



General Board Meeting - Agenda & Notes January 9, 2023 - 7:00-9:00 PM

Grace Lutheran Church

1155 N Highland Avenue NE
Atlanta, GA 30306

Zoom Meeting

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

Neighbors In attendance: Portman team, Adrienne Hamilton-Butler, Neighbors applying for variance, Alex Wan

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

Review Current Agenda - Leah - approved

Guests & Elected Officials

Atlanta Police Department - Chris Butler (Lieutenant White replacement) - not present. Need to get new contact info for their continued involvement

Elected Public Officials & Municipal Representatives -

- City Councilman District 6 - **Alex Wan**
 - Switching out his committee assignments. Will be Finance Exec Chair, Transportation Committee - will work on 2015 and 2021 transportation infrastructure projects and park improvements
 - New Transportation commissioner - getting introduced. Alex sharing the 6 local projects with him for immediate involvement
 - Alcohol Code Reform - finishing up their recommendations. Savi Provisions is an applicant for the Caldwell Banker location on North Highland. Will be coming through NPU next month.
 - Public Safety - focus of the city. Retention, hiring, staffing is main focus. Offered a challenge grant for funding for license plate readers for the neighborhood.
 - Appreciates the VHCA effort with Atlanta Botanical Gardens. Tough situation but has been constructive & collaborative effort. Zoning loophole that caused the situation needs to be looked at so we can fix for future.
 - Command staff wants to be involved. Kim to f/u with Alex
- State District 57 Representative - **Stacey Evans**; Kennedie McClung, Chief of Staff - **not present**
- US House 5th District - **Nikema Williams** - not present



**Social Services recommendation - Zaban Paradies Center insights - Adrianne Hamilton-Butler,
ED of Zaban Paradies Center (20-30min) -**

- Zaban has been around for 30 years. 1 of 2 in nation that allow couples to stay together. Serve couples as they present. Married/not/gay/straight/... 1 of 2 agencies that do diversion work. Go into encampments, parks, etc. Help candidates that can use short term housing. Will help buy subsidized / rapid rehousing. Have a day program.
- Adrianne's suggestions when interacting with homeless people: Be as kind as possible. Discourage talking to people in the parks. Might cause consequences that are unexpected. Discourage giving money, food, water. Offer them a place where they can call. Tell them where the resources are.
- Atlanta homeless population (PIT count - January 2020 - 3,740. 2021 - 2,400)
- 40% of all single family home sales - corporate investors driving up cost of housing.
- Opportunities for us
 - Partners for Home - Atlanta Continuum of care - oversees agencies like Zaban. Consider partnering with them to have our voice heard. Dispatch to the works. To build relationships with the homeless population. www.partnersforhome.org - housed 800 homeless folks in 2021. Goal this year is 1500.
 - Call 311 PAD - policing alternative to diversion. Way to get involved without involving the police. 7am - 7pm
 - Call Georgia Crisis for Mental Health - 800-715-4225
 - Gateway Center - coordinated entry. Primary place to get routed for housing. 404-215-6600 (adults)
 - Servies Youth, Ages 18-24 Cris180 - 407-346-2693 - can provide assistance (based in Dekalb county) - have mobile people
 - Create cards with the resources to handout to local residents and businesses.

New Business

- Residential Variance request - **Planning Committee**
 - V-22-187; 770 Ponce de Leon Terrace (R-4/BL); north side of Ponce Terrace., about 150 yards east (toward Barnett) of Ponce de Leon Place - Allison and Jamie DelMedico - working with Mark Arnold, architect - asking for a variance for new construction: sideyard setback, westside reduction of setback to add carriage house/accessory structure (from 7ft to 3ft). 6 neighbors have been informed. Planning committee visited the site, . Large trees in the footprint. - approved
 - Friends of Orme Park - working to get invasive species removed. Would like to work with VHCA, Park Pride, Trees Atlanta to share the narrative.
- Portman presentation for Ponce on Ponce - **Planning Committee**
 - Proposed East Parcel: 354 residential apartments (10% affordable housing - make 60% of average median income), office space, retail West Parcel: office and retail (2000 studio, 1B/1B \$2500, 2B/2B \$3560
 - Portman team and Chip Bullock reviewed site plans and renderings. Working very closely with the neighborhood to ensure partnership in decisions including street access, beltline access, Maiden Lane & Ponce Place traffic impact
- Friends of VAHI Proposed Structure VOTE - Leah - approved. Details to be determined before next meeting including messaging/naming, tiered structure, website/account implementation. Smaller group to meet and provide details to board over email. Possible recruitment of VAHI Friends at upcoming Town Hall.



- 2023 Budget Review VOTE - **Jess** - approved

Old Business

- Treasurer's Report - **Jess** (to be shared via email by end of January)
- Town Hall Presentation Draft & Preparation for 1/30 meeting - **Kim**
<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1CynVO4Cn7F1bfqJUXVMfMEWxZqDoATE3W3BjCM2VpVA/edit#>
- Fire Station 19 update and honors - **Lisl & Leah** - great success

Committee Updates

- Budget - Jess Liddick / Leah Matthews
- Communications - KJ Wright - **considering bringing back Paid Ads**
- Education - Melissa Clark & Lisl Kuegemam Huber
- Fundraising/Events - Leah Matthews & Mary Peck
- Parks - Jim Long
- Planning - Amy Harward & Alex Saucedo
- Grants- Lisl Kuegeman Huber

Announcements

Calendar (All meetings are public)

- 1/18 - NPU-F
- 1/30 - VHCA Neighborhood Town Hall
- 2/12 (NHP) & 3/12 (JHP)- VaHi Park Clean ups - Mark your calendar, it's every Second Sunday
- 2/13 & 3/13 - VHCA Board Meetings
- 3/25 - Concert Series in John Howell Park

2023 Board Meetings

Virginia-Highland Civic Association - 2023 Meeting Calendar

	2023 Meeting Dates													
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
VHCA Planning Committee Meeting		12/8	1/4	2/8	3/8	4/5	5/3	6/7	7/5	8/9	9/6	10/4	11/8	12/6
Monthly - every Wednesday before VHCA Board mtg														
7:00 - 8:00/9:00pm														
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VHCA Board Meeting	11/4	12/12	1/9	2/13	3/13	4/10	5/8	6/12	7/10	8/14	9/11	10/9	11/13	12/11
Monthly - every 2nd Monday (before NPU-F mtg)														
7:00 - 8:00/9:00 pm														
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NPU-F Monthly Meeting	11/21	12/19	1/18	2/15	3/15	4/19	5/17	6/21	7/19	8/16	9/20	10/18	11/15	12/20
Monthly - every 3rd Wednesday														
7:00 - 8:00pm														
Zoom														

Each meeting ideally takes place in a different week

Each meeting is a public meeting. The length is determined by the agenda and discussion.



Virginia-Highland Civic Association

2023 Budget - Approved 1/9/2023

Committee	Activity	Approved 2023 Budget
Income		
Administration	Filming	\$15,000
Communications	Merch sales	\$1,500
Planning	Donation	
Fundraising	Summerfest	\$222,000
Fundraising	Tour of Homes	\$50,000
Fundraising	Friends of VHCA drive	\$30,000
Fundraising	Neighborhood Social Events	\$2,000
Fundraising	50th Anniversary Event	\$20,000
TOTAL 2023 INCOME		\$340,500

Expense		
Administration	Property Taxes	\$5
Administration	Tax Preparation	\$750
Administration	Registrations/Filings	\$500
Administration	Storage	-
Administration	Insurance	\$8,300
Administration	Bookkeeping	\$3,800
Administration	PO Box Rental	\$212
Administration	Safe Deposit Box Rental	\$50
Administration		
Communications	Website update and mail distribution	\$1,644
Communications	Website changes and development support	\$1,000
Communications	Facebook Ads for VaHi Events	-
Communications	Website Domain Renewals	\$240
Communications	Volunteer Management System/database *potential*	-
Communications	Marketing/promo miscellaneous	\$250
Communications	Branding materials/merchandise to sell	\$500



Education		-
Grants	2023 Grants	\$12,500
Parks	General Operations & Maintenance	\$1,000
Parks	Triangle Park	\$2,400
Parks	North Highland Park - Maintenance	\$6,130
Parks	North Highland Park - Improvement	\$4,656
Parks	John Howell Memorial Park - Maintenance	\$9,000
Parks	John Howell Memorial Park - Improvement	-
Parks	Orme Park - Maintenance	\$194
Parks	Orme Park - Improvement	-
Planning	Atlanta Botanical Garden Planning	-
Planning	Ponce on Ponce Planning	\$7,875
Planning	Amsterdam Walk Planning	\$7,875
Planning	Subarea 6 Plan Update	\$2,760
Planning	Printing & Operations	\$387
Planning	History & Preservation	\$0
Transportation/Safety	Precinct appreciation dinner	\$250
Transportation/Safety	Safe Routes to School Campaign	\$250
Transportation/Safety	Traffic consultant / Other	\$3,500
Fundraising	Park and Corridor Decor	\$1,000
Fundraising	Neighborhood Social Events	\$2,000
Fundraising	Concert Series x 3	\$12,000
Fundraising	Tour of Homes	\$10,000
Fundraising	Summerfest	\$200,000
Fundraising	50th Anniversary Event	\$27,500
Fundraising		
	TOTAL 2023 EXPENDITURES	\$328,528

Total Net Income 2023		\$11,972
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