

April 6, 2009

VHCA

Crime report

For the most part, crime has been down in the area but car burglaries are up. Officer Ruby suggested gluing on the decal on your license plate so that it cannot be easily stolen. Officer reminded people not to leave anything visible in their cars. Resident requested that police patrol no parking areas more diligently.

Application for liquor license transfer: DBA BBQ – Casual neighborhood BBQ place. Family friendly. 60% food, 40% drinks. Close at 11:00 during the week, 12:00 on the weekend. Opening is tentative for mid-May.

Motion –to not oppose transfer of liquor license, motion seconded

Straw vote unanimous

Board vote – 8 in favor, 1 opposed

Question posed – is there a tree per parking space requirement? Board to look into it.

2009 Strategic Plan

Point person for the Mix – Troy Von

Adoption of strategic plan – with amendment that improvement on parks will be contingent on funding, and amendment of inclusion of Troy Von... the strategic plan was adopted

Quarterly Fundraising events

Summer Outdoor Movies

Summerfest flea market and picnic

Fall Taste of Highlands

Gala Dinner/Silent Auction

Friends of Orme Park – came and had questions about how Orme park fundraising can fit in with fundraising efforts of other parks in the neighborhood, especially the new park.

Virginia Highland Conservation League- move that we have a representative from Friends of Orme Park be on the board of the VHCL – motion passed 9-0

Tour of Homes-

Net Income \$17,429 – there is \$5300 in outstanding sponsorship funds to be collected (get names from Rob)

Tour of Homes meeting this weekend – actively pursuing homes to participate

Financials

We have in our budget to spend \$150K – about half will go to the new park. We are keeping a tight budget in order to meet our goals. Budget will be revisited after Summerfest.

The Mix

Final Permits were granted in January. LaRaine's lost right of way on their driveway because it was a few inches onto the Mix land. Right now we need to have a better understanding of how the permitting works. The Mix has been granted several extensions on their building permits, and how does that fit in with the new NC zoning.

Joe will obtain the liquor licenses to gain an understanding of how they are tied to parking spaces, and which of those spaces are tied to the spaces they are building

Move that we allocate up to \$2000 for legal consultation on the permit issues.

Status of Street-scape construction

Some Rupley residents were concerned about new lane markings. A meeting was called and members of the board, residents, and property owners walked the area to review. It has been suggested that changes be made to plan as drawn now – the pass is potentially too narrow. We need a light box on the main "landscaped" island.

Landscaping plan – trees will go in around October.

Callanwolde –

There is concern over the run off plans for water at the back of the property into the creek below. There will be a meeting with the environmental and landscape architects to try and address the issue. 1005 Rosedale Road is adversely affected by the problem.

The Voice

John Becker sent out a note requesting articles be submitted by April 20th.

Summerfest

Planning is going great.

Power station – replaced trees.

Working on a project to grow vines over part of the structure.

Piedmont Park –

Pool is due to open on Memorial Day. Membership fees are being bundled with parking passes, so that there is currently no option to buy a pool pass without a parking pass. Write to the conservancy about the concern. Currently it encouraging people to drive rather than walk to the pool.