



**General and Board Meeting
Monday, July 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, Leah Matthews, Steve Messner, Troy Murray, Stefanie Roberts, Kay Stephenson, George Zirkel.
(highlighted board members were absent with notice).

Adoption of agenda

Atlanta Police Department

Lt. Crowder – Evening Watch Zone 6 Commander. Crime is down city wide. Still having problems with package theft in this neighborhood. Cameras in the neighborhood are helping to identify package thefts. People need to save images of package thefts for use by police at a later date.
djcrowder@atlantaga.gov

What is the status of the “no texting while driving” law? No violators have been caught so far – advanced notice has helped to increase compliance.

My Choice – UPS has a system to alert people when package is delivered. Can publicize it in The Voice.

Elected Public Officials - None

Old Business

Benches that were formally in front of Highland Hardware were relocated onto Los Angeles by the City on a trial basis. Private businesses should not determine location of bench placement.

Planning Committee

- Variances

No Variance applications this period.

- SAP 18-089 - 841 North Highland

Property is currently a surface parking lot. A separate parcel will be created from the existing property for the proposed development, a three story building. Both parcels will remain under the same ownership. According to the application, the ground floor of the building will be a dry cleaners, the second floor will contain two residential units and the third floor will contain one larger residential unit. There is a shared parking arrangement where three of the necessary parking spaces for the new construction will be provided on the newly created parcel and the remaining



required spaces assigned to the existing parking lot. The existing sidewalk area will be enhanced to meet the NC-12 requirements for tree planting, landscaping and clear zone.

Several neighbors adjoining this property along Arlington are aware of and have seen the application. Comments, feedback and desired conditions from those neighbors and the Planning Committee will be passed along to the NPU for their report. First development proposal under VaHi's NC (neighborhood commercial) district.

- Cresthill and Monroe Update - Jenifer

ABI sent a Notice of Termination terminating the Memorandum of Understanding between ABI/Invest Atlanta and Fuqua for the purchase of the BeltLine Land near 10th and Monroe. Jim Kegley still owns 9 single family parcels on Monroe and Cresthill as well as the commercial parcel at 10th and Monroe. The termination of the MOU for the purchase of the BeltLine land will preclude the proposed Fuqua/Kegley development from moving forward.

- Monroe Complete Streets Update – Jenifer

Comment period extended to August 10th. VHCA traffic consultant will review traffic data and help develop “talking points” for comments to Renew Atlanta. VHCA will coordinate with Atlanta Bicycle Coalition, PEDS and other neighborhoods on providing input and comments to Renew Atlanta.

Communications Committee

An edition of the Voice was published on July 3, early AM. Please send all articles for posting to VaHi.org for the next edition of the Voice to communications@vahi.org.

Fundraising Committee/Other Events

- Summerfest – Jenifer

Anticipated net income will exceed \$105,000. More detailed report will be presented next month.

- Tour of Homes – Chase

Looking for one additional Presenting Sponsor (\$4000).

All houses have been chosen and all but one have been photographed.

Traffic and Transportation – Jenifer

- Barnett Traffic Study
- Stop Sign at Lanier and Los Angeles
- Re-stripping crosswalks on Ponce Place, North Highland and Lanier

Safety Committee – Kay

- Store Front of former Paw Palace has been boarded up. New multi-stall salon is going into the space. Doug Landau helped contact building owner who is located in Moscow.



New Business

- Katie Voelpel is working with a business owner in VaHi to adopt the streets at Virginia and North Highland – “Beautify VaHi.” Discount card will be the first fundraiser for the organization. Night lighting, flowers, local markets, etc. \$3 card will provide approximately 28 discounts. Looking at Adopt A Spot program. Going to talk to Virginia-Highland Business Association. Working on website and Instagram. Can put information on the program in the next website. voelpelk@gmail.com
- Georgia Power has been pruning trees throughout VaHi. They severely pruned trees across from North Highland Park that had been planted in the 90s. Several VaHi residents and board members met with Ga Power and got Ga Power to agree to remove 4 trees that were most severely damaged. A Ga Power rep (Larry Vincent) will be at the NPU meeting. Ga Power comes every three years. The pruning work is very inconsistent. Ga Power must follow Atlanta’s Tree Protection Ordinance. Need to strengthen the Tree Ordinance to ensure that Ga Power replace damaged trees with like trees. Need a Utilities Arborist to oversee utilities pruning.
- Working with Trees Atlanta to plant trees on the North Highland/Atkins Park node. Atkins Park node may be too narrow for trees in the existing planting beds. North Highland Complete Streets Project timeline is unknown.
- Nominations Committee will be formed in the near future.
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- Grant applications are on the website. grants@vahi.org
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- Parks Committee is meeting to discuss plantings for Amsterdam/North Highland Parklet
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- BeltLine Rail Now
 - Public Forum on 7/10 at Zoo Atlanta Auditorium
 - Request of VHCA to vote on joining the petition.
 - Links to recent meetings on MARTA project list and BeltLine Rail **Now are available at:**
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Announcements/Calendar: (All meetings are public)

- NPU-F Monthly Meeting at Hillside: July 16, 2018
- SOLARIZE Atlanta Meeting: July 18, 2018
- VHCA Planning Committee at Ponce de Leon Branch Library: August 8, 2018 7 pm
- VHCA General and Board Meeting at Grace Lutheran: August 13, 2018 7 pm

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