



General Virginia-Highland Civic Association Board Meeting Meeting Minutes

December 8, 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, except Amy Harward and Karri Hobson-Pape.

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.

Approval of Agenda

Motion #1:
(Faust/Cronin) Motion to approve the agenda.
Motion Passed 9 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		Amy Harward	
Mary Frances Jones	<i>Approved</i>	Jennifer Hardwick	<i>Approved</i>
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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 - November 10, 2025 Board Meeting
 - No Electronic Minutes

Motion Passed 9 in favor/ 0 opposed.

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Guests and Elected Officials

- City Guests and Elected Officials
 - Atlanta Police Department - Lt Carroll
 - City Councilman District 6 - Alex Wan
 - 729 Bonaventure - Many neighbor showed up in person to convey strong concerns
 - Many neighbors living near the unhoused community building showed up to share concerns about drug dealing, loitering, people in the middle of the street, trash. Concern that the mayor is housing crime, including drug dealing and prostitution. The neighbors have called the police many times and they are involved.
 - There was supposed to be an onsite manager and there is not one.



- Kevin Cronin encourage people to join the Virginia-Highland Safety Patrol
- Alex Wan agreed to escalate. He will own it until the end of December and then it will be District 2. Neighbors agreed to send photos, videos and additional information in the emails.
 - Status of Tax Increases with City Budget
 - Street Cross Walk Painting Status
- City Councilman-Elect District 2 - Kelsea Bond - Not present
- State District 57 Representative - Stacey Evans (Kennedie McClung, Chief of Staff) - Not present
- US House 5th District - Nikema William - Not present
- District 4 Fulton County Commissioner - Mo Ivory (Anita Harris - Chief of Staff) - Not present

Officer & Committee Updates

- Executive Committee (Adam Faust)
 - VHCA Merchandise for the Holidays! <https://vahi.org/merch/>
 - Submit Committee Year-End Updates (Adam Faust, Amy Harward)
 - Final Committee Chairs and Committee Members, including Chris Freimuth and Alex Bevel Jones as co-chairs of the Summerfest Committee - **VOTE**

Finance Committee Chair / Co-Chairs	Mary Frances Jones, Rob Glancy
Finance Committee Members	Rob Glancey (Chair) Mary Frances Jones, Adam Faust Bob Tallini, Karri Hobson-Pape, Kevin Cronin
Planning Committee Chair	Kevin Cronin
Planning Committee Members	Adam Faust, Tim Langan, Shawn Whitman, George Van Horn
Parks Committee Chair	Miguel Barrios
Parks Committee Members	Rob Glancy, Jim Coe, Jim Long, Mark Arnold, Lee Wilson, Mark Nevitt, Doug Miller
Safety & Transportation Committee Chair/Co-Chairs	Amy Harward, Jen Hardwick
Safety & Transportation Committee Members	Paul Paul Supawanich, Elizabeth Ward, Josh Hersko
Communications Committee Chair/Co-Chairs	Amy Harward
Communications Committee Members	Karri Hobson-Pape
Summerfest Committee Chair / Co-Chairs	Chris Freimuth, Alex Bevel Jones



Summerfest Committee Members	
Tour of Homes 2026 Committee Chair / Co-Chairs	
Tour of Homes Committee Members	Pam Bullock, Jenna Angst, Betsy Buckley, Leah Matthews, Mary Johnson, KJ Wright, Cara Snyder
Fundraising Committee (Friends of VAHI) Chair / Co-Chairs	Pause now
Fundraising Committee Members	
Election Committee Chair / Co-Chairs	<i>To be determined in April 2026 - Chair cannot be running for VHCA board in 2026-27</i>
Election Committee Members	
Education Committee Chair / Co-Chairs	Melissa Clark
Education Committee Members	Amy Harward, Leah Matthews, Hannah Goldberg
History & Preservation Committee Chair / Co-Chairs	Karri Hobson-Pape
History Committee Members	Lola Carlisle, Paul Burks, Robin Ragland, Tyler Dysart, Allie Dysart, Catherine Lewis, Katharine King, Eleanor Barrineau, Jack White, Mark Campis, Jenn Hardwick
NPU-F Liaison(s)	Kevin Cronin
Virginia-Highland District Liaison(s)	Amy Harward & Melissa Clark
Virginia-Highland Safety Patrol Liaison(s)	Kevin Cronin, Jenn Hardwick
Atkins Park Neighbor Association Liaison(s)	Chris St. Cloud

Motion #3:

(Faust/Clark) Motion to approve the current committee structure and leadership

Motion Passed 9 in favor/ 0 opposed.

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- North Highland Park Update (Kevin Cronin)
 - Survey active through 12/31, <https://forms.gle/gHAvLg9FMH2LvSWt5>
 - Cronin encouraged everyone to complete the survey. Simone Collins (neighbor in Atkins Park) sent it out to the SPARK community and others. Katie Horal agreed to send out through VHD.
- Calendar of Events for 2025-2026 (see appendix)
 - Idea of a Pickle Ball Tournament and feel it could be a good event for community and fundraising opportunity. Conceptual state, Robin Ragland exploring different concepts. Considering a Pickle Ball entertainment center or school gym. Two-day event - looking at March 21st timeframe.
- Holiday Home Decorating Contest in 2025 (Amy Harward, Karri Hobson-Pape)
 - December 5-14: Judging period
 - December 15: Judges submit their scores
 - December 16: Announce winners on VAHI communications & yard signs
- Finance Committee / Treasurer Update (Mary Frances Jones, Rob Glancey)
 - Budget for 2026 - Mary Frances Jones, Co-Treasurer, thanked everyone for their strategic plans. Hold off the vote until January 2026; current working budget does not include Summerfest currently.
 - Financials looks really strong for year-end; strong position of TOH
 - Have posted historic vs actual report on vahi.org
 - Insurance update - all VHCA monthly meetings are covered now by liability insurance; we have coverage for a certain number of events at other locations for Town Halls etc.
 - Final Consolidation Point with c4 / c3.
 - Need to vote on the c4 board and can have up to 7 directors and at least 2 cross-over directors
 - Very little responsibility; special purpose property to hold the property. Would make sense to have expenses for the park paid out of the c4. In January will need to vote on the c3 budget, which is exclusive of the c4 budget. Currently working budget for c4 (including the costs of North Highland Park) is a \$12K budget. The purpose of the quick-claim deed is just to eliminate confusion.
 - Name of the owner of the Park will be the c4; the current name is VHCA so this needs to be changed.
 - Paul Burks, Alex Watts and others from APNA may be interested.

Motion #4:

(Glancy/MF Jones) Motion to authorize Adam Faust, President, to quick-claim the 501c4 to the current name of the organization (Virginia-Highland Residents Coalition) for the property located at North Highland Park.



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- Fundraising:

- Tour of Homes Update (Melissa, Amy)

- Melissa shared that the committee is in very good shape; approximately 900 tickets sold. Three additional events. Planning about \$82K in profit.
- CBS did a segment on the Midtown High School window designs
- Many of the local businesses are doing specials with the tickets to TOH.
- Strong volunteers, would like additional help at the info table. Could use more volunteers if we get them.

- Summerfest 2026 Planning Update (Alex Bevel Jones)

- Chris Freimuth - recently moved to VAHI and is taking over the leadership of Summerfest. In his hometown runs a music festival for the local community, family-friendly. Treasurer /Co-Founder still of that event.
- A lot of calls recently, deep-dive the financials, solid lineup and reduce the costs of music. Focus now is financials - expenses and revenue. Received all information from Premier. Opportunities for review (1) sponsorship (2) beverage sales (3) artists market (4) road race. Rob Glancy / Mary Frances Jones will share all details with Chris. Security was biggest expense (\$57K) - understanding exact minimum legal requirement. Artist market generates \$84K and that is capped.
- The biggest lever for revenue is sponsorships. Meeting with Rick tomorrow. Vision is to put together a sponsorship committee. Music - looking at Carter Spydell and hoping to cut music costs by 30-50%.
- Betty Bauman has agreed to chair the artist market, wants a co-chair.

- VAHI History Tours - Feb 21-22 (Karri Hobson-Pape)

- Films in VAHI (Mary Frances Jones) - have had 2 films this term so far. (\$500, \$250)

- VHCA Merchandise - new vendor

- Planning Committee (Kevin Cronin / Tim Langon)

- VHD Mardi Gras permit recommended to proceed to NPU

- Caitlin Norrell presented new event February 7th 12-4pm - Mardi Gras themes. Parade and Block Party. Pre-Party near VHE. Party down Virginia, ending near North Highland. Floats are disbanding there. After party in the parking lot. Working with Fontaines and



Highland Tap to build upon Mardi Gras theme. Floats apply and pay a fee; testing this year and want a lot of floats.

- Wasted Potential is the band, a few art vendors.
- Ending in parking lot behind La Tavola. Expecting 3000-4000 in attendance.
- Street closures include Arcadia, Virginia, Lanier Boulevard. Floats will come through the intersection and end at Lanier.
- Trash concern - Tim Langon requested a trash plan.
- Kevin Cronin requested communications to neighbors and donation to the neighborhood to assist with a for-profit event.
- All proceeds go to VHD.
- 901 Los Angeles variance deferred until January
- Coordinating with consultants to get latest Zoning 2.0 update
- Selig development on Ponce - tentative meeting in January to review renderings
- Parks Committee (Miguel Barrios)
 - Schedule for Upcoming Park Work Days
 - Update on Friends of John Howell Park (Mary Frances Jones)
 - Outreach to major donors and board members underway
 - Update on Orme Park
 - Update on North Highland Park
- Safety & Transportation (Amy Harward, Jennifer Hardwick)
 - Tactical Urbanism Bike Lane Update - Evaluation (Amy Harward)
- Communications Committee (Amy Harward)
 - VHCA website refresh & Committee audit of pages to look for outdated information, missing information, or broken links
- Elections Committee

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

Meeting ended at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Karri Hobson-Pape