

**Annual VHCL Board Meeting  
August 16, 2020  
\*Virtual due to COVID-19 Pandemic**

Attendees: Peggy Berg, Jess Liddick, Pam Papner, Catherine Lewis, Lola Carlisle, David Brandenberger, Chip Bullock, Barry Loudis

**Financial Standing through July 31, 2020**

Cash assets on hand total \$60,608.02. All fundraising and incoming funds are tracked separately per project: Fire Station 19, John Howell Park, North Highland Park, Orme Park, and Todd Memorial. Additionally there are funds captured in a general and operating expenses for work outlined in the bylaws in support of the neighborhood. Dedicated funds per project are listed below per the July 31, 2020 balance sheet.

	<b>Dedicated Funds</b>
Fire Station 19	\$13,045.66
John Howell Park	\$0.00
North Highland Park	\$1,292.77
Orme Park	\$12,961.69
Todd Memorial	\$19,215.00
General Fund and Operating Expenses	\$14,092.90

Anticipated expenses per project have been accounted for and there is adequate cash on hand to pay obligations. Most recent expenses paid include to Surber Barber for work on the Fire Station 19 project, with not much left to go on that project. Expenses are anticipated and planned for, unless the city continues to delay and materials again have to be repriced. The storage expense for the Todd Memorial project is also anticipated and budgeted for.

**Current Project Updates**

Fire Station 19 has been delayed but moving forward slowly with the city; no action needed from VHCL other than nudges that continue to be ongoing. Project was impacted by the national building code changes that became effective at the beginning of 2020.

The Todd Memorial has two aspects. The first is a historical marker at 797 Ponce de Leon Terrace; after much back and forth with the city, the Georgia Historical Society (GHS) said it was a local rather than a statewide point of interest. GHS's budget has also been cut, and the project is being done independently of them. No variance or permits are needed from the city. The actual sign has to be ordered, and the copy needs edits, which will go back to the owners at 797 for those edits. The second aspect is the installation of the memorial at a new location. The Todd and Adair site was noisily opposed by some neighbors, and the memorial will be located at North Highland Park, a pre-identified backup location. Currently the project is awaiting a detailed drawing from landscape architect Peter Frawley regarding its precise location in North

Highland. It will need approval from the Urban Design Commission, as it's in the Atkins Park Historic District. We hope that staff approval will suffice. The adjoining neighbors are aware of and in support of the affirm placement. Once cleared, the memorial company will be contacted for installation.

Orme Park has enjoyed an ongoing discussion regarding an undefined restoration of the bridge, which one neighbor appears to support. But lack of funding is a challenge - it is a complicated project that will involve at least the city's departments of Parks, Public Works, and Transportation, etc. There is a vision plan for the park, but not much work since \$240K effort in 2018. It needs an owner to take on fundraising to implement the next part of that Vision plan, and no one has stepped forward.

North Highland Park doesn't have any current projects beyond ongoing maintenance. Pam has reference to the contractor who installed a hose bib installed for water in the park. The location, however, is unknown. There was past debate over water line installation due reflecting a desire to have a water fountain.

No next projects are planned.

## **General Business**

The State of Georgia has a 3-year option for registration and filing; VHCL is good through 2021.

Citing a pending move out of the state, Pam Papner resigned, effective at the end of her term, which is 12/31/2020.

The Board's existing officers and membership for 2020:

- Catherine Lewis - Pres
- Jess Liddick - VP
- Peggy Berg - Secretary
- Barry Loudis - Treasurer
- David Brandenberger
- Chip Bullock
- Lola Carlisle
- Genny Ferrero
- Lauren Wilkes Fralick
- Pam Papner
- Pat Penn
- Judy Potter

Journal notes: We need to include Pat Penn in the meeting invites and engage her in VHCL efforts. Peggy offered to draft a paragraph designed to engage interest from the broader community

- Bylaws
  - Current VHCA site does not have VHCL content: <https://vahi.org/inside-vhca/bylaws-2/#>
  - There was discussion over the latest approved version of bylaws and uncertainty as to whether VHCA officially approved bylaw changes in 2018. If any changes are wanted now, they need to be distributed before the VHCA Sept meeting, which means getting them to the board for review Sept 7 or Labor Day.
  - Organized here, including pdf of original and amended draft from 2018: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1kBumr1Yn4jR07zcrldkB0tyixPG5zxye?usp=sharing>
- Website
  - Needs to be updated to have latest bylaws, officers, minutes of last meetings in 2018, 2019 and now 2020.
- A motion to approve 2019 minutes was unanimously approved. These items may be found here:  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1H69TAqQdr\\_yYbNmA11JahTAavhxnpiO/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1H69TAqQdr_yYbNmA11JahTAavhxnpiO/view?usp=sharing)