



**General and Board Meeting
Monday, June 11, 2018; 7:00 PM
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
1155 N. Highland Avenue**

Agenda

VHCA Directors: David Brandenberger, Chase Johnson, Jenifer Keenan, Simon Lee, Barry Loudis, Leah Matthews, Steve Messner, Troy Murray, **Stefanie Roberts, Kay Stephenson, George Zirkel.
(highlighted absent with notice)**

Call to order 7:00

Adoption of agenda

May meeting minutes adopted by David Brandenberger

Atlanta Police Department:

Lt. Crowder – Zone 6 Evening Watch Commander. Package crimes are increasing. Best way to combat this is to develop a relationship with neighbors and ask them to pick up packages when they are delivered. Bike thefts are also prevalent. djcrowder@atlantaga.gov

Question about Bird Scooters: Call Officers if Bird Scooters are seen on the BeltLine, Piedmont Park, and BeltLine.

Question about parking in bike lanes: Call APD if cars are parked in bike lanes.

Elected Public Officials & Municipal Representatives:

Jennifer Ide

City Council is contemplating legislation to address dockless scooters and bikes. Issue is currently before the Transportation Committee.

No updates on 10th and Monroe proposed development. Developer has cancelled all meetings. Jennifer Ide and Commissioner Keene feel that the developer and city are at an impasse – the current version of the project will not get support from the City Planning Department. Jennifer supports a restart of the process with new process at Invest Atlanta.

Need to develop key principles so that next proposal will be more realistic and consist with existing planning.

Future Invest Atlanta RFPs need to involve City Planning Department

June 28 Monroe Complete Streets Meeting – Grady 7:00. Will discuss quick updates and realignment of the street. Faye Demassimo is no longer the GM of Renew Atlanta. Tom Weyandt Jr. (Morningside resident) is the new Interim GM of Renew Atlanta.



Council is working on budget – hoping to pass budget next Monday. Looking to increase funding for safety.

Old Business

- Virginia-Highland Conservation League (VHCL) bylaws update. Barry circulated the draft of the revised minutes to the board for review.

Planning Committee

- Variances

V-18-66; 825 Drewry NE; R-4 (deferral from May cycle of meetings)

Applicants and homeowners Lindsay and Tyler Wheeler request the following variances

- 1) reduce the east side yard setback from 7 feet to 3 feet
- 2) reduce the west side yard setback from 7 feet to 2 feet
- 3) reduce the rear yard setback from 15 to 10 feet

to allow for construction of an addition to the residence and detached two-story garage.

Applicants updated previous site plan and applicable referral certificate reducing lot coverage to under 50%. Applicant stated they would prefer to save tree in middle of back yard but removal may be required. Applicant also is aware of potential issues with grass strip in driveway related to the grade changes and will use available methods to assure its effectiveness. All surrounding neighbors have been notified of the application.

The Planning Committee voted unanimously to support this application and appreciate the applicant's diligent attention to the variance process.

Motion to Recommend Approval CARRIES on Unanimous Show of Hands

V-18-105; 659 Cooleage NE; R-4

Applicant and homeowner Steve Lynott request the following variances

- 1) reduce the east side yard setback from 7 feet to 3 feet
- 2) reduce the west side yard setback from 7 feet to 3 feet 7 inches

to allow for an addition to the residence (west) and installation of an external spiral staircase (east).

Applicant will be reducing lot coverage from 63.8% to 61.8% by removing currently-bricked pool apron and replacing with grass. No tree impacts indicated and applicant has committed to removing debris (not on survey) to allow for additional ground permeability. Additionally, applicant is coordinating with adjacent neighbors to manage stormwater runoff. All surrounding neighbors have been notified.

The Planning Committee voted unanimously to support this application.



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V-18-153 ; 901 Highland View NE; R-4; re-application

Applicant Stacey Rainwater of Survey Systems on behalf of homeowner Stephen McRae request the following variances

- 1) reduce the east side yard setback from the 7 feet to 3 feet (existing)
- 2) reduce front yard setback to from 35 feet to 15 feet (existing)

for the construction of a new residence.

This is re-application (at the city's request) for the same variances approved in November 2017. Construction commenced several months ago.

Lot coverage will rise from 47.1 % to 49.9. No tree issues were observed. Surrounding neighbors have been notified.

The Planning Committee unanimously recommended approval.

Motion to Recommend Approval CARRIES on Unanimous Show of Hands

- Cresthill and Monroe Update - Jenifer and Barry

See Jennifer Ide's update – no additional information on the status of this project at this time. Planning Committee will be able to use the work that has been done on the 10th and Monroe project on the VaHi Master Plan update.

Budget Committee/Treasurer's Report - George

Early returns are coming in – invoices are being processed. Sponsorships and Beverage sales on both Saturday and Sunday were greater than last year. Revenue is expected to be greater than 2017.

Communication Committee – Barry

The next edition of The Voice will come out later this month.

Fundraising Committee/Other Events

- Summerfest – Jenifer

Festival was a huge success. Survey was conducted for market research. New items like VaHi House, Adult Big Wheels, and Kidsfest Petting Zoo were very well received.

- Tour of Homes – Chase

Ticket sales will move to YWCA. Houses are close together so only one bus will be needed. 9 houses have been selected for the tour.



Parks Committee - David

Summerfest clean up went really well – John Howell Park looks good. Grass repair will happen in the next few weeks.

City of Atlanta Parklet is up at Amsterdam and North Highland. City is still working on finishing touches.

Safety Committee- Kay/Troy

Committee is planning a police appreciation meal in the near future.

New Business

None

Announcements/Calendar: (All meetings are public)

- NPU-F Monthly Meeting at Hillside: June 18, 2018
- Renew Atlanta Meeting on Monroe Complete Streets at Grady HS – June 28, 2018 7 pm
- VHCA Planning Committee at Ponce de Leon Branch Library: July 2, 2018 7 pm (**note special date for July meeting**)
- VHCA General and Board Meeting at Grace Lutheran: July 9, 2018 7 pm

Adjourn