



MORNINGSIDE LENOX PARK ASSOCIATION

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes November 9, 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 Zoom meeting to order. Ben gave a recap of the year's activities: boosting membership levels and funding projects in the Master Plan including a traffic circle on East Rock Springs and two pedestrian refuges on East Morningside Drive. Additionally, the Master Plan Implementation Committee is recommending speed readers and is getting quotes from contractors for sidewalk repair and was responsible for a new stop sign at Cumberland and Sussex.

Sarah Chatel summarized membership initiatives. Membership activities were paused through June during the beginning of the pandemic. Since then, postcards have been sent to neighbors and signs were placed in the neighborhood to recruit members.

Phyllis Wingo paid compliments to the MLPA Security Patrol for their work this year. MLPA has worked to increase the visibility of MLPA Security Patrol by installing QR tags throughout all four quadrants of the neighborhood. The Security Patrol has worked with Atlanta Police to arrest prowlers and criminals breaking into cars.

Marla Johnson highlighted friends groups of MLPA's neighborhood parks and the donations that MLPA has made to parks. Noble Park finished Phase II of its redevelopment. The Sidney Marcus friends group exceeded their goal of raising \$100,000. The Sunken Garden friends group added drainage and a retaining wall. Lenox Park added a bridge and pathway to the refurbished tennis courts and pickleball court. The nature preserves have had conversations with Atlanta Police

about better patrol. MLPA has worked with Trees Atlanta on projects in the nature preserves. MLPA is also coordinating with Boy Scouts of America to help implement Eagle Scout and troop projects in the parks and nature preserves. Herbert Taylor Park has been awarded a small change grant from Park Pride to identify champion trees and add benches.

Public Officials.

Major Peter Reis

Major Reis gave an update on street racing. APD has made arrests for street racing and everyone arrested for street racing must now go in front of a judge. Major Reis is encouraging to his officers and trying to boost morale and help his officers navigate the current environment.

Board Nominating Committee Update.

Ben Nemo gave an overview of the new board positions. He hopes to formally solicit donations through business partnerships, finish the process of a 501(c)(3) and review the board's bylaws, develop better communications, websites and social media capabilities. The board slate reflects those goals.

A motion to vote virtually was made and unanimously approved. [My wifi went out here and I missed the motion before the motion to approve]

A motion to approve the board slate was made and the slate was unanimously approved (24-0).

Position	Nominee
President	Ben Nemo
Vice President	Donald Campbell
Secretary	David Alexander
Treasurer	Lynn Ayers
Membership	Sarah Chatel
Business Partnerships	Mark Smith
Security	Phyllis Wingo
Parks	Micah Coleman

Zoning	Rebekah Falker
Communication	Marla Johnson
Social Media	Kristen Pollock
Webmaster	Grant Davies
Events	Ryan Murphy
Traffic	Kim Cobb
Legal	Josh Kirschner

Adjourn Meeting.