



**General Board Meeting
September 14, 2020; 7:00 PM
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 from prior month's Board meeting

- Adopted at 7:03pm
- Attendees: David Brandenberger, Chip Franzoni, Cherry Frederick, Jenifer Keenan, Mike Lewis, Barry Loudis, Leah Mathews, Ian Stedman, David Taylor-Klaus, Katie Voelpel, and Joshua Zane.
- Other Attendees: Jack White, Kay Stephenson, Kent Strickland, Jason Sosnovsky
- Recorded on Zoom

Atlanta Police Department

Major Ries; Captain Zygaj; Sergeant Simmons

- N/A

Elected Public Officials & Municipal Representatives

- Jennifer Ide joined mid meeting to update and answer questions on New Business

Old Business

Planning Committee - Barry Loudis

Variances - V-20-101 (1105 Amsterdam): deferred to October

New Business

- Atlanta Citizens Review Board - Jim Hardy
 - Resident of Piedmont Heights.
 - Served since 2018, improve communications and independent reviews. All cases using 'use of force' now go to ACRB. Looking for younger Board members, 18-31 years old.
 - Increase funding to hire a full time analyst.
 - Attempt to connect with APF
 - Allegations of misconduct by APD go to investigations and recommendations.
 - Only Citizen Review Board in Georgia and top in the country.
 - Police morale and trust is lacking - trying to provide a bridge.
 - Need every citizen's help to help build the bridge. Meetings held online. Link at ACRB.org. Public comment.
 - Questions can go to jedhardy@aol.com cell- 770-713-8283



- 9 paid staff members - volunteer board members - adding 3 more paid positions
- Meetings are regularly scheduled for the second Thursday of the month at 5:30pm.
- Trees Atlanta - Plantlanta November 6-8
 - Jacob Kennedy presented information from <https://www.treesatlanta.org/plantlanta/>
 - Annual event with 60 new trees being planted in Virginia Highland, mandatory registration, only allowing 10 volunteers at a time for safety.
 - "Plant with your Pod" - distanced plantings for residents and their households.
 - Social media push throughout October
 - jkennedy@treesatlanta.org (229-395-3976) for questions
- Virginia-Highland Conservation League (VHCL) Bylaws Changes - Barry Loudis
 - Amended and Restated Bylaws approved by VHCL Board 6-0 on 9/6/2020
 - Summary of Changes
 - Directors changed from 7 to 5
 - Term changed from 1-Year to Two-year term
 - Required meetings changed from 2/year to 1/year
 - Discussion to have Evershed Attorneys look at VHCA transferring to 501c3 by Jenifer and David for next term if re-elected.
 - Redlines shared via email, pre-meeting
 - David motions to support changes - Josh seconds - passes 11-0
- Street Renaming Initiative Discussion - Chip Franzoni
 - Resident recommended - Ponce de Leon north and south side street names should be desegregated - "no reason other than a racist past to have different names on either side."
 - Send to council - put together committees - look for consensus.
 - First step is to check with affected districts for support.
 - Chip makes a motion in support of city council researching if a name change effort as they cross Ponce de Leon Ave should have the same name. Motion passes 6 - 0
- Virtual Election Update - Mike Lewis
 - 450 Members signed up
 - 13 candidates
 - Voting starts tomorrow to Sept 30.
 - No meeting will be held.
- VaHi on Hometown Reads Opportunity - David Taylor-Klaus
 - Are you a VaHi author? Join the local community.
 - Email david@dtkcoaching.com to sign up to be a VaHi publisher with Amazon and Hometown Reads.

Budget Committee/Treasurer's Report - Barry Loudis

- Grants update -
- Jenifer motions to grant \$1.5k to each neighborhood school, no application process this year - to Grady, Howard, and Springdale Park - David seconds - 10-0

Communications Committee - Cherry Frederick

- No update



VIRGINIA-HIGHLAND

CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Fundraising Committee

Summerfest - Leah Matthews

- Looking at deferring race deposits - not enough pre-registrations

Parks Committee - David Brandenberger

- Dan Mazur is going to do a clean up/weeding in the next few weeks

Social Committee - Leah Matthews

- Fall banners to go up in the next month.

Announcements/Calendar (All meetings are public):

- NPU-F Monthly Meeting via Zoom: Monday, September 21 @ 7pm
- Virtual Election Closes: Wednesday, September 30
- VHCA Planning Meeting via Zoom: Wednesday, October 7@ 7pm
- VHCA General and Board Meeting via Zoom: Monday, October 12 @ 7pm

Adjourn