



General Virginia-Highland Civic Association Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2025 - 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Grace Lutheran Church
1155 N Highland Avenue NE
Atlanta, GA 30306

Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89794061574>

VHCA Directors: Adam Faust (President), Tim Langon (Vice President), Karri Hobson-Pape (Secretary), Mary Frances Jones (Co-Treasurer), Rob Glazer (Co-Treasurer), Miguel Barrios, Melissa Clark, Kevin Cronin, Amy Harward, Jennifer Hardwick, Alex Bevel Jones

Community Members In Attendance:

Approximately 10

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Alex B. Jones, VHCA President 2024-2025. A Quorum was established. All board members except Karri Hobson-Pape in attendance.

Jones read the following prologue to begin the meeting:

Welcome, everyone, to the Virginia-Highland Civic Association meeting. As we gather here, we'd like to first express our gratitude to each of you for joining. This association has proudly served our neighborhood for over 50 years, powered entirely by dedicated volunteers who give their time and energy to help shape a stronger, more vibrant community. Together, we work on initiatives that support our parks, guide thoughtful planning, and bring neighbors together in meaningful ways.

We know that Virginia-Highland is home to a diverse group of voices, and with that comes a wide range of perspectives. While we may not always agree, we hope that everyone feels comfortable to share their thoughts in a way that is both respectful and neighborly. Disagreement is ok. Disrespect will not be tolerated. Let's continue to build on our legacy by focusing on what connects us and working together for the future of our community. Thank you for being here and for being part of this ongoing work.

Election of Executive Officers 2025-2026

Melissa Clark, Vice President 2024-2025, managed the election process.

Motion #1:

(A B Jones/Clark) Motion for Adam Faust to serve as President of VHCA 2025-2026.



Motion Passed 10 in favor/ 0 opposed.

Adam Faust	<i>Approved</i>	Melissa Clark	<i>Approved</i>
Tim Langon	<i>Approved</i>	Kevin Cronin	<i>Approved</i>
Karri Hobson-Pape	<i>Not in attendance</i>	Amy Harward	<i>Approved</i>
Mary Frances Jones	<i>Approved</i>	Jennifer Hardwick	<i>Approved</i>
Rob Glancey	<i>Approved</i>	Alex Bevel Jones	<i>Approved</i>
Miguel Barrios	<i>Approved</i>		

Motion #2:

(Cronin/Clark) Motion for Tim Langon to serve as Vice President of VHCA 2025-2026.

Motion Passed 10 in favor/ 0 opposed.

Adam Faust	<i>Approved</i>	Melissa Clark	<i>Approved</i>
Tim Langon	<i>Approved</i>	Kevin Cronin	<i>Approved</i>
Karri Hobson-Pape	<i>Not in attendance</i>	Amy Harward	<i>Approved</i>
Mary Frances Jones	<i>Approved</i>	Jennifer Hardwick	<i>Approved</i>
Rob Glancey	<i>Approved</i>	Alex Bevel Jones	<i>Approved</i>
Miguel Barrios	<i>Approved</i>		

Motion #3:

(Cronin/Clark) Motion for Karri Hobson-Pape to serve as Secretary of VHCA 2025-2026.

Motion Passed 10 in favor/ 0 opposed.

Adam Faust	<i>Approved</i>	Melissa Clark	<i>Approved</i>
Tim Langon	<i>Approved</i>	Kevin Cronin	<i>Approved</i>
Karri Hobson-Pape	<i>Not in attendance</i>	Amy Harward	<i>Approved</i>
Mary Frances Jones	<i>Approved</i>	Jennifer Hardwick	<i>Approved</i>
Rob Glancey	<i>Approved</i>	Alex Bevel Jones	<i>Approved</i>
Miguel Barrios	<i>Approved</i>		

Motion #4:

(Cronin/Clark) Motion for Mary Frances Jones and Rob Glancey to serve as Co-Treasurers of VHCA 2025-2026.



Motion Passed 10 in favor/ 0 opposed.

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Rob Glancey	<i>Approved</i>	Alex Bevel Jones	<i>Approved</i>
Miguel Barrios	<i>Approved</i>		

Adam Faust, President 2025-2026, managed the remainder of the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Motion #5:

(Faust/Cronin) Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion Passed 10 in favor/ 0 opposed.

Adam Faust	<i>Approved</i>	Melissa Clark	<i>Approved</i>
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Consent Agenda

Motion #6:

(Faust/Clark) Motion to approve the consent agenda, including September 2025 minutes and residential variance and liquor license.

- Approval of Minutes
 - Minutes - September 8, 2025 Board Meeting 2025
 - Minutes - September 8 - October 6, 2025 Electronic Minutes
- Planning - Residential Variances
 - V-25-208 - 1192 Briarcliff Place (Planning Committee 3-0)
 - (Planning Committee 3-0)
 - Liquor License Jack Brown’s Beer and Burger Joint 1006 N. Highland Ave



- (Planning Committee 3-0)
- Cronin shared that Jack Brown’s Beer and Burger (Taco Mac location) discussed noise with neighbors.

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Guests and Elected Officials

- Guests and Elected Officials
 - Atlanta Police Department - Lt Carroll, Zone 6 APD - not present
 - Board discussion about “Party House” and Recommended Course of Action for Neighbors. Always encourage neighbors to talk to each other; shared police contacts, if necessary. VHCA is not enforcement.
 - City Councilman District 6 - Alex Wan - not present
 - City Councilman District 2 - (vacant) - not present
 - State District 57 Representative - Stacey Evans (Kennedie McClung, Chief of Staff) - not present
 - US House 5th District - Nikema Williams - not present
 - District 4 Fulton County Commissioner - Mo Ivory (Anita Harris - Chief of Staff) - not present

Officer & Committee Updates

- Executive Committee
 - Plan for Board Strategy Session / Retreat - Nov 15, 2025 9-11am
 - Leadership Positions to Fill - VOTE on Chairs/Co-Chairs
 - Discussion about Current Chairs and Committee Members - Vote for Chairs will take place at the November meeting.
 - No one stepped up to serve as Chair of Summerfest. Priority to identify new leaders.
 - No one stepped up to serve as Chair of Tour of Homes. Priority to identify new leaders.
 - No one stepped up to serve as Chair of Fundraising. Priority to identify new leaders.
 - Filming management will fall under Treasurer role; Mary Frances Jones will lead this effort. Cronin getting Mary Frances added.
 - Status of VHCA / VHCL Consolidation (Mary Frances Jones)
 - Consolidation is complete; Sept 14th completed with Secretary of State
 - Next stage: Name Change and Banking transition; Ensure designated funds stay designated.



- Changing the name and EIN on insurance accounts and bank accounts; request by Mary Frances Jones to assist with any other contracts that need to be set up.
 - Updates all online flows to VHCL EIN.
- Need to do Treasurer transition - need to include Miguel Barrios with bank.

Motion #7:

(Cronin/Faust) Motion to approve moving forward with bank transition to new Co-Treasurers
 Motion Passed 10 in favor/ 0 opposed.

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- Calendar of Events for 2025-2026 (see appendix)
 - Trying to find dates for key VHCA events; to be finalized at the November worksession.
- Holiday Home Decorating Contest in 2025 - VOTE
 - \$200 for signs, 5 categories, 9 neighbor judges
 - Proposed Contest Timeline
 - November 10: Announce and recruit judges at the VAHI meeting.
 - November 11: Post on social media if additional judges are needed.
 - November 22: Announce contest to neighbors via social media and posters
 - December 7-14: Judging period; judges tour the neighborhood in the evenings to evaluate displays.
 - December 15: Judges submit their scores
 - December 16: Announce winners on VAHI social media and submit for the next *Voice* newsletter. Align with Winterfest.

Motion #8:

(Cronin/Faust) Motion to approve \$200 for Holiday Home Decorating Contest yard signs
 Motion Passed 10 in favor/ 0 opposed.

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- Discuss Year-end Volunteer Appreciation Event - decided not to do a year-end event though last year was excellent; potentially do something to thank volunteers associated with Summerfest. Potentially in the fall after Summerfest.
- Finance Committee / Treasurer Update
 - Treasurer Update
 - Glancey shared that Mary Frances, Rob Glancey, Barry Loudis, Bob Tallini, and Melissa (accountant) are merging the accounts. VHCA funds will go into VHCL accounts.
 - Approximately \$220K in liquid assets with merged account; there are designated funds. Numbers do not include TOH.
 - Projected loss for 2025-2026 but hopefully will be in black with TOH revenue.
 - Review of opportunities - Summerfest beverage revenue down YOY (millennial sobriety trend, so may consider new strategies). Need younger people involved. Sponsorship, Road Race similar. Expenses increasing. Explore security expenses further. Music costs increase based on strategy.
 - 2018 Summerfest Net: \$128K
 - 2019 Summerfest Net: \$39K (sponsorship reduced)
 - 2022 Summerfest Net: \$20K
 - 2023 Summerfest Net: \$30K
 - 2024 Summerfest Net: -\$9100K (negative)
 - 2025 Summerfest Net: \$29K
 - Big risk with rain; however, does a lot culturally for our neighborhood. VHD has a distribution sponsor for Porchfest.
 - Inman Park has a volunteer shift of 1000 volunteers
 - Google workspace - Mary Frances Jones could explore setting up 10 email addresses. Strong support for it. Having an official email.
 - Budget Plans for 2025-2026; To be approved at December 2025 Meeting
 - 2025-2026 Strategic Plan (Mary Frances Jones)
 - Each committee needs to develop one-two pager about plans.
- Planning Committee (Kevin Cronin)
 - Georgia Power High Tension Poles - Kevin Cronin will follow up with Stephanie Coffin on status of murals and poles
 - Selig - had initial presentation. Planning Committee will meet back with Aaron Fortner to discuss wish list. Expect ready to present to community in January. Selig indicated that were interested in 2027 but dependent on financing.



- Halloween permitting
 - 10/25 separate request, with fire truck - can promote in Voice
 - 10/29 candy crawl (VHD)
 - 10/31 Oliver filed a permit and paid \$50 - can promote in Voice
- Parks Committee (Miguel Barrios)
 - Update on Friends of John Howell Park (Mary Frances Jones)
 - Operating Agreement
 - Kicked off outreach to major donors and board members underway; next month hope to share more concrete information.
 - Website launched for Friends of John Howell Park
 - Update on Orme Park
 - Work day coming up; please come out to support them.
 - Update on North Highland Park
 - Fencing and reseeding
 - Neighbors helped with
- Safety & Transportation (Amy Harward, Jennifer Hardwick)
 - Tactical Urbanism Bike Lane Update (Amy Harward)
 - Next steps is to gather feedback from neighbors; Amy Hardwick is responding to all with standard letter with all information.
 - ATLDOT did a big report; Southerner is covering; other coverage
 - If there was appetite to move further up Virginia, it would absolutely require talking door to door with neighbors on Virginia Avenue; Amy and Johnson are committed to doing this.
 - All maintenance during this year is our responsibility.
 - Kevin Cronin reached out to Alex Wan and Matt Westmoreland's office to share in appropriate context.
 - Status of Crosswalk Painting (Amy Harward)
 - Amy Harward shared that they are supposed to be complete, but does not appear to be complete.
 - Clean Up Work Day - Quarterly (Tim Langon)
 - Set up time for VAHI volunteers; plan dates at Nov meeting.
 - Miguel Barrios encouraged us to include APNA in clean up at that end.
 - Adam Faust recommended connecting with Hands on Atlanta as well.
 - Fund \$400-\$850 Appreciation for Police & Fire in Atlanta (Kevin Cronin)
 - Virginia-Highland Safety Contribution
 - Harward wanted to discuss this within context of other grants. Original emails were requesting \$200 from neighborhoods, not \$875. Local neighborhoods at that level.

Motion #9:

(Cronin/Harward) Motion to approve \$875 for Police & Fire Department (\$500 for APD, \$275 for Fire Department) for holiday gift cards.

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- Communications Committee
 - VHCA website refresh & Committee audit of pages to look for outdated information, missing information, or broken links
 - Recommendation to create Committee-specific email accounts on Drive (MFJ)

- Fundraising Committee:
 - Summerfest 2026 Planning
 - Tour of Homes Update (Melissa, Amy)
 - 2 Day Tour - Dec 13/14. On Dec 13 overlapping with Winterfest. MLPA and VHD helping to promote the event.
 - Dec 12 Friday night cocktail making event.
 - Midtown HS arts students are decorating the businesses.
 - Atlanta Homes & Lifestyle feature
 - Sponsorships are strong. Thank you to Mary Frances
 - Need volunteers for 2 day tour. Shifts are 2 hours. 3 shifts/day/house.
 - Friends of VAHI
 - Discussion about yard signs. Would be nice to have something to recognize people’s contributions with yard flags.
 - Films in VAHI
 - VHCA Merchandise - merchandise on demand

- Elections Committee
 - Opportunities to improve communications, some tech problems. Preregistration is required. Need to clean up the list for those that are moving out. Can register all year except month from close of registration to end of election period.
 - Approximately 300 voters this year.

Old Business

- City of Atlanta City Council District 2 Debate - Hosted by Midtown High School 10/13 7pm at Park Tavern. Put on by students, run by students.

New Business



- North Highland Park Exploration (Kevin Cronin)
 - Financial Situation (see appendix)
 - There are deed restrictions; Rob Glancy shared that an attorney he talked to could amend deed restrictions with approval of the lender. Deed restriction is in perpetuity. Loan is fully paid off.
 - Insurance for NHP is very difficult; we may not be able to get the policy again.
 - Subcommittee Development - Rob Glancey, Alex Bevel Jones requested to be on committee. Miguel Barrios recommended that Mark Nevitt would be good for the park.
 - Next Steps: Meeting with Atkins Park Neighbor Association, Alex Wan/City
- New neighbor, Bill Bozart, spoke about his interest in supporting VHCA and volunteering (Planning, NPU, other)

Adjournment

Meeting ended at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Karri Hobson-Pape