report, moving from two weeks to once a month in order to reduce the frequency of communications and stem the tide of emails in everyone's inbox.

Micah opened the discussion of parks and the new Parks Committee meeting and introduced Chet Tisdale to discuss the City's revised Tree Protection Ordinance released on January 19th. Board will consider writing a letter in support of additional changes to help prevent unnecessary tree clearance.

Josh introduced items related to legal matters. Nothing to report currently regarding considering transition to 501(c)(3), but will prepare a brief overview of potential benefits and limitations in coming months. Josh also detailed the initial meeting for a task force on homelessness that included a collection of local interested parties, primarily focused on incursion from the Cheshire Bridge corridor. Four items were included for the task force to take on: (1) gather and compile a list of what resources exist addressing homelessness and individuals in need, (2) how to partner with and learn from other local organizations making similar efforts, (3) draft a letter from MLPA Board to Atlanta City Council asking for assistance, and (4) achieve more consistent enforcement of park regulations, like nightly closure times, etc.

Kristen and Marla discussed issues related to communications and social media, confirming that all meetings related to the MLPA should be using the MLPA Zoom account to avoid restrictions on time due to size, and asking members to support the MLPA's accounts on various social media platforms.

Motion to approve financials. Ben and Donald approve, none oppose

Sgt. Benjamin King – crime report. Street racing remains a concern. Clean car campaign can have a huge impact.

Adjourn Meeting.