



MORNINGSIDE LENOX PARK ASSOCIATION

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2023

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

President – Donald Campbell

Vice President – Rob Schuler

Secretary – Brandon Dhande

Treasurer – Marc Tammes

Membership – Sarah Chatel

Security – Phyllis Wingo

Parks – Micah Coleman

Public Affairs - Michael Parkerson*

Social Media – Kristen Pollock*

Webmaster – Grant Davies

Events – Ryan Murphy

Zoning – Rebekah Falkler

Legal – Josh Kirschner*

Communications – Marla Johnson

Licensing – Ashley Milam

Call to Order and Welcome.

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

Initial discussions included:

- **Focus of 2023 is a productive Centennial year**
 - Need to communicate to residents what they get from MLPA
 - **Minutes from November and December 2022 meetings approved by unanimous vote of the Board**
 - **No public officials present at this meeting (new Google Calendar invite sent for 2023, recurring Zoom meeting with link)**
 - **Open conversation about meetings, voting, topic conversation to do differently in 2023**
 - Planned in-person strategy meeting for February
 - **Upcoming Master Plan meeting (and perhaps other MLPA topics) on February 23rd**
 - May include a survey about various neighborhood-related issues.
- **Security Topics**
- Phyllis discussed these items:
 - Recent meeting with certain MLPA Board members and Savi Provisions.
 - Good meeting, they were responsive to questions. New information: Savi will have a room in the location to sell liquor out of. Discussion of a deck on



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Lanier Place side of building.

- Status of distance waiver: in the meeting with owner, the lawyer for Savi believes a distance waiver is needed.
- Need for clarity on details of the waiver; will require follow up.
- Discussion about potential pay increases and holiday pay for security patrol officers.
- Need to have discussion about license plate readers and associated funding.
- Question about restarting the Clean Car Campaign to reduce car break-ins.
- Potential revamp for security updates to the neighborhoods.

- Zoning Topics

- Rebekah provided this update:
 - One application, 1357 Berwick Avenue.
 - Architect for property owners presented on variance for car port improvement plans. Neighbors have provided support for the plans. Motion to approve unanimous in favor.
- Brief update from Don on Amsterdam Walk improvement plans.

- Licensing Topics

- Ashley provided an update on:
 - New alcohol license application for Daily Chew on Liddell Drive, potentially wine, beer and liquor as amenity to their food offerings. Closes at 3pm. Representatives from Daily Chew appeared at the meeting to discuss with the Board and answer questions. No concern from the Board; unanimous vote in favor of application.

- Technology Topics

- Grant provided the following update:
 - Google Nonprofit platform does not apply to 501(c)(4) organizations.
 - Will give us emails, storage, chats, and we can localize the conversations by committee.
 - Kickoff for website project in February.

- Events Topics

- Ryan provided the update:
 - We have an updated slate of events for this year (final dates coming soon):
 - Concert series in spring and fall



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- Fun Run
- New Neighbor Social (location TBD)
- Pickleball Tournament
- Centennial Events: Family Event (likely Sidney Marcus) and Gala (Nov. 10)
- Sponsorship package in progress, will apply to entire slate of events.
 - More information to come about sponsorships and associated tickets to Gala.
- Discussion about encouraging events to benefit MLPA residents.

- **Membership Topics**

- Sarah updated the Board:
 - No new updates.
 - Discussion about refreshing membership statistics and plans for entire Board to promote membership.
 - Will include membership in discussion for upcoming Strategic Planning meeting.

- **Parks Topics**

- Micah provided an update:
 - Working on transition to new chair.
 - Want better understanding of infrastructure bonds and how they can benefit MLP.

- **Communications Topics**

- Marla provided this update:
 - No new updates for January.

- **Financials & Membership Topics**

- Marc updated the Board:
 - Some one-time costs are hitting budget assumptions, including Wild Apricot subscription, new Security Patrol car, and Centennial Gala.
 - Discussion of upcoming budget assumptions for 2023.
 - Assume that all Parks money (\$75k) will be spent.
 - If budget and spending remain the same, cash reserves will be down to \$56k by year end.



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Concluding notes:

Don mentioned there is an upcoming spending for arts spending in our neighborhood. We are also planning for the February strategy meeting.

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