



**General and Board Meeting
Monday, February 12, 2018; 7:00 PM
Grace Lutheran Church
1155 N. Highland Avenue**

Agenda

VHCA Directors: David Brandenberger, Chase Johnson, Jenifer Keenan, Barry Loudis, Steve Messner, Troy Murray, Kay Stephenson, George Zirkel. Not present: Stefanie Roberts, Simon Lee, Emma Tinsley (alternate).

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

Atlanta Police Department – Recognized Upon Arrival

- Sgt Hines. Beat 601 is doing well. Car break-in are increasing in other areas of Beat 601, Package thefts are happening in the neighborhood – male and female couple in a red truck. There are three watches - day, evening and night. Best way to reach Zone 6 command staff including Major Klotzer is via email. Sgt. Hines can be reached at: jwhines@atlantaga.gov

Elected Public Officials & Municipal Representatives

- Jennifer Ide and Kent Strickland from Jennifer Ide's office. 311 system's technology has been improved. kpstrickland@atlantaga.gov 10th and Monroe will be a hot topic for District 6.
- Jennifer just received notice of the Atlanta United event scheduled for March 10.

Other Guests:

- Samuel L. (Lee) Reid, Executive Director of the Atlanta Citizen's Review Board (ACRB) presented on their new mediation program between citizens and police officers. ACRB was created in 2007 and opened doors in 2008. Main objective is improving relationship between APD and citizens. Mediation board created to handle less serious complaints (rudeness, minor policy violations, minor detentions). Program is voluntary. Most police officers have been agreeable to participating in the program. Mediation must be initiated by citizens. At this point in time, police officers cannot initiate mediation with citizens. There are 5 mediators, including 2 retired judges, all with at least 5 years of medication experience. If the incident does not settle during the mediation, there will be an investigation.
- Erin Colie, Event Director of Atlanta Sport and Social Club re planned Atlanta United Block Party to kick off their 2018 MLS season at Briarcliff Place and N Highland Ave.



Erin did not attend the meeting. NPU Chair provided the following report: large event application for 4 hour event on March 10th. Gated, 21 and over event for \$15. North Highland from Greenwood to Drewry, and Briarcliff Place adjacent to the parking lot will be closed. They have not presented a transportation plan and have not indicated how they will close off the street. Closed street will cut off main access to American Roadhouse parking lot. Large Gathering events do not allow purchase of alcohol at private business and bring to public areas. Application was mailed in on Thursday. Large Gathering permit will not be heard by the NPU.

- Request for letter from VHCA: crowd is variable, minimum parking spaces for Dark Horse should be maintained. Tickets are available the day of the event so tickets will not limit the crowds that come to the neighborhood for the event. Letter should indicate we welcome Atlanta United and other events which bring visitors to our business districts, but we need to have concerns addressed.
- Motion for Planning Committee to Submit a Letter to the City's Officer of Special Events and Major Klotzer Expressing Concerns Without Seeing Plan for the Event Carries on Show of Hands: 7 yes, 1 no.

Old Business

- David to draft proposed changes to the bylaws or a new policy statement to address contractual, financial or legal obligation approval requirements for items both in and out of the approved and adopted budget of the VHCA.
- Status of VHCL bylaws update and election of directors/officers
 - Need to update bylaws and elect officers. VHCL has made proposed revisions to bylaws.

Planning Committee

- Variances – None
- Change of Agent – Taco Mac
Mindy Thompson, Esq. Jason Everett will be agent. Has been at Taco Mac for 10 years. No violations. Jason will be the agent for a number of Taco Mac locations.
- 10th and Monroe Update - Jenifer & Barry
Public Engagement Plan has been submitted by the Development Team to ABI. ABI has requested improvements to the public input plan. ABI wants the Development Team to create a website with updates and site plans and mechanism for the public to submit input. Saporta Report has had two recent articles on the project.



Sidewalk and Transportation Committee - Troy

Kent, Lance and Jennifer met with Nursef and Cotina about transportation projects that were submitted by VHCA. Need to submit requests for via 311.

Budget Committee/Treasurer's Report - George

- District 6 Grants:
 - \$15,000 for John Howell Park
 - \$2,500 for Master Plan
 - \$55,000 for Other Projects

1099's are out to vendor and tax returns are in progress. P&L is in progress.

Jennifer Ide's office has helped add VHCA to the vendor system so that VHCA can receive the District 6 Grants from Alex Wan.

Fundraising Committee/Other Events

- VHCA Meet & Greet - Stefanie
DBA BBQ
1190 North Highland Avenue
February 28, 2018
7pm - 9pm
Cash bar – VHCA providing appetizers.
- Morningside Mile - George, Steve, Kay, Stefanie
This year the Virginia-Highland Civic Association (VHCA) and Morningside Lenox Park Association (MLPA) are teaming up to raise funds to improve the N. Highland commercial corridor – the original Intown destination. This event will be held on Sunday afternoon, March 25th. Race is going to start at the YWCA and end at Doc Chey's. Race starts at 2:00. Budgeted for \$5000 in sponsorship and already have \$9500. Registrations are slightly ahead of last year. Banners and yard signs will be posted in the next week. Permit is required for sign in the triangle.
- Summerfest - Jenifer
- Lantern Parade - George, Steve, Kay
Committee has met with event organizer's to get estimated costs. Parade is September 22.

Safety Committee- Kay and Troy

- Street Captain Meeting
When: Saturday, March 3rd at 10 am



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Where: Church of Our Saviour Pettway Hall (church is at N. Highland at Los Angeles. Pettway Hall entrance is on Los Angeles).

Thursday, Jan 18th – Kay and Troy attended the event for Major Peak who is now at the Airport Precinct.

Communications Committee – Emma not present.

New Business

Announcements/Calendar: (All meetings are public)

- NPU-F Monthly Meeting at Hillside: February 19, 2018
- VHCA Planning Committee at **Ponce de Leon Branch Library:** March 7, 2018 7 pm
- VHCA General and Board Meeting at Grace Lutheran: March 12, 2018 7 pm

Adjourn – 8:13