



# MORNINGSIDE LENOX PARK ASSOCIATION

## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2021

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

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

### **Call to Order and Welcome.**

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

Subsequent to brief discussions, administrative matters were addressed:

- Minutes
  - Motion by Ben to approve August minutes
    - Votes in Favor: all
    - Votes Opposed: none
    - Votes Abstained: none
  
- Financials
  - Marc provided an updated summary view on financial results. Membership and donations are up, expenses are flat, so MLPA is accruing a modest amount of cash. At some point in the future we might consider setting individual fund managers for each account – we currently have three fund managers, but it might be more feasible to have one fund manager per account
  - Motion by Ben to approve financials
    - Votes in Favor: all
    - Votes Opposed: none
    - Votes Abstained: none



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- Zoning
  - V-21-183 1220 Pasadena Ave – Setback variance for shed to replace existing shed
    - No issues from Zoning Committee
    - Motion by Ben to approve
      - Votes in Favor: all
      - Votes Opposed: none
      - Votes Abstained: none
  - Octopus Bar alcohol license application
    - Posted hours versus application details are concerning to multiple parties who joined the call. Questions remain about potential link to GOAT Club on Cheshire Bridge. Applicants’ attorney to reach out about an agreement on operating hours
  
- Traffic Measures
  - Stacy Evans office provided an update on progress for major construction projects in the area, particularly the potential to get state assistance if the routes would be considered state roads. The interchange of Armour/Monroe and 85 continues making progress and hours are supposed to be modified to management traffic congestions more effectively. Unfortunately, with the bridge outage on Cheshire, the same assistance from the state will not be available, so that will just require additional patience from residents
  
- Parks
  - Motion by Micah to authorize MLPA to sign a letter of support for matching grants for two specific projects:
    - Lenox Wildwood - \$60K total, asking \$15K from MLPA
    - Herbert Taylor – unsure on cost
    - Votes in Favor: all
    - Votes Opposed: none
    - Votes Abstained: none



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- Events
  - Motion by Ryan to grant \$500 to support a Young Families brunch event for new members, something that has seen a goodly bit of success in adjacent neighborhood associations
    - Votes in Favor: all
    - Votes Opposed: none
    - Votes Abstained: none
- Security
  - Phyllis provided a brief update on security issues, including the fact that the patrol officer has been unable to find additional officers willing to take extra shifts along the Cheshire Bridge corridor; at our current hourly rate, there are too many more lucrative options for off-duty APD officers at this time
  - Motion by Phyllis to use MLPA funds to install another license plate reader
    - Votes in Favor: all
    - Votes Opposed: none
    - Votes Abstained: none

**Adjourn Meeting.**