



## General Board Meeting - Agenda & Notes October 10, 2022 - 7:00-8:00 PM

Grace Lutheran Church

1155 N Highland Avenue NE  
Atlanta, GA 30306

Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9454637975?pwd=WEREc3lUNmFKVi8zciRpcUF6eWF0UT09>

**VHCA Directors:** Johnson Bazzel (Zoom), Melissa Clark, Kim Gnatt, Amy Harward, Lisl Kuegemam (Zoom) Huber (Zoom), Jess Liddick (Zoom), Jim Long, Leah Matthews, Alex Saucedo, Karen-Jane Wright, Mike Lewis (not present)

Neighbors In attendance: Jack White, Kay Stephenson (Zoom), Sara Zdeb (Zoom), Chip Bullock

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**Review Agenda - Leah Matthews - approved**

**Approval of Minutes from prior month's Board meeting - Leah Matthews - approved**

### **Atlanta Police Department - Lieutenant White**

-provided an update on Zone 6. 31 crime incidents in the past month. Lt. White recommended we share the Clean Car campaign to the community to avoid car break-ins. Challenging area due to the volume of visitors to restaurants and the Beltline.

-Update on Colonnades Condos at 734 & 742 North Highland Ave (add detail) - Lt. recommended 2 things: 1) If male trespasses property, advise dispatch through 911. Lt. White will dispatch officers accordingly. When officers arrive, need a representative from the condo association to advise the authorities to verbally confirm 'criminal trespassing'. 2) Can contact Lt. White directly during office hours - [aswhite@atlantaga.gov](mailto:aswhite@atlantaga.gov) Can contact the Zone 6 precinct at 404-546-5700

### **Elected Public Officials & Municipal Representatives -**

- District 57 State Representative Stacey Evans; Kennedie McClung, Chief of Staff - **not present**
- Christian Zimm for Congress, US House 5th District - **not present**
- District 6 Councilman **Alex Wan** - provided an update on 6 key points (Alex contact info 404-330-6049)
  - Road in front #19 Fire Station - Alex in touch with Atlanta DOT. They confirmed contractor will be completing work starting next week. Upon DOT completion, the road will be correctly repaired
  - Cheshire Bridge Redirect - the temporary redirect is in progress - 1 lane will be open in each direction by 10/31
  - Infrastructure Bond - Alex's office has the list of Projects submitted for the bond. He is reviewing incl John Howell park renovation, North Highland Ave repair. Will need our help by end of year to solidify our plans and reach consensus on priorities
  - Property Assessments - he's heard criticism of how fair the #'s are in our neighborhood. City Council is looking into the residential cost discrepancies versus the valuation of commercial buildings



- [New Building Commissioner](#) started this month. Alex asked his office to prioritize getting a better system in place/people to track permitting, etc. Code enforcement has not had strong leadership.
- [Inman Middle/New Elementary School Renaming](#)
  - [APS Website on school naming](#)  
<https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/68730>
  - Taking name suggestions through an online portal. APS Middle School naming - portal for name submissions - open for next 2-3 weeks  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfzH9wTWrv5zd0JL8TfiVzrUer7cuL1uObCUBDJLbC7Yibqww/viewform>

#### **Officer Nominations & Approvals - Leah Matthews**

- Motion to nominate Leah Matthews for President - [approved](#)
- Motion to nominate Mike Lewis for Vice President- [approved](#)
- Motion to nominate Kim Gnatt for Secretary - [approved](#)
- Motion to nominate Jess Liddick for Treasurer - [approved](#)

#### **Committee Chair and Co-Chair Approvals - Leah Matthews**

- Budget - Jess Liddick / Leah Matthews - [approved](#)
- Communications - KJ Wright - [approved](#)
- Education - Melissa Clark & Lisl Kuegemam Huber - [approved](#)
- Elections - Kim Gnatt - [approved](#)
- Fundraising/Event - Leah Matthews & Mary Peck - [approved](#)
- Parks - Jim Long - [approved](#)
- Planning - Co-chairs Amy Harward & Alex Saucedo - [approved](#)
- Transportation & Safety - Johnson Bazzel & Amy Harward - [approved](#)

#### Old Business

- VHCA approved \$5K expenditure - did they invoice or do we pay them when received?

#### **Planning Committee - Jack White**

- Jack provided an update on 2 developments in our neighborhood and referenced the Master Plan document to provide insight and guidance to the group.
- Development 1 - Monroe/Intown Jewish Preschool - Aaron Fortner is assisting with recommendations. Recent meeting with neighbors and City. Planning committee has details on outcomes/next steps
- Development 2 - Amsterdam Walk owned by Halperin properties. Selected Portman to run the project. VAHI and Moorningside neighborhoods are both heavily involved. Using Aaron Fortner for assistance on plans/recommendations
- Intersection of Park/Ponce Place - APS property in discussion of sale/lease. Awaiting details from APS facilities. Focus groups being held. Links available if needed. Contact [board@vahi.org](mailto:board@vahi.org)

#### **Budget Committee/Treasurer's Report - Jess Liddick & Barry Loudis**

- YTD Ahead by \$18K income versus expenses, reserves are stable
- Need to watch Q4 spend



- Budgets due December for 2023 spending

#### **Communications Committee - KJ Wright & Greg Swindells**

- In process of regulating communications and social media schedule
- Voice newsletter now 2x per month

#### **Parks Committee - Jim Long**

- Clean-up crews hired at NH Park and John Howell to ensure ongoing cleanliness/maintenance
- John Howell
- North Highland
  - Reservations
    - 10/14 - Food Truck Friday
    - 10/21 - Rehearsal Dinner
    - 10/22 - Atkins Park Neighborhood Association
    - 10/28 (or 29th?) - VHCA VaHi-lloween
- Orme Park - group of neighbors working on dealing with an invasive species in park
- APS land - Clemont/Greencove &/or Field of Dreams

#### **Fundraising/Event Update - Leah Matthews & Mary Peck**

- Halloween Parade -Amy
- FS19 re-opening celebration -Lisl - Group working on it. Date TBD
- VaHi Concert in the Park Series, Saturday, November 5th 7 PM 63% sold-through already. 60 tables of 4 people each. Atkins Park and Murphys both selling food and wine baskets.Stage expenses much higher than expected.
- Tour of Homes was wildly successful. Big congrats to everyone that worked on the event. Received incredible feedback from partners, participants and volunteers. 1 day event with no food was a success. App was successful for navigating homes. \$40K in net profit. SLAM DUNK!!!!

#### New Business

##### **Next Steps for Committees - Kim Gnatt**

- Committees to decide on their scope/goals for 2023: what's top priority, not recommended for upcoming year (could be future scope)
- Committees to list their resource needs incl estimated budget and # committee members/volunteers needed
- Submit to Kim by Friday 11/10 and discuss in 11/14 Nov Board Mtg
- Budget committee will send out a template - budget template due back by 12/15
- In December mtg, discuss prioritization for agreed upon committee needs
- The Budget Committee shall present such strategic goals and objectives and the combined budgets of the Committees to the Board at its next General Board Meeting (January)
- Consideration for a January in person Town Hall for the entire neighborhood to join. Possible speakers incl Alex Wan, Lieutenant White. Select a January date at the next meeting. Kim to help organize.
- Education: APS Community meeting scheduled for next Wednesday 10/19 at 6pm - at Morningside elementary/Inman building - Superintendent Dr. Herring presenting about new school and hiring process for principal



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- Park Cleanup Days are being organized. Dates tbd.

## Announcements

### Calendar (All meetings are public)

- NPU-F Meeting, Monday, 10/17 at 7 PM via Zoom
  - \*Changing to Wednesdays in 2023
- VHCA Planning Committee Meeting, 11/9 via Zoom
- November VHCA General Board Meeting, Monday, 11/14, in person and via Zoom
- December VHCA General Board Meeting, Monday, 12/12, in person and via Zoom

### Other Notes:

-Fix Zoom link on website for next month