



VIRGINIA-HIGHLAND
CIVIC ASSOCIATION

**General and Board Meeting
Monday, December 11, 2017; 7:00 PM
Grace Lutheran Church
1155 N. Highland Avenue**

Agenda

VHCA Directors: David Brandenberger, Chase Johnson, Jenifer Keenan, Simon Leeth (via phone), Barry Loudis, Steve Messner, Troy Murray, Stefanie Roberts, Kay Stephenson, George Zirkel, Emma Tinsley (absent)

Call to order: 7:00 p.m. - David Brandenberger

Adoption of agenda

Approval of minutes from November Board Meeting as distributed

Atlanta Police Department – Sgt Hines

Crime down 7%

Toy Drive at Zone 6 Precinct

Elected Public Officials & Municipal Representatives

Councilwoman Elect Jennifer Ide

Taking office January 2nd

Councilman Elect Matt Westmoreland

404-408-0980

Walden athletic fields will be done this Spring

New Middle School – will break ground in July. Done in Summer 2020

Inman will become elementary capacity (4th/5th grade academy or new elementary school)

Grady expansion will be completed in July 2021. Design starts spring 2018

Other Guests:

Old Business

Planning Committee

- Variances - Barry Loudis

V-17-317; 801 Adair Ave. NE; R-4 - DEFERRED FROM NOVEMBER CYCLE

The house faces northward on Adair just west of De Leon.

Applicant has been updated to Andy Steele of Park Atlanta Homes (on behalf of homeowner William Knight) requests variances to:

1. reduce the front yard setback from 35 feet to 34 feet (existing) to build a 2nd floor addition above and along the existing dimension



2. REMOVED FROM ORIGINAL APPLICATION
3. reduce the west side yard setback from 7 feet to 2.7 feet (existing at rear of home) to build a 2nd floor addition atop the existing dimension and extend the existing structure along the same dimension
4. reduce the east side yard setback from 7 feet to 3 feet to build a detached garage structure
5. reduce the rear yard setback from 15 feet to 3 feet to build a detached garage structure

The VHCA Planning Committee (Carlisle, Loudis, Skopczynski, Van Horne, White) reviewed the application at the December Planning Committee meeting with several neighbors in attendance. As noted above, this application has been amended to include only four variance requests. These are all setback variances.

Expected BZA review date is now January 4, 2018.

Motion to Recommend Approval CARRIES on show of hands. 10 – yes, 0 no

- Master Plan Update - Jenifer
\$2,500 grant from Councilman Alex Wan
Master Plan Update will be completed by April

Sidewalk and Transportation Committee - Troy/Jenifer

Hope to have an update on transportation projects discussed with the City in October

Budget Committee/Treasurer's Report - George

- November 2017 P&L
 - Vote on 2018 Budget
- Some board members indicated a desire to increase grants budget. Others requested competitive bid process for planning consultants.

Board discussed developing policy document that will define how budgeted monies are allocated

Motion to Approve 2018 Budget CARRIES on show of hands. 10 – yes, 0 no

- Vote on 2018 Committee Goals

Motion to Approve 2018 Goals CARRIES on show of hands. 10 – yes, 0 no

Parks Committee - David

\$15,000 Grant from Councilman Alex Wan for John Howell Park Project

Fundraising Committee



- Tour of Homes - Robin

Estimated Financial Results:

Total Net Revenue: \$79,319 (2016 was \$78,596)

- \$38,133 ticket sales, which was an increase of \$4,730 over 2016
- \$40,906 in sponsorships, which was \$4,287 decrease from 2016

Final Expenses Estimated to be \$23,000 - \$24,000

Estimated Income \$54,000 - \$56,000 (2016: \$56,160)

- Other Events - George, Steve, Kay, Stefanie

Holiday Extravaganza in North Highland Park – Stefanie

100 attendees took photos with Santa. Lots of positive feedback. Residents were enthusiastic about additional events in the park such as movie night, music night, last day of school party. Atkins Park, Ten Thousand Villages, and Alon's donated to the event.

Vote on Morningside Mile MOU - Steve, George, Kay

Event will be co-sponsored by MLPA, VHCA and Rich Chey. 3/25 2:00 – 7:00. Will start at the Y and end at a Morningside Village. Funds will be dedicated to projects for North Highland business corridor. Race Operations will be coordinated through Ed Williams company.

Motion to Approve MOU carries on show of hands: 10 yes, 0 no.

Update on Lantern Parade concept definition - Steve, George, Kay

Proposed event for Saturday of Lantern Parade. Block party on Greenwood with events during the day including a band. Getting bids from two event planners – proposals due mid January.

Safety Committee- Kay/Troy

Update on current initiatives

Committee met recently. Street Captain meeting will be in February. Will invite Jennifer Ide.

When and how are safety committee meetings posted? Meetings are once or twice a year.

Most of the work is via email. Some people are interested in committee and street captain program. Will work on publicizing meetings.

Communications Committee – Emma (not present)

New Business

\$55,000 Grant from Councilman Alex Wan



Resident has made a donation to Trees Atlanta for tree plantings in Virginia-Highland. Trees Atlanta/Our Programs/

Announcements/Calendar: (All meetings are public)

- NPU-F Monthly Meeting at Hillside: December 18, 2017
- VHCA Planning Committee at **Ponce de Leon Branch Library**: January 3, 2018 7 pm
- VHCA General and Board Meeting at Grace Lutheran: January 8, 2018 7 pm

Adjourn 8:32

**Minutes of Virginia-Highland Civic Association
12/18/17 Vote Via Email**

VHCA Directors: David Brandenberger, Chase Johnson, Jenifer Keenan, Simon Lee, Barry Loudis, Steve Messner, Troy Murray, Stefanie Roberts, Kay Stephenson, George Zirkel, Emma Tinsley (alternate)

Motion Via Email – 12/18/17:

Motion by G. Zirkel to replace Peggy Ann Berg, Lola Carlise and Arturo Cruise Tucker with David Brandenberger, George Zirkel and Kay Stephenson as the designated Key Executives with Control of the accounts maintained by the Virginia-Highland Civic Association at the Wells Fargo Bank. Motion seconded by Kay Stephenson.

All in favor via email vote:

George Zirkel
Kay Stephenson
Stefanie Roberts
Barry Loudis
Troy Murray
Chase Johnson
Jenifer Keenan
David Brandenberger
Simon Lee

All opposed: none

Motion carries pursuant to Section 6.1 of the VHCA Bylaws.

By:

Jenifer Keenan



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VHCA Secretary

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