

VHCA Meeting

3/7/2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

VHCA Board members present: Pamela Papner, John Wolfinger, Frazier Dworet, Jennifer Hansen, Holly Kilgore

Police Update – generally crime is down but the one area where they are seeing an increase is in shoplifting

City Officials update – (Alex Wan)

Meeting announcements:

- City Planning Process – Comprehensive Development Plan being updated (happens every 5 years)
- 2nd round of meetings focusing on Character areas (residential, commercial etc)
- Next meeting March 10 6pm NPU F
- Redesign of Police beats – March 31 for Zone 6
- Pensions – 1st meeting on pension reform coming up

Atlanta Public Schools (Nicole)

Step Up Step Down is a grassroots org to keep the Atlanta Public School Board accountable to plan to retain accreditation per SACS action items; information available on their website and Facebook

Safety: John Wolfinger

- Maiden Lane cleanup scheduled for March 26 from 9-12 meeting at Java Jive (providing coffee and biscuits) and lunch provided by Chow Baby
- John had ride along with Officer Vidal (new addition to Zone 6 from the COPS unit) to point out problem spots in the area with promise from Officer Vidal to maintain focus on these areas
- Demo permit just issued for vacant apartment building; demo to happen in a couple of weeks

Fundraising/New Park: (Pamela Papner)

- Orme Park – construction has begun and will take approximately three months to complete; will need to raise about \$4,000 to cover landscaping; donations from April 12 Ben and Jerry's free cone giveaway from noon-8pm will go to Orme Park project; Catalyst Fitness fundraiser in February netted \$705 for parks
- New Highland Park- Special Use permit filed; four construction bids received all in the range of \$105,000; finalist in Park Pride grant application process for a \$50,000 grant
- Trees Atlanta – new trees planted in front of parking lot across from San Francisco Coffee half paid for by Trees Atlanta and half by VHCA

Website redesign: (Pamela Papner)

Three bids received in the range of \$6,000-\$14,000

Yogli Mogli – retail license prohibits seating; we have filed complaint of noncompliance

Planning and Variances:

Variances 3/7/2011

V-11-014
1040 Bellevue Dr. NE

Applicant seeks variance from zoning regulations to reduce E side setback from 7' to 3'4" and front yard setback from 35' to 34'4" to allow for a second-story addition.
Planning committee voted to approve, 3-0.

Motion was made to approve the plans as dated 2/9/11.

Straw vote: 5-0-3
Item referred to email vote by Board due to lack of quorum

V-11-017
880 Drewry St. NE

Applicant seeks variance from zoning regulations to reduce E side setback from 7' to 5' and half-depth front yard setback from 17.5' to 10' to allow rebuilding of front and side yard porch and 2nd floor additions within existing footprint.
Planning commit voted to approve, 3-0, subject to provision of letters of support or proof of notification.

Motion was made to approve the plans as dated 2/21/11 conditioned upon completing letters of support or proof of notification.

Straw vote: 5-0-1
Item referred to email vote by Board due to lack of quorum

Alcohol licenses:

Genki seeks change in ownership of existing license
Motion was made to not oppose change of ownership application
Straw vote: 5-0-1

Limerick Junction seeks change in ownership of existing license
Motion was made to not oppose change of ownership application
Straw vote: 6-0-0

Meeting adjourned 8:10