



MORNINGSIDE LENOX PARK

ASSOCIATION

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2024

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

President – Donald Campbell
Vice President – Rob Schuler
Secretary – Brandon Dhande
Treasurer – Marc Tammes*
Membership – Kristen Pollack
Security – Phyllis Wingo
Parks – Micah Coleman
Marketing – Eric Lewis*

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

Call to Order and Welcome

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

Initial discussions included:

- The minutes from the February meeting were approved by unanimous vote.

Elected Official, APD Update, and Other Updates:

- **Muriel Kennedy** joined to share updates on behalf of Rep. Becky Evans regarding an upcoming town hall.
- **Lt. Allison Leduc** from Zone 2 APD joined to share that crime is down and we are currently down 8% on theft from vehicles. Please do not leave items in your cars especially firearms. APD continues to monitor encampments under bridges.
- **Sgt. Lucien** joined to share: we have seen an uptick in fraud and identity theft, related to motor vehicle thefts. Please be aware of documents inside the car.
- **Botanical Garden Expansion:** Don recapped a recent meeting regarding the expansion of the Atlanta Botanical Garden. Message from meeting is that Botanical Garden strives to be a good neighbor. Purpose of expansion is to add entrance to Garden on Beltline. Biggest issue seems to be the road at Westminster and Monroe, which may become a service road for certain periods of time.
- **Gabriella Marvin from Hillside:** We have a Craft Crawl coming up on Saturday, May 11. This is a great community event with many crafters from the neighborhood.
- **Ken Zeff from the Atlanta School Board:** There will be no redistricting for Midtown High this year. The superintendent search is still underway and should be announced in July.



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Committee Updates and Discussion

- **Zoning Topics:**

- No zoning variance cases this month.

- **Licensing Topics:**

- Change of ownership for Circle K on 1897 Piedmont Road (near Wendy's location): Recommendation is to approve but discuss security with NPU. Application notes cameras and other security measures. Location will be open 24/7. Board voted to approve.

- **Events Discussion:**

- We are cutting one Concert in the Park due to budget limitations – there will be three concerts this year. No other updates for Events.

- **Sponsorship Updates:**

- We have several sponsorships in progress. We have good engagement with past sponsors and will need to work on developing new opportunities. Next step is to convert to executing on upcoming events and ensuring that our sponsors are highlighted in those spaces.

- **Membership Updates:**

- Our membership numbers are overall flat year over year, but we did bring in a new condo community for the security patrol. We are doing outreach for lapsed members and working on staffing for the events calendar. New neighbor welcome packets will go out in April, in addition to new branding efforts.

- **Parks Update:**

- Board Member Marla Johnson was nominated for the Park Pride Inspiration Award.
- Smith Park and Herbert Taylor recently applied for Community Impact Grants through NPU-F.

- **Security Update:**

- Recent concern about feeding coyotes in the neighborhood; neighbors need to understand why this is dangerous. Security Committee assisting with communications to raise awareness.



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- Two of three newly purchased License Plate Readers are installed and up and running.
- New signs on Windemere about “Parking for Morningside Lenox Park Neighbors Only”; investigation to the source of this is underway.
- Inquiries in the Manchester area about the Platinum Club; NPU is not aware of any re-application for alcohol license but it will be monitored.

- **Communications Update:**
 - No updates this month.

- **Public Relations:**
 - The previous issue with Verizon 911 routing in DeKalb should be resolved, thanks to Michael Parkerson’s coordination with the Public Service Commission.

- **Amsterdam Walk Update:**
 - Lee Pollock shared recap of recent updates and outreach regarding the development. Traffic impact remains a key concern. We have no reason to doubt the accuracy of the traffic studies provided. MLPA will ask for a reduction in density, including reduction in building heights and parking reductions. We will ask for a dark-sky friendly development and a bird friendly development. MLPA will vote on recommendations in April or May meeting.
 - Residents, including Ben Terry and Charlie Kaften, joined to share their perspective about the proposed development.

Concluding notes:

- Don thanked the meeting attendees and concluded the meeting.

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