



**General and Board Meeting  
April 9, 2018; 7:00 PM  
Grace Lutheran Church  
1155 N. Highland Avenue**

**Agenda**

**VHCA Directors: David Brandenberger, Chase Johnson, Jenifer Keenan, Simon Lee, Barry Loudis, Steve Messner, Troy Murray, Stefanie Roberts, Kay Stephenson, George Zirkel.** Highlighted board members were not present with prior notice.

Adoption of agenda

Atlanta Police Department  
Captain Collier

Larceny from autos and package thefts continue. Administrative items have been delayed due to city computer issues.

Elected Public Officials & Municipal Representatives  
Councilmember Jennifer Ide

Fire Station 19 – things are moving forward but were delayed with the change of administration. Things should move forward now. Will be a few more months before procurement process. Construction should start mid to late Fall.

4/24 VaHi Church 6:00 – Resources of City and Community Groups on Homelessness  
Overview of laws and resources.

Jennifer has informed Public Works that benches on city property on North Highland need to be returned/replaced.

10<sup>th</sup> and Monroe – first Working Group meeting was today and first public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday. BeltLine will host development documents on the website. Electronic comments and questions can be submitted to Jennifer Ide's office. 99% of comments sent to Jennifer Ide's office express reservations about the scope of the proposed development.

Public input is three prongs: working group, technical group, public input meetings. These three groups are providing information to the developers to shape the eventual development that is proposed.

The roles of the various committees is not clearly defined.

Who is representing the businesses? Most businesses are in NPU-E.



What has been done on transportation analysis? What analytics have been done on traffic. Significant question mark on how this development would impact Monroe.

Formal City Planning process will move forward after this public input process.

#### Renew Atlanta – Monroe Complete Streets

Renew Atlanta is doing a comprehensive analysis of how other projects would impact Monroe.

#### State Representative Park Cannon – District 58

City of Atlanta delegation got 2 out of 5 pieces of legislation passed on property taxes  
Increase homestead from \$10,000 to \$50,000  
Cap increase of property taxes at 2.6% annual increase

#### Transit – 12 County Regional Transit Authority (The ATL)

Fully Funded Quality Education Budget for the first time since the recession

\$26 Billion Budget passed - \$1 billion increase over last year. Park Cannon has a document that highlights District 58 projects.

### **Old Business**

- **Status of VHCL bylaws update and election of directors/officers**

Draft updated bylaws have been circulated within VHCL and will be shared with VHCA board at the next meeting.

### **Planning Committee**

- Variances

#### **V-18-066; 825 Drewry; R-4**

Deferred to May cycle of meetings

#### **V-18-069; 756 Elkmont; R-4**

Applicant Mark Arnold on behalf of homeowners Shak and Kathleen Presswala request the following variances

- 1) reduce the south side yard setback from 7 feet to 4 feet

to allow construction of patio addition to the first floor of the residence



Current area for the addition is a concrete surface. Slight increase in lot coverage (+11 sq/ft) to 41.6% and requested FAR is below 50%. No observed tree issues and applicant is reviewing options for potential stormwater effects given the recent loss of a large (55") tree in the backyard. Appropriate neighbors were notified.

The Planning Committee unanimously recommended approval.

**Motion to Approve carries on unanimous voice vote.**

**V-18-095; 1105 Monroe; R-4**

Applicant Stacey Rainwater on behalf of homeowners Praveen Putler and Sapna Grover requests the following variances

- 1) reduce the front yard setback from 35 feet to 23 feet (existing)
- 2) reduce the half-depth side yard setback from 17.5 feet to 6 feet (existing)

to allow construction of a second floor addition to the home in the existing footprint

No increase in lot coverage (42.7%) and planned FAR will be 42%. No tree issues were observed. Appropriate neighbors were notified. Planning Committee did discuss stormwater discharge requirements with applicant and homeowner and both stated proper steps would be put in place to comply with such regulations.

The Planning Committee unanimously recommended approval.

**Motion to Approve carries on unanimous show of hands.**

- 10th and Monroe Update - Jenifer & Barry

See above under Jennifer Ide's report

Comment – Why did the BeltLine reject a contract for development that didn't require any land use changes?

**Sidewalk and Transportation Committee** - Troy

**Budget Committee/Treasurer's Report** - George

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



City Computer issues have caused delay in the checks being cut.

### **Communication Committee – Barry**

The Voice will go out next week. Will have an update on North Highland Mile.

- Motion for \$3000 allocation to assist Communications Committee with operations Carries on unanimous voice vote.

### **Fundraising Committee/Other Events**

- Morningside Mile - George, Steve, Kay, Stefanie  
\$7300 net after reimbursement of \$5000 advances from MLPA and VHCA. Money will be used for start up expenses for next year.
- Summerfest – Jenifer  
Permitting and insurance applications are complete. New items for this year include Adult Big Wheel, Xtreme Air Balls and Petting Zoo for Kidsfest, and a TV Lounge near the Park Drive entrance. Need to encourage people to sign up for the race and volunteer spots.
- Lantern Parade – George  
  
Financial model is difficult. Still exploring options.
- Tour of Homes – Chase  
  
4 houses confirmed. 5<sup>th</sup> should be confirmed soon.

### **Safety Committee- Troy**

Some new street captain positions have been filled.

### **New Business**

- Appointment of Leah Matthews director to replace Emma Tinsley

**Section 3.6 Vacancies.** In the event of the death, disability, removal, or resignation of a Director (including removal due to a Director's relocation from the Neighborhood), a vacancy shall be declared by the Board. For all vacancies, the Board shall first appoint the Alternate Director to fill such vacancy. All subsequent vacancies shall be filled by appointment of the President and confirmed by a majority vote of the Board. The Board may also hold an election for such position(s) at a Special Board Meeting. Each Director appointed pursuant to the terms of this Section shall serve the unexpired portion of the term of his/her predecessor.

Motion to Appoint Leah Matthews as alternate director carries on unanimous show of hands.



- Motion to have Jesse Paluch, in cooperation with Park Pride, take over routine maintenance of the Triangle at Virginia and N. Highland until Summer of 2019 carries on show of hands.

**Announcements/Calendar:** (All meetings are public)

- NPU-F Monthly Meeting at Hillside: April 16, 2018
- VHCA Planning Committee at **Ponce de Leon Branch Library:** May 9, 2018 7 pm
- VHCA General and Board Meeting at Grace Lutheran: May 14, 2018 7 pm

**Adjourn**