

VHCA Meeting
5/02/2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

VHCA Board members present: Pamela Papner, Ann Guy, Kathryn King-Metters, John Wolfinger, Anne Woodward, Holly Kilgore, Charlie LeFort, Brian Gross

Officer report: Officer Cooper

- COPS unit is helping with auto larcenies. Have a good lead on man in grey chevy trailblazer. Problem area is behind old urban body location on Ponce Place.
- Ofc. Cooper made 40 arrests in April

Committee Updates:

Parks: (Pamela Papner)

- Awarded two grants from Park Pride
 - \$50k for New Highland Park: Construction to begin in June. Bids are being reviewed
 - \$40k for Orme: Allows for total phase 1 plan to be implemented which includes rain garden, granite seat wall, plantings and tree recompense
 - Anticipated ribbon cutting on June 11
- Fundraising:
 - United Distributors and Landau restaurants (Dark Horse, Neighbors, Ten High) partnership to donate 15% on certain drinks during the month of May
 - Osteria Anniversary Party May 7 – 50% to New Park and 50% to the fire station.

Summerfest: (Ann Guy)

- Everything is on track and artist selection in process
- New time this year for parade start and dinner start. Parade at 6:30p and Dinner at 7p.
- Race applications are available on active.com
- Big need for volunteers and the site is up and working.

Communication: (Pamela Papner)

- Website expected to launch in early fall.

Traffic/Sidewalks: (Kathryn King-Metters)

- Fire hydrant at N. Virginia/Rosedale continues to be a problem area with illegal parking.
- Crosswalk at Briarcliff Place/N. Highland has been moved and corrected.
- City is looking at Los Angeles and water run-off issues caused by utilities repaving.
- Question from on-line regarding N. Virginia/Virginia island and could someone adopt. It was noted this is under city parks domain.

Safety: (John Wolfinger)

- Graffiti clean-up party had 15 attendees and focused on Orme Park
- Great response for the Intown ACE promotion for motion lights.

Other updates

- Reintroduced Brian Gross as new alternate board member.
 - Reported on FBAC new business members (Murphy's, Aurora, Urban Cottage).
 - South renewal coming up.
 - Old 4th Ward started Patrol May 2.

Planning and Variances (Jack White)

V-11-1039

1102 Lanier Blvd.NE, applicant Jonathan Jarrell, homeowner

Reduce east yard side setback from 7' to 2.6' to construct a 1 story 1 car garage, 15'8" high. No impervious surface total, tree, or runoff issues observed.

Planning recommended approval unanimously conditioned on standard garage conditions based on site plans amended and stamped 3-23-2011 by the City of Atlanta and completion of letters of support from neighbors or proof of mailing.

Motion was made to approve the plans as dated 3-23-2011 with planning recommendations

Pam motion, Charlie second

Straw vote: 7-0-1

Board vote: 7-0-0

Jack introduced new planning members: Mark Arnold, Lola Carlisle, Joe Krebs, and Nicole Forchner. Lots of great people with great experience.

New Business:

- Pam introduced Christopher Fling, new Business Manager for the Voice. He's already sold an ad after two days on the job!
- Charlie noted early leads already for Home Tour both from sponsors and homeowners.
- Comment from audience – noted more open containers on Highland and in street areas.
- Question from audience – what is status of building permit for Mix?
 - Jack said it appeared to have been renewed in January and is on a six month renewal cycle so will come back up in June.

Please remember that with the June meeting we are shifting to the second Monday of the month for the VHCA Board meeting to help with timing for planning and variance applications. Still 7pm and at the library.

Meeting adjourned 7:50