



MORNINGSIDE LENOX PARK ASSOCIATION

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

December 9, 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 – Marti Breen*

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.

The Board unanimously voted to approve minutes from the November annual meeting.

Guest Updates:

Brian Barron of Morningside Elementary, Interim Principal, joined to introduce himself and discuss service/volunteer projects.

Major Ben Vayens joined to discuss security topics, including the recent arrest of a suspect in various burglaries and also highlighted the Clean Car Campaign.

Sgt. Stephen McKesey joined and shared perspectives on Zone 6 regarding officer pay, take home cars, and shift scheduling improvements.

Phyllis noted that there was a recent bond hearing, where three victims of the recent burglaries appeared to speak, and bond was denied to the suspects as a result of the community effort.

Alcohol/License Update: Change of Ownership for the Colonnade Restaurant. Lewis Jeffries joined to talk about the license application. Motion to support the application is unanimously approved by MLPA.



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Zoning: No updates.

Financial Update: Our cash position is \$121k though we expect more Security Patrols during the holidays, and we need to pay the annual bonus. We also have \$3k in cash that will go to the Atlanta Police Foundation for License Plate Reader funding. Our best projection is \$100k cash in the year end account. For events, we had a net gain of \$10k. For the 2025 budget, Marc will send out requests soon for approval in the February 2025 meeting.

Security: Updates shared regarding the efforts of APD to apprehend suspects in the recent neighborhood burglaries. For the License Plate Reader campaign, we are close to raising the \$42k+ targeted for the campaign; two of the five additional cameras have been ordered already. The Toy Drive was very successful; the neighborhood was generous in their support of this project. We have a vacancy on the Security Committee role leading the neighborhood watch program and coordinating the street captains

Communications Update: No updates this month.

Parks Update: We have recent improvements at Sidney Marcus and Sunken Gardens. We are looking forward to coordinating with MLPA about the efforts for Morningside Community Foundation.

Marketing Update: Eric joined to explain the new MLPA logo and procedures going forward.

Business Liaisons: Nick joined to share plans for his transition for 2025.

Concluding notes:

- Don thanked the meeting attendees and concluded the meeting.

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