



MORNINGSIDE LENOX PARK

ASSOCIATION

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Annual Meeting

November 13, 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

Technology – Grant Davies*
Events – Ryan Murphy
Zoning – Rebekah Falkler*
Legal – Josh Kirschner*
Communications – Marla Johnson
Licensing – Ashley Milam
Public Affairs - Michael Parkerson*

Call to Order and Welcome

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

Initial discussions included:

- Representative Becky Evans joined and discussed topics, including efforts to support literacy rates, the clean energy economy in Georgia, and gun storage safety legislation.
- Senator Elana Parent joined and discussed next steps for redistricting efforts in Georgia, budgetary measures, healthcare and hospital regulations/Medicaid expansion, and early childhood education access.
- Doug Shipman, President of the Atlanta City Council, highlighted: decrease in crime city-wide, delivery of transportation projects, a zoning re-write as required by federal law, the police training center, and updates on the Beltline.
- Representative Stacey Evans presented on the redistricting session, including District 57, which may not need to change but it may, and efforts need to be monitored. Also discussed education funding and dual enrollment for high school and college.
- Councilmember Alex Wan joined the meeting and shared on the fire department equipment concerns, updates on Monroe Drive road diet, roundabouts planned for Lenox/Johnson, Rock Springs/Wildwood, and Piedmont and Montgomery Ferry, discussion about Tokyo Valentino's cease and desist order, and update on alcohol permitting process including efforts to extend bar hours.



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- Tamara Jones, School Board At Large Member, joined to discuss literacy efforts, the Joint Committee on Education, aquatics partnerships with the City, and new superintendent search.
- Dorian Graham, Assistant Commander Zone 6 joined: crime is still up this year in the Zone, but mostly composed of property crime, not violent crime. Please remove valuables from your vehicles during the holiday season, and connect your home cameras to the City system at connectAtlanta.org.
- Lieutenant Wolf, Day Watch Commander for Zone 2, joined the meeting and discussed the new precinct at West Paces and partnership with MARTA, and reinforced the camera system.
- Major Rick Vasquez (Ret.) of Morningside Security Patrol presented on security patrol updates, including vacation patrol checks, and the new patrol vehicle.

President's Update:

- Don shared a presentation on various successes, including the Street Sign Toppers, Road Warrior Recognition, Centennial Timeline, MLPA Monument Cleaning, and Updated Walking Tour. Celebrated events include the Concerts in the Park, New Mom's Brunch, New Neighbor Welcome, Pickleball Tournament, Monster Dash, and Centennial Ball. Don also discussed Parks, including the Sunken Gardens Park bridge, upgrades to Herbert Taylor Daniel Johnson Park and Sidney Marcus Park. Don discussed the Security Patrol enhancements, including the License Plate Reader matching funds to complete the project (approved by unanimous vote of the MLPA Board). For next year, Don hopes we can (1) increase membership, (2) increase volunteer pipeline, (3) advocate for how city funds are used, and (4) participate in community building events.

Committee Updates and Discussion

- Zoning Topics

- 1687 North Pelham Road owner was present for a zoning variance application. Board unanimously denied per the recommendation of the Zoning Committee.

- Annual Meeting Voting

- Attending members unanimously approved the proposed slate of MLPA Board members for 2024:
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- Business Liaison - Nick Vachon
 - Communications - Marla Johnson
 - Events - Ryan Murphy
 - Legal - Josh Kirschner
 - Licensing - Ashley Milam
 - Marketing - Eric Lewis
 - Membership - Kristen Pollock
 - Parks - Micah Coleman
 - Public Affairs - Michael Parkerson
 - Security - Phyllis Wingo
 - Technology - Grant Davies
 - Zoning - Rebekah Falkler
- Attending members unanimously approved changes to the MLPA bylaws:
 - **Article III** – increasing the maximum number of MLPA directors to eighteen.
 - **Article V** – establishing the officers of MLPA may meet periodically as an Executive Committee.
 - **Article VI** – stating a procedure for the presiding officer at MLPA meetings, in the absence of the President.
- **Concluding notes:**
- Don thanked the meeting attendees and concluded the meeting.

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