

VHCA meeting
November 1, 2010

Board members present: Aly Higgins, Pamela Papner, Anne Woodward, Kathryn King-Metters, Charlie Lefort, Allie Coker, Rob Glancy, Ann Guy, Jennifer Hansen, John Wolfinger, Holly Kilgore

Major John Dalton spoke regarding crime in the neighborhood.

Approval of VHCA October minutes: Unanimous approval from the VHCA Board.

Committee Reports:

Pamela Papner (Vice President/Fundraising)

- VOICE: Will be in mailboxes before Home Tour
- Website: Brian Gross and Pamela will be working on requirements to improve the website. We will also get an estimate on the software costs. She worked with Phoung and updated, for the short-term, the most relevant areas of the current site.
- Summerfest: Finalized the P&L: Best year ever! Way to go Summerfest team!
- AGL: John and Pamela met with city folks on 10/11. Purpose was to discuss the fact that AGL will not agree to mill & repave the roads impacted by their gas line work. 5 roads have been impacted and have numerous patches: Amsterdam, N. Highland, Rosewood, Glen Arden, and Kentucky. The city has advised it's standards cannot be more stringent than DOT standards. There will be follow up discussions to see if there is a way to hold AGL responsible. 3 final houses will have the option of sidewalk replacement. ETA 1st week in Nov to have painting marks removed.
- Fundraising: Orme Park ladies came up with a few fundraising ideas. Handout was distributed and request made for someone to step up and take the lead on one of these fundraising opportunities. Last push for fundraising for the new park, and Orme...Buy a brick campaign, door hangers and letters has begun and will continue through February.

Charlie LeFort (Tour of Homes/Summerfest)

- Tour of Homes: Website has been revamped. Ticket sales through pay pal, using volunteer spot for volunteer sign up. House captain job has changed... One day commitment versus two. We're introducing a design forum, where tourgoers can consult with designers. Free childcare will be offered through Garrison afterschool care. Print deadline is Nov. 8th, so if you know of businesses that would like to advertise, please have them contact Charlie Lefort. Media coverage will be through Dave FM. 11 alive will be onsite as well. Hopefully an article will be on the front page of the food section of the AJC. Dec. 11 and 12th. Tickets are \$25 now, and \$30 at the door.

Rob Glancy (Parks)

- Parks: Daffodils have been purchased for the island.

Ann Woodward (Membership)

- Membership: Join VHCA

Jennifer Hansen (Treasurer)

- Budget season for 2011 is here. Need feedback from board members as far as budgetary needs. Info requests will go out this week. Need the information back by 17th of November.

John Wolfinger (Safety)

- City Hall East meeting: NPU-M meeting held in old fourth ward. Informational meeting. City wants to close the sale before 12/31. Jamestown is the buyer and will have affordable housing units. Costing over \$600k to maintain the building currently. Retail on lower levels, housing will follow. Retail scheduled 2013. Housing to follow.
- Check the VHlist for a free self defense class for women.

Frazier Deworet (Planning)

- We may need to move our meetings to the 2nd Monday of the month, or perhaps have more email votes as we're getting more and more last minute requests.
- Parking study is still underway.

Variance Requests:

- 900 Drewry Street, V-10-156 (Chris Hamilton, Dovetail craftsman)

Applicant seeks a variance from zoning regulations to (1) reduce the required west yard setback from 7' to 1' and (2) to reduce the required rear yard setback from 15' to 6' with credit for half the width of the alleyway to allow for the construction of a detached residential accessory structure (two-car garage).

Planning committee recommended approval of plans date stamped 9.21.10, contingent upon completion of filing of an executed maintenance easement and letters of support from neighbors.

Audience vote: 7-0-3

Board vote: 11-0-0

- 1123 Virginia Avenue, V-10-161

Applicant seeks a variance from zoning regulations to exceed the maximum allowed lot coverage from 50% to 56% to allow for a deck and screen porch addition to an existing single family dwelling.

Planning committee recommended approval based on amended plans 10.28.10.

Audience vote: 2-1-6

Board vote: 8-2-1

Aly Higgins (President)

- Strategic Plan

Motion was made to approve the strategic plan

Board vote: 10-0-0

New Business:

- Proposed yogurt shop in the Kaplan dentist office. We will be diligent in reviewing the expected request for parking variance.
- Pedi cab parked in the motor scooter parking.... Aly, in the role of a concerned neighbor vs. VHCA President, will call him and request that he not do this.
- Peter Bade moved out of VaHi neighborhood and can no longer serve on the board. Pat Penn will replace him on the VHCL board.

Board vote: 10-0-0

- FBAC – Brian Gross and Beth Marks

We have 102 payments received, which is sufficient for 4 night patrols, need about 32 more homes for 5 night coverage. Hopefully will begin in 2 weeks. Consider budgeting the 10k foregone last year, and place back in the budget. This would cover the 5th night.

- Parking meters: Judy McCabe questioned with usability of new system. Stay tuned.
- John Wolfinger: Groundbreaking for the east side trail of the beltline. Should open next spring. We're one step closer to this becoming reality.

Meeting adjourned 8:30.