

VHCA Meeting
12/6/10

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

VHCA Board members present: Pamela Papner, Ann Guy, Jennifer Hansen, Kathryn King-Metters, John Wolfinger, Allie Coker, Frazier Dworet, Anne Woodward, Rob Glancy, Holly Kilgore

Officer report: Major Dalton spoke regarding crime in the neighborhood. Questions were taken from the audience. He reported that overall, crime is down, but the 'boldness' of the crimes has risen.

Committee Updates:

Parks: (Rob Glancy)

We are trying to revamp the John Howell brick program in order to fund improvements. If you'd like to participate, please let him know.

Membership: (Anne Woodward)

Encouraged new membership and will be doing a comparison of other neighborhood associations.

Planning: (Frazier Deworet)

We are monitoring The Mix developments.

Safety: (John Wolfinger)

Everyone needs to know who their neighborhood watch street captain is! If you do not, see him after meeting.

Tour of Homes: (Ann Guy)

TOH has received greatest PR ever! Garrison afterschool is providing care for children. We still are in need of volunteers. Please sign up via the VHCA website. Tickets are \$25 prior to, and \$30 at the door.

Fundraising/New Park: (Pamela Papner)

We have asked for an extension for construction in order to apply for a Park Pride grant in February.

Target start date for construction will be approximately April. Peter Frawley will be working on the bid package. Dine out at Osteria will be December 14th. Holidays are around the corner! Buying a brick is an excellent gift idea! Anyone who'd like to get involved in the fundraising for our new park, please let us know!

Variances:

V10-171

942 Highland View

Applicant seeks variance to reduce ½ depth front yard setback from 17 ½ ft (required) to 2 ft., reduce the rear yard setback from 15 ft (required) to 0 ft, and increase the rear yard lot coverage from 25% (required) to 35%, all to allow for dormer additions and erect a new accessory structure to an existing single-family house. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

Planning committee voted to approve, 3 – 0

Motion was made to approve the plans as dated 10/19/10 with the following stipulations:

Executed copy of easement filed

Standard garage restrictions

Letters of support

Straw vote: 14-0-0

Board vote: 10-0-0

V-10-133

1077 Lanier Boulevard NE

Applicant seeks a variance from the zoning ordinance to reduce the side yard setback from 7 ft (required) to 2 ft, and to reduce the rear yard setback from 15 ft. (required) to 10 ft. to allow construction of an accessory structure. Applicant seeks no other variances at this time.

Planning committee voted to approve 3 – 0

With the following requirements and stipulations

Based on unique topography of this lot (rear yard is several feet lower than street elevation) making the ridge of the garage from the street level appear much lower, and also because the efforts of the applicant to mitigate the impact of water run-off.

This variance is contingent on receipt of date stamped revision to plans dated 10/26/10 and standards for a garage.

Motion was made to approve V-10-133 with stipulations.

Straw vote: 12-0-0

Board vote: 10-0-0

New Business:

Stephanie Coffin with Trees Atlanta spoke regarding planting of trees in VaHi. This year they are going to plant 60 trees on Saint Charles. If you'd like to help plant, meet at New Highland Park this Saturday at 9:00! Materials will be provided.

Caroling in VaHi!

Meet at Aurora coffee at 7 pm this Thursday, December 9th!

Budget: (Jennifer Hansen)

Budget of \$142K. Approximately one-half will be spent on the debt to the new park. Planning, safety, and parks will be the primary other areas, leaving approximately 10K to potentially give back to the neighborhood through grants. This budget assumed conservative revenue for both Home Tour and Summerfest. There may be more funds for increased discretionary spending by June.

Motion was made to approve the budget as presented and developed by the board

Board vote: 8-0-2

Meeting adjourned 8:30

