



# MORNINGSIDE LENOX PARK ASSOCIATION

## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2023

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

President – Donald Campbell	Social Media – Kristen Pollock*
Vice President – Rob Schuler	Webmaster – Grant Davies
Secretary – Brandon Dhande	Events – Ryan Murphy
Treasurer – Marc Tammes	Zoning – Rebekah Falkler
Membership – Sarah Chatel	Legal – Josh Kirschner*
Security – Phyllis Wingo	Communications – Marla Johnson
Parks – Micah Coleman	Licensing – Ashley Milam
Public Affairs - Michael Parkerson	

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

Don Campbell called the Zoom meeting to order and opened the floor to discussion topics.

### **Initial discussions included:**

- Minutes from March meeting were approved by the Board.
- Notes from Council Member Wan: Official reopening of Cheshire Bridge is tomorrow. Also we are entering budget planning season. Sales tax revenue has been up. Plan to discuss funding from Member Wan’s funding for MLP Security Patrol for activity on Cheshire Bridge.
- Greg McNiff: Vice President for Programs at Atlanta Police Foundation, joined to speak about license plate cameras. Greg explained that the Police Foundation installs the cameras, and the entity that funds pays for the cameras for three years, then the Police Department funds the devices in perpetuity. Recently, the Police Department has been more selective about the funding after the initial periods. The Zone Commanders have listed certain areas that would qualify for “year four” funding. Outside of those lists, if private donors propose other locations, the proposing party (HOA, business) would need to fund the cameras after the first three years. Police Department is looking to outsource some of the monitoring services to civilian services, instead of sworn officers.

### **Committee Updates and Discussion**

- **Zoning Topics**
  - Rebekah provided this update:



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- We have one update on residential zoning: 1050 Wildwood Road. This is a retroactive exemption for a fence that was built prior to the resident purchasing the home. Home purchased in 2022. The resident attended to explain the purposes of the fence; there was a recent violation notice that the fence was too high. Asking for a special exception regarding the height of the fence. Fences are different heights, one is 13 feet and the other is up to 9 feet 10 inches. They later discovered there was no permit; now asking for a retroactive exception. Exception has support from east and west adjacent neighbors. Zoning Committee unanimously voted for approval of the variance. Board voted unanimously to approve.
- Mike Greene from Portman joined to discuss future developments at Amsterdam Walk. Mike explained the planning process is in very early stages, with perhaps not enough information that is firmed up to share with MLPA. Also some of the development may be in Virginia Highland. Don explained that we would like to form a committee to coordinate with Portman and Virginia Highland regarding feedback, as a first step for the neighborhood association. Nick Kloiber, a nearby resident, joined to explain his desire to be part of a joint committee. Interested parties can reach out to Nick at [nick.kloiber@gmail.com](mailto:nick.kloiber@gmail.com).

## **Other (Resumed) Initial Discussions:**

- Rep. Stacey Evans joined to provide an update on legislative matters. Upcoming virtual town hall to discuss in detail recent legislative updates.
- Savi Provisions: MLPA Board Members had a recent meeting with Savi Provisions. Discussions include distance permits, sale of liquor, and porch that may include a tasting machine. Member Wan provided feedback: in order to receive an alcohol license, they need a distance waiver. Call was intended to get more information on what Savi intended to do. Mr. Dewayne Martin joined the meeting as counsel for Savi. Mr. Martin explained that distance waivers are different for on premises consumption vs package sales, with two different measurements. Board decided to defer topic until more information is available.

## **- Events Topics**

- Rob explained that 5k race will be moved back to October 29 due to conflicts. More information to come during May meeting.

## **- Parks Topics**



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- Micah provided an update:
  - New beams are in place for Lenox-Wildwood park. This will provide more accessibility for the trail and parks.
  - MLPA gave \$200 for native plants at Sidney Marcus for beautification efforts.
  - Marti Breen was a recipient of the Park Pride 2020 award.
  
- **Membership Topics**
  - Sarah updated the Board:
    - Q1 Membership is up year-over-year, with associated revenues. Recent membership campaigns were successful. Looking forward to drive membership efforts at upcoming park concerts.
  
- **Master Plan Topics**
  - Camille updated the Board:
    - No major updates. Upcoming committee meeting to work on priority projects. Committee is looking at different approaches to MLP Way signage.
  
- **Security Topics**
  - Phyllis discussed these items:
    - Recent discussions with Lieutenant Barth who runs the camera program for city, to replace the cameras on Lenox in the next three months.
    - Clean Car Campaign: new signs in Morningside Village, six total. Handed out stickers to put on business doors.
    - Chairperson for Buckhead Safety Alliance is working to set up patrols on major corridors like Piedmont, to run from 10am to 7pm, as a temporary solution to the shortage of police officers in the City, funded via money through businesses in the corridors to make donations to the Police Foundation for payment. More updates to come.
  
- **Financial Topics**
  - Marc updated the Board:
    - Have any past funds approved by the Board need to be reconsidered? Don and others: we have Parks projects that do not seem to need their allocation. Sidewalk campaign needs a time limit - funds cannot remain tied up.
    - New residents have joined as a result of the Membership Campaign.



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- **Communications Topics**

- Marla provided this update:
  - Changes to website with Centennial updates, historical timeline, events and updated list of sponsors. New swag opportunities for upcoming events.

**Concluding notes:**

Don concluded the meeting, with some further discussion by the Board about the Savi variance. Conversation about the measurement of distances for the applicable waiver, with input from Members.

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