

VaHi Civic Association May 4, 2009

CVS – filed an application for a liquor license to sell as a package store. After heard at our meeting, it goes to NPUF. Based on feedback from this and NPUF meetings, it is voted and acted upon downtown.

Their application stated that they are more than 350 feet from a residence. We do not believe they were that far away. VHCA have been trying to establish whether or not there are any exemptions that apply to them. It will be reviewed at the next meeting (June 1).

Inspector Nailer – Safety – Burglars have been smashing windows, breaking down doors, pushing in AC window units, and any window left open have been points of entry. Flat screen TVs, jewelry, cash, electronics, etc have been stolen. Change, GPS, cash, paperwork, sports bags etc. stolen from cars. Officers have noted a lot of exposed electronics (visible through window) – invitation to burglars. We have also had a number of pedestrian robberies at gunpoint.

Variances:

Steve Smith - V09061- allow for set back variance from 7 feet to one foot. Want to enclose current screened in porch on current site. Porch will be demolished and rebuilt to meet code. Planning committee recommended approval.

Move to approve V09061 subject to plans submitted and 4/8/2009 –

Straw vote of attendees – 17 in favor

Board Vote – 10 in favor – Unanimous

VAHI Preservation Society- Lola Carlisle – The preservation society has spent two years getting this survey ready – photographing and cataloguing the houses in the neighborhood, getting an idea of what is “historic” about the neighborhood. They are looking for input from the neighborhood to find out what the interest level is in going forward with this project.

They would like to get a list of all neighbors and addresses, send out surveys, and have the responses analyzed. They are looking at approximately \$14,000 to complete the survey. They anticipate that it would take 2 months to complete the survey.

Move that we approve the funding of the survey at \$14000

Amendment to the movement – that board approves questions

Amendment to the movement – that we get at least 3 bids

Motion seconded –

All in favor of the motion – 16 in favor,) opposed, 0 abstained

Board – 9 in favor, 1 abstained

VHCL – IRS acknowledged our proposal for a 501c3

Treasurer – quiet since last meeting

Home Tour – they will hold their first meeting next week

Parks – VaHi Arboretum – we will have about 70 markers in the neighborhood identifying spectacular specimen of trees. Idea is to educate people to appreciate trees.

Summerfest – Volunteer for Summerfest is now down on-line

New Park – Peter Frolly and Peter Hughs have given their time to do the design work on the park. Park need to be built by end of 2010. We will have a clean up day on May 16th 9:00-12:00.

Summerfest Parade – Parade of Whacky Hats - we need musicians

Safety Update: The broken window theory – clean streets mean less crime. We are now targeting the first Sat morning of each month to clean up N. Highland.

This Saturday there will be a street captain meeting. Report urban camping to John Wolfinger

Street-Scape – major mess/work will be completed prior to Summerfest - there may be additional trees and furniture to install

Drewery – Multi Unit property – get details from Joe –BZA hearing date – Z something rezoning request in past business in 2009

Piedmont Park Pool – membership, being tied to parking pass.

Fundraising Card

Membership – Join now

Replacement for Secretary

VIP area

Summerfest – Friday Night 7:00 – Community dinner provided by Atkins Park, movie at dusk. Movie is Madagascar Escape to Africa

Dr. Perry – opened a new practice above American Roadhouse – will be a 5K Road race