

VHCA Meeting
4/04/2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ann Guy

VHCA Board members present: Pamela Papner, Ann Guy, Kathryn King-Metters, John Wolfinger, Frazier Dworet, Anne Woodward, Holly Kilgore, Cindy Kauffman, Brian Gross

Officer report: Officer Cooper reported out

- Introduced Sgt. Bruce
- Shared sketch of the suspect in the Murphy's Valet Robbery
- Noted they had received calls from Mitzi's about aggressive panhandlers
- John W. provided sketch of neighborhood scammer
- Question was asked about re-soning and Sgt. said it would happen by end of year but our beat remains the same.
- It was discussed that Sharon, a panhandler, was back in the area and Officer Cooper said he would talk to her.

Piedmont Park Conservancy – Courtney Smith presented Volunteer opportunities at the park and highlighted the volunteer page of the website at [www. Piedmontpark.org](http://www.Piedmontpark.org)

Committee Reports

- Kathryn
 - Success at the intersection of Rosedale and N. Highland. There is now a crosswalk and also a no parking section provided a much needed improvement to this corner
 - N. Highland at Briarcliff Place
 - Issue with the new turn lane and the cross walk impact. It is currently blocked off and the city is working on a new plan.
 - Reports that the city fined the property owner for removing trees and they have to be replaced
 - No confirmation on how this work came to be.
- Pam - New Highland Park Update
 - Submitted final application for Park Pride Grant. Decisions announced April 18th
 - Thanks to Anne Woodward and Frazier Dworet for work on COA and Special Use Permit
 - Submitted grant request through "Keep Atlanta Beautiful" and that is pending.
 - New fundraising thermometer sign installed, donated by neighbor Mario Tantillo
 - Have received 4 proposals/bids for construction. VHCL will review April 20.
 - Have been getting requests for use of New Highland Park. VHCL to develop proposed application process, fee schedule, and guidelines for use.
- Pam - Orme Park Update
 - Construction is underway and proceeding well.
 - Need a few thousand dollars more for trees and plantings
 - Sign showing design also donated by Mario Tantillo
- Pam - Fundraising/upcoming events
 - Osteria anniversary party, Saturday, May 7th. Proceeds to New Highland/Orme and fire stations

- Atkins Park dine-out, April 19
- SPARK parents assn. holding movie in New Highland Park, April 22nd. They donated \$300 for use.
- Ben & Jerry cone day, April 12, 12p-8p and all proceeds go to Orme
- Catalyst grand opening raffle raised \$705 for New park
- Waiting on Whole Foods Day, application is pending
- Warren Bruno has contacted us about doing tethered balloon rides as a fundraiser.
- Pam - Summerfest
 - Thanks to Summerfest leaders Ann Guy, Charlie Lefort and Pamela Papner who donate significant amounts of time to this event.
 - Significant volunteer hours also by: Jenny Warner (Kidsfest), Allie Coker (Volunteers), John Peter Casey (Community Dinner), Doris Betz (Parade) and our VHCA treasurer.
 - If anyone has contacts for any businesses that might be interested in being a neighborhood sponsor (having 10' x 10' tent along Virginia) - or if they may wish to be a sponsor for road race, tot trot or Kidsfest, please contact Pamela Papner.
 - Does anyone know of appropriate musicians who can lead our parade?
- Pam - Web site redesign
 - A neighbor who is a professional developer and who can code Drupal CMS has stepped up and proposed to develop our Web site at very nominal cost, volunteering most of her time. She will speak to Phuong Nguyen next week about the project. After that, the Board can entertain a recommendation / motion to proceed based on bids submitted and preferred CMS.

Planning and Variances (Jack White)
 V-11-029
 642 CrestHill

Reduce W side setback from 7' to 3'4" and front yard setback from 5' to 3'4" to allow for a rebuilt garage. Impervious surfaces slightly reduced overall; no tree or runoff issues.

Planning committee voted to approve unanimously conditioned on standard garage conditions based on site plans amended and stamped 3/7/11 by the City of Atlanta and completion of letters of support from neighbors or proof of mailing.

Motion was made by Pam to approve the plans as dated 3/7/11 with the following stipulations noted by planning. Kathryn seconded the motion.

Straw vote: 6-0-2
 Board vote: 9-0-0

V-11-036
 663 Elmwood Drive

Reduce W side setback from 7' to 6'8"; reduce E yard side setback 7' to 1'4" to allow expansion of existing half-story to a second story addition for singly family dwelling. No tree or impervious surface issues; no runoff issues.

Planning recommended approval unanimously conditioned on site plans stamped by the CoA on 3/21/11, subject to provision of letters of support or proof of notification to neighbors. Mark Arnold did not vote on this application as he was applicant.

Motion was made by Pam to approve the plans as dated 3/21/11 with the stipulations noted by planning. Kathryn seconded.

Straw vote: 6-0-2

Board vote: 9-0-0

New Business:

- Frazier Dworet introduced as new Treasurer as Jennifer Hansen resigned which was followed by questions about the process. Pam explained Association bi-laws and also welcomed Brian Gross as the new board alternate
- Pam noted opening in the Voice for both Voice Editor and Voice Business Mgt.
 - Our thanks to John and Nita for their great work
- Pam noted two other projects and the need for volunteers
 - Fall flower bulb sale
 - Sidewalk inventory

Meeting adjourned