



VIRGINIA-HIGHLAND
CIVIC ASSOCIATION

**VHCA General Meeting
Monday, May 8, 2017; 7:00 PM
Grace Lutheran Church
1155 N. Highland Avenue**

Minutes

Attendees: Eleanor Barrineau, Jenifer Keenan, Steve Messner, Troy Murray, Robin Ragland, Debbie Skopczynski, Kay Stephenson, Micah Stringer, George Zirkel
Excused: David Brandenberger, Cindy Kaufman,
Guests: None

The president called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and board members introduced themselves.

The agenda was reviewed. A motion was made by Kay to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded Robin by and approved unanimously.

New Business:

None

Committee Reports:

Planning Committee - Jenifer Keenan

Variances - Planning Committee

- V-17-110 965 Adair Avenue NE; R-4

Applicant seeks a reduction in the east sideyard setback from 7' to 4'4" to accommodate a two-story addition to the back half of the home at this address. Addition will include the main and second level. The lower level will remain open as it currently exists. The lot is 50' wide and 170' deep. The proposed site plan will increase lot coverage from the current 40.6% to 42.6%.

Jenifer motioned to approve the variance, seconded by Debbie and approved unanimously

- V-17-105 711 Elkmont Drive NE; R-4

Applicant and homeowner seeks a reduction in the east sideyard setback from 7' to 3' to construct an accessory building (a two-car garage) and to enclose a small addition to the



southeast corner of his home. The existing garage will be demolished and replaced with a new and wider structure. Like its predecessor, the new garage will sit adjacent to a similar (higher but narrower) garage on the adjacent structure at 715 Elkmont. The new garage will be 3' off the property line between the two garages.

Jenifer motioned to approve the variance, seconded by Robin and approved unanimously.

Community Representation:

Cpt. Klotzer, Atlanta Police Department Captain, Zone 6. Overall crime is down, primary crimes remain thefts from autos (including guns), package thefts, and bicycle thefts.

Discussed clean car campaign, having packages delivered to places of business or to neighbor if not home to receive packages, as well as bringing bikes inside. Will have new camera powered up on St. Charles after it was moved.

Can be reached at: nklotzer@atlantaga.gov

- V-17-111 953 Virginia Circle NE; R-4

Applicant seeks (1) a reduction in the half-depth front yard setback from 17.5' to 3'; (2) a reduction in the west side yard setback from 7' to 3'; (3) to increase the maximum rear-yard coverage of an accessory structure from 25% to 27.5% to accommodate a new detached accessory structure (a two-story, two-car garage) at the back half of this address. The lot is wedge-shaped, narrowing at the back. The proposed site plan will increase lot coverage to 49.3% but is still below the maximum for R-4 (50%). No tree or stormwater issues were observed.

Jenifer motioned to approve the variance, seconded by Steve and approved unanimously.

- Liquor Licenses - Jenifer Keenan
 - None

History and Preservation Committee:

- No update

Budget Committee/Treasurer's report:



G Zirkel-

- April P&L published to the Website
- Sponsor revenue close to forecast
- Registrations for 5k Road Race are down (on par with other races)
- City fees are up significantly (EMS, fire, etc.) up from \$3K to over \$10K. Alex Wan has been in touch with the mayor's office to work on some relief.

Parks Committee:

D Brandenberger emailed an update and Jenifer presented it:

John Howell Park - Park Pride Grant work (brickwork, granite, fencing, edging and plantings) will begin this summer

Fundraising Committee:

J Keenan provided update on Summerfest:

Encouraged racers to sign up for the 5K. Race is Saturday, June 3 at 8am

Dates for the event are June 3,4. The volunteer link for Summerfest is currently at <https://vahi.org/summerfest/volunteers/>

George provided an update on music for Summerfest. Here is the line-up:

Main Stage	Saturday	Sunday
12:00 PM	The Alex Guthrie Band	
1:30 PM	Waker	Dylan LeBlanc
3:00 PM	The Unlikely Candidates	Banditos
4:30 PM	Israel Nash	Stokeswood
6:30 PM	The New Respects	



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Acoustic N. Highland	Friday	Saturday
4:00 PM		Hannah Murphy
5:00 PM		Ian & Sky
6:00 PM		American Hope
7:00 PM		Paige Hargrove
8:00 PM	The Apple Scruffs	Tyler Goforth
9:00 PM		Kim Bates
10:00 PM		Sanjay Kothari

Acoustic Park	Saturday	Sunday
1:00 PM	Joe Garner	Julie Gribble
2:00 PM	Belle Gray	Ella Collier
3:00 PM	Manny Cortes	Jesse Mariah
4:00 PM	Tessa Joy	Kate Barnette

Other Events Committee:

George and Kay provided update on this new committee. Working on a Survey Monkey that will go out this week to gauge interest in different events. They will use the results to pursue new fundraising and social events.

Tour of Homes - Robin Ragland

All 7 homes and one historical business have been confirmed. Ferguson Lighting and bath is the latest presenting sponsor to sign up, Coldwell Banker is the ticket sponsor, and Engel and Völkers Real Estate is sponsoring 2 of the 3 trolleys. Current pledges are ~25K of the \$28K goal in sponsorships.

Business District Task Force - Micah Stringer

About 170 people on the email list that was sent out to landlords and business owners. Planning on first meeting to occur on 6/14/17 - place to be determined (likely at one of the businesses)



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Safety Committee :

Eleanor and Kay met with Major Shepherd from APD to discuss the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). They discussed a few properties to be reviewed, including one where there was a recent crime. The CPTED inspectors provide homeowners/landlords with evaluations on property improvements (lighting, trimming shrubbery, etc.) that will make the environment less attractive to criminal activity. Eleanor shared that one property that was evaluated and found to have poor lighting was already remedied.

Committee is currently determining the best date for next meeting (likely next week)

Kay reminded everyone about the relationship VHCA has with Keep VaHi Beautiful. They have 2 clean-up events/year, and the next one is likely to be on May 20. The group meets in front of American Roadhouse at 8:30am and they provide trash bags. Bring your own gloves, rakes, gas leaf blowers. More details to be published in the next edition of The Voice.

Communications Committee -

Effective 6/1/17, Stephen Cohen will be stepping down as the editor for The Voice.

Old Business

None

Calendar: (All meetings are public)

- NPU-F Monthly Meeting at Hillside: May 15, 2017, 7 pm
- Summerfest neighborhood appreciation party and movie: June 2, 2017
- Summerfest: June 3,4 2017
- VHCA Planning Committee at Church of Our Saviour: June 7, 7 pm
- VHCA General and Board Meeting at Grace Lutheran: June 12, 2017, 7 pm

Adjourned at 7:55pm