



General Virginia-Highland Civic Association Board Meeting Meeting Minutes

November 10, 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 25 in person and online

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Adam Faust, VHCA President 2025-2026. A Quorum was established. All board members in attendance.

Faust 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.

Recognition of Long-time Neighbor and Community Activist, Tom Coffin

Adam Faust shared:



We are sorry to share that long time resident Tom Coffin passed away this past week. He was co-founder of the iconic Atlanta-based underground newspaper, Great Speckled Bird, in the '60s and '70s which was known for its coverage of anti-Vietnam War protests, the women's movement, abortion, racial issues, and gay rights.

He was part of the movement that saved our community from the highway, I-485, which was planned by DOT to go right through VAHI, with the interchange at what is today John Howell Park.

And he was a long time advocate for trees in the City of Atlanta.

His family, including his wife, Stephanie, continue to support the parks in VAHI.

Approval of Agenda

Motion #1:

(Faust/Cronin) Motion to approve the agenda.

Motion Passed 11 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>Approved</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>		

Consent Agenda

Motion #2:

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

- Approval of Minutes
 - Minutes - October 6, 2025 Board Meeting 2025
 - Minutes - October 6, 2025 - November 10, 2025 Electronic Minutes
- Planning - Residential Variances
 - V-25-208 - 1192 Briarcliff Place (Planning Committee 3-0)
 - (Planning Committee 3-0)

Motion Passed 11 in favor/ 0 opposed.



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Miguel Barrios	<i>Approved</i>		

Guests and Elected Officials

- Guests and Elected Officials
 - Atlanta Police Department - Lt Carroll, Zone 6 APD - present
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 - 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
 - North Highland Park Exploration (Kevin Cronin)
 - Subcommittee Update
 - Financial Situation (see appendix)
 - There are deed restrictions; Loan is fully paid off.
 - Insurance for NHP is very difficult; we may not be able to get the policy again.
 - Input from Atkins Park Neighborhood Association Virginia-Highland neighbors
 - 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.
 - Calendar of Events for 2025-2026 (see appendix)
 - Trying to find dates for key VHCA events; to be finalized at the November worksession.



Motion #3:

(Faust/Hobson-Pape) Motion to approve \$200 for Holiday Home decorating contest signage.

- Holiday Home Decorating Contest Model
 - \$200 for signs, 5 categories, 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 5-14: 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 Passed 11 in favor/ 0 opposed.

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- Finance Committee / Treasurer Update
 - Treasurer Update
 - 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)
- 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
- Update on North Highland Park
- 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.
 - 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.
- 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
 - 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

- 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