



**General Board Meeting
March 14, 2022; 7:00 PM
via Zoom**

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Minutes

VHCA Directors: David Brandenberger, Mike Lewis, Jess Liddick, Jim Long, Barry Loudis, Jessalyn Rogers, Amanda Scott, Katie Voelpel, Patti Winkeljohn, Leah Matthews

Absent: Johnson Bazzell

Adoption of Agenda - 7:03 PM

Approval of Minutes from prior month's Board meeting

Atlanta Police Department

- Sergeant Haslam present - no relevant updates

Elected Public Officials & Municipal Representatives

- *District 57 State Representative Stacey Evans; Kennedie McClung, Chief of Staff*
- *District 6 Councilman Alex Wan*
- No public officials present

Old Business

- Historic Atlanta and Lambda Legal have asked VHCA's History and Preservation Committee to comment on the proposed marker language for the Bowers v. Hardwick historic marker which is planned to be installed at 811 Ponce de Leon Place recognizing the significant events and legal battles that eventually removed laws deemed discriminatory to the LGBTQ+ community. Comments were submitted last week.

Planning Committee - Barry Loudis

V-22-018: 847 Ponce Place NE; R-4 (*Northeastern corner of the intersection of Ponce Place and Drewry*)

Longtime owner and resident Esther Lee (represented by applicant and contractor Hugh Tully) seeks variances to (A) reduce the half-depth side yard setback from 17.5 feet to 11 feet 6 inches, the rear yard setback from 15 feet to 12 feet (existing) and (C) a special exception to add and allow active recreation (a swimming pool) in a yard adjacent to a street and (D) a special exception to add a small swimming pool in the rear yard. No lot coverage, FAR, or tree removal issues were observed on a site visit (Bullock, White.). The stormwater ordinance does not apply; the combination of old plus new disturbance is under 500 s.f. An existing wooden wall along Drewry (the side yard) will remain and appears to meet the safety requirement of the code. The applicant reports that the appropriate



neighbors have been notified; the Planning Committee (Bullock, Rogers, White) received no comments and unanimously recommends approval. Motion passes 10 - 0.

V-22-029: 865 Arlington Place; R-4 (*4 homes north from Briarcliff Place*)

Owners and residents, Elizabeth and Garrett Simmer, (represented by applicant and architect Pam Bullock) seek a variance to (A) reduce the north sideyard setback from 7' to 3'-9" (mostly pre-existing, except for a slight increase in the taper of the lot line) and (~~B~~) to increase the percentage of the garage on the ground floor from 35%* (allowed) to 38.7% to construct a new garage (with a new porch above it) at the rear of their home. The garage will be accessible down a shared driveway that the owners partially share with the neighbor to the south. Their driveway drops off sharply from Arlington in the front. The applicant reports that the appropriate neighbors have been notified. No lot coverage, FAR, tree, or stormwater issues were observed on a site visit (Loudis, White.)

What we would normally call a basement is in fact the ground floor due to the slope away from the front of the building and exposure above grade, which is the reason for this variance.)

The Planning Committee received one comment (supportive) from adjacent southern neighbors Jess & Gregg Liddick, and unanimously recommended (Rogers, White) approval. Motion passes 10 - 0.

Budget Committee/Treasurer's Report - Barry Loudis

Communications Committee - Amanda Scott

- The Voice - waiting on feedback from Planning Committee
- Summerfest marketing question

Fundraising Committee

Summerfest - Alex Saucedo, Leah Matthews, Mary Riccardi Peck

- 5k contract is in place with Ed Williams. Active.com site is up and accepting registrations. Route will be new- starting at John Howell Park. Still a Peachtree Qualifier.
 - <https://www.active.com/atlanta-ga/running/distance-running-races/virginia-highland-summerfest-5k-2022>
- Artist Market applications are down. Please reach out to contacts/interested parties you may know of who may be interested in applying.
 - Committee to make flyer

ToH - Meghan Pendergast Dean and Brittany Thacher

- No report.

Parks Committee - David Brandenberger

- Signed contract with Sherwood Design Engineers for NTE \$7,000 for stormwater assessment and design proposal for JHP.



- Ted George has offered to help to pay for the purchase and installation of metal-edging (similar to what is installed along the existing crushed stone walkway) at NHP between the grass and mulching areas. Parks Committee will discuss.
- Katie Voelpel brought up the VaHi sign in North Highland Park - consideration of demolition; will be discussed between VHCA and VHDA to decide how to handle

Social Committee - Leah Matthews

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New Business

- VHD has invited interested VHCA Board members to participate in an exploratory discussion regarding potentially setting up an MOU between the two organizations. Needs to be rescheduled.
- VHD will be utilizing City poles at VaHi intersection for banners to promote Farmer's Market outside of times Summerfest and Tour of Homes will be utilizing them.

Announcements/Calendar (All meetings are public)

- NPU-F Meeting, March 21, 7pm
- VHCA Planning Committee Meeting, April 6, 7pm
- April VHCA General Board Meeting, April 11, 7pm

Adjourn - 7:39 PM