



General Board Meeting
August 10, 2020; 7:00 PM
(Virtual, via Zoom)
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Agenda

VHCA Directors: David Brandenberger, Chip Franzoni, Cherry Frederick, Jenifer Keenan, Mike Lewis, Barry Loudis, Leah Mathews, Ian Stedman, David Taylor-Klaus, Katie Voelpel, and Joshua Zane.

Adoption of agenda/Approval of Minutes

- Adopted at 7:10pm
- Attendees: David Brandenberger, Chip Franzoni, Cherry Frederick, Barry Louis, Ian Stedman, David Taylor-Klaus, Katie Voelpel
- Absent with Notice: Joshua Zane
- Other Attendees: Jack White, Mary Peck, Dorothy Franzoni, Kay Stephenson, Carol Shunnarah, Angela Burt-Murray
- Recorded on Zoom

Atlanta Police Department

Major Villaroel; Captain Zyga; Sergeant Simmons

- N/A

Elected Public Officials & Municipal Representatives

- N/A

Old Business

Planning Committee - Barry Loudis

V-20-080: 781 Greenwood Ave NE - planning committee voted to support 8-0

- Joe Spano owner/resident - current zone RG-2, letters sent out. Went from 2' to 3' set back. Didn't see an issue at site visit.
- Barry motions to support the Planning Committee - Cherry seconds - 10-0 passes

Appeal: 1110 Monroe Drive NE - planning committee voted 7-1 to ask for clarity in COA ruling

- Bureau of Buildings - Continues to be legal though appealed many times. One year, non-conforming changes zoning - poor institutional records - Private citizens have gotten lawyers. Unlivable (not argued), unless active repairs were under way (argued).
- Required to make a finding of facts and render an opinion based on the facts. They have a right to a published finding.
- Barry motions to support Planning committee to a process investigation - Chip seconds - 10-0



Annual Meeting

- Date Setting - Virtual Meeting September 24, 2020
- Discussion of proposed/draft Amended and Restated Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation (Aol)
 - Requires Board vote to be recommended to the members for a vote at Annual Meeting (and approval by 75% of the members voting)
 - Voting timelines as well as redlines and clean copies of Bylaws and Aol along with the requirement to "opt-in" to vote need to be published this week so that people can opt-in *20 days prior to election
- Chip, Jenifer, and Dorothy have been working on changes to the By-Laws, pro-bono, to be in line with State requirements for non-profits/associations.

Changes include - (Summary by Dorothy Franzoni)

- Alternate should have a voting position. 11 voting Board members total. (not required by State)
- Change quorum requirements for Annual Meeting, new requirements account for a quorum by as many attendees that have attended, whoever shows up. (not required by State)
- Each resident is eligible to be a member, but needs affirmative opt-in membership. Each member gets an email to announce the meeting because they can vote on directors. Need a membership role with record date, need to be a member at least 10 days before the election. (Required by State)
- Also, looked at the absentee ballot process - every one has to vote by ballot, no attendee ballots vs absentee ballots. (Required by State)
- Reduced days of notice for meetings from 20 days to 10 days for amendments to the By-Laws. affirmative action. (Not required by State)
- Board leans toward not allowing Write-in's on ballot for Directors
- Changing Aol to reflect By-Laws per State requirements.
- Chip makes a motion to amended and restated By-Laws/Aol to the public, with change to eliminate the Write-in nominations - Ian seconds - 9-0

Budget Committee/Treasurer's Report - Barry Loudis

Communications Committee - Cherry Frederick

Intro to Soofa Sign

- Old information sign has been removed for a digital sign. VHCA has two posts so far.

Discuss Voice issue(s) for upcoming Board election.

Fundraising Committee

Summerfest - Leah Matthews - cancelled

- Need to make an announcement.
- Will not formally cancel for permit fees, postpone until next year.

TOH - cancelled

Parks Committee - David Brandenberger

- Free trial for 30 days on cameras in North Highland Park. Cloud based service. No cost data yet.
- Walter Bland walk-through to be scheduled at JHP, summary of work.

Social Committee - Leah Matthews

New Business



VIRGINIA-HIGHLAND

CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Grants

- \$15K pre-COVID budget for grants.
- Grady Cares has the infrastructure, over Sparks who had a \$200k budget cut.
- Is it viable to have a grant application/requesting process? As a respect for their time.
- Support the option of inviting organizations with a decrease in Grant Budgeting.
- Support the schools and library top priority.

Announcements/Calendar (All meetings are public):

- **NPU-F Monthly Meeting: Monday, August 17 @ 7pm - via Zoom (TBA)**
- **VHCA Planning Meeting: Wednesday, September 9 @ 7pm - via Zoom (TBA)**
- **VHCA General and Board Meeting: Monday, September 14 @ 7pm - via Zoom (TBA)**

Adjourn

- At 9:01pm