

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, January 6, 2009

Board meeting held at 105 Stanford, SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – Ben Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00.
- B. Introductions – Ben Roberts, Sherry Smith, Lanny Heinlein, Nina Simbana, Joseph Aguirre, Greg Gould, and Don Hancock.
- C. Approval of agenda – approved.

II. Special presentation – Tony Anella.

Tony discussed two possible development projects. One is the property (3 lots) he owns on the 100 block of Vassar, SE, which is currently a parking lot, which he'd like to make in townhouses and accessory quarters along the alley. The second one is at the northeast corner of Vassar and Silver (the professional building), which he doesn't own, but would like to make it a boutique hotel. He would hope that UNM would guarantee tenants in the townhomes and some of the hotel rooms. He met with Councilor Ike Benton on October 8, who suggested that he talk to UHA. He has also talked with attorney John Myers about zone change requirements. After discussion, Tony said that he will pursue more details about the parking lot project and get back to us. Ben suggested that he consider bigger houses rather than townhouses.

III. Additional preliminary items.

- A. Next meeting – New board will decide.
- B. Approval of November 3 minutes. Approved.
- C. Financial report. In 2008, revenues were \$679.37, which were: Memberships/donations - \$302.38; History Handbooks - \$50; donations for trees - \$325; interest - \$1.99. expenses were \$1,111.69, which were: Trees - \$585; 1916 Central legal fees - \$500; block party barricades - \$26.69. Year-end balance was \$1,782.01. We will also get \$200 from Breaking Bad
- D. Open forum. Joseph wondered if we can do something about the 324 Vassar, SE. Ben or Nina will try to talk to the previous interested buyer to see if we can find out who the new owner is.

IV. Action items

- A. Annual meeting agenda – Neighborhood updates - Lead/Coal – Joseph; Cleanup – Sherry; Ben will do other updates and recognize businesses and some support. Greg suggested that we have a facilitated discussion about neighborhood vision, which was agreed to. Don will invite Rep. Gail Chasey. Various people will bring food.
- B. Meeting announcement – Nina will do by Jan. 12; distribute on Jan. 13

V. Committee reports

- A. Lead-Coal Task Force – Next meeting is on Jan. 13
- B. Crime – Recent car break-in at Smith's. Store people have agreed to move the big rock and tree in the northeast corner to reduce crime gathering place; Ben will send a followup letter. Next Safe City meeting is Jan. 21 – want suggestions for Central/San Mateo intersection improvements

- C. Zoning – Form Based Zone – letter response from Councilor Benton didn't really address our issues. Agreed that the neighborhood associations should send a response, which would also go to all councilors.
- D. Trees – No response yet from Nick Kuhn. Don will contact.

VI. Discussion items/followup/updates

- A. Website – No update.
- B. Ecovillage – Will discuss at the annual meeting
- C. Neighborhood property owner recognition – Girard and Lead fence; Japanese garden at Harvard; Roy Caton's house; Ben will draft a letter.
- D. Gilchrist House – Don will check with the City, since no response from Build New Mexico
- E. Notice to property owners and thank you – Deferred.
- F. Fundraising – Deferred.

VII. Officers' reports

- A. President – Nothing further.
- B. Vice-President – Nothing further.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – Nothing further.

VIII. Adjournment at 8:55 p.m.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

Monday, February 9, 2009

Board meeting held at 105 Stanford, SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order -- Ben Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- B. Introductions – Ben Roberts, Greg Gould, Sherry Smith, Lanny Heinlein, Joseph Aguirre, Augustine Grace, Nina Simbana, and Don Hancock.
- C. Approval of agenda – Approved, but the followup to the annual meeting will be tabled until the next meeting.

- II. Conditional use request at 421 Girard, SE – Mary Lampert is asking for a conditional use for her coyote wood fence, which is 5-1/2 feet high, to cut down traffic noise. She built the fence without a permit. Traffic Engineering has looked at it because one of the neighbors was concerned about being able to see. She wants to have the large tree inside the fence. She has talked with some of her neighbors, including the next door neighbors, who like the fence. The neighbor at 424 Girard, SE doesn't like the fence. She feels that she has met the criteria as it's not injurious to the neighborhood. She could reduce the height a little bit, but doesn't want it to be less than 5 feet high. She went to the Nob Hill Association meeting, which voted against by one vote because it is opposed for fences above 3 feet high. The Zoning Hearing Examiner hearing is February 17. Three people support the conditional use; 4 people oppose, so we'll send in a letter in opposition to the conditional use.

III. Additional preliminary items

- A. Next meeting – Greg would like to move the meetings to the first Tuesday of the month. Agreed. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 3. If Francis can't ever do Tuesday, we can do some Monday meetings.
- B. Approval of minutes of January 6 meeting. Approved.
- C. Financial Report – Additional \$79 in memberships at the annual meeting. Breaking Bad check for \$200, History Handbooks from The Bookcase were \$50, interest of \$.08. Balance is \$2,111.09. Also, we're expecting a donation from Sandia Labs for Marlene.
- D. Open Forum – Joseph asked Councilor Benton about 324 Vassar, SE, who will look into it. Augustine said that a few months ago, he saw plans that had been approved by the city. Lanny asked if other people received Councilor Benton's January 5 letter about his accomplishments; Joseph and Ben did get it. Lanny would like to see there are people interested in adopting an alley. We'll put a notice in the newsletter. Sherry is concerned about Smith's grocery carts, so Ben will add them to his letter about lights and moving the tree and the boulder on the northeast corner.

IV. Action items

- A. Official city contacts – Continue with Ben and Sherry. Annual report will be submitted to the City.

- B. Followup to neighborhood vision discussion at the annual meeting – Deferred for the next meeting; Ben will email the summary to the board. Agreed that Maggie did a good job as facilitator.
- C. Spring cleanup – First choice is Saturday, May 30; Second choice is June 6. Sherry will get the schedule.
- D. Newsletter – Nina will continue to do the newsletter in late April. A reason to maybe do one sooner is if there's a Lead/Coal public meeting before then.

V. Committee reports

- A. Lead-Coal Task Force. Task Force met on January 27. Councilor Benton was there and liked how the traffic calming is working. Morrow Reardon is the landscaping firm and began the landscaping discussion. Morrow will do a tree survey for the February Task Force meeting, then a charrette in March. There was lots of discussion about lighting. Still some work on restriping to be done. Joseph also suggests renaming Lead and Coal to Twin Parks and have pocket parks. Encroachments along Lead and Coal will be discussed at the next meeting on February 24.
- B. Crime and Safe City Project – Ben said that there still isn't progress on the cameras at Rapid Ride stops. The meetings will continue each month, with a focus on Central and San Mateo. Ben will be in a meeting on Thursday with Wal-Mart and city people to talk about improvements. Next meeting is February 18 at the Open Eye (across from Hiland Theatre).
- C. Zoning – Form Based Zone – letter was sent to Councilor Benton and all other councilors expressing the continuing concerns of the three Sector Plan neighborhoods. In late 2006, Silver Hill started working with the Planning Department to develop a Historic Overlay Zone to try to protect historic properties which were being demolished and replaced with bad developments. There were various meetings in early 2007, but nothing has happened for about 18 months. Planning is now proposing some changes that are opposed by the neighborhood association and will spark a lot of controversy. There are to be a couple of public meetings in the near future.
- D. Trees – The city isn't moving forward until it's determined that funds remain available because of the state funding problems.

VI. Discussion items/followup/update

- A. Website – Nina has added additional things, so Ben will help get it up.
- B. Gilchrist house – Build New Mexico isn't responding to calls. Ed Boles and Mary Ellen Hennessey in City Planning are aware of the lack of progress on the house and are looking into some options for funds or using tax credits. Joseph also talked with Councilor Benton, who also suggested a letter to the mayor to ask for help in meeting with Jim Trump and moving forward with the house renovation.
- C. Neighborhood property owner recognition – Ben will draft a letter, and it'll be included in the newsletter.

VII. Officer's reports

- A. President—nothing further

B. Vice-President—nothing further

C. Secretary/Treasurer—nothing further

VIII. Adjournment at 8:55 p.m.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

Board meeting held at 105 Stanford, SE

I. Preliminary Items

- E. Call to order – Sherry Smith called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.
- D. Introductions – Greg Gould, Sherry Smith, Lanny Heinlein, Joseph Aguirre, Augustine Grace, and Don Hancock.
- E. Approval of agenda – Approved.
- F. Next meeting -- Monday, April 6 at 7 to accommodate Francis.
- G. Approval of minutes of February 9 meeting - Approved.
- H. Financial Report – Additional \$6 in memberships. Balance is \$2,117.09. Marlene reports that we won't get a donation from Sandia Labs this year.
- I. Open Forum – None.

II. Action/followup items

- E. Followup to neighborhood vision discussion at the annual meeting – Deferred for the next meeting, since Ben isn't here.
- F. Spring cleanup – Saturday, June 6 from 8 to 1 has been scheduled with the city. Marco at Solid Waste is concerned about whether, with the city budget cuts, the city can continue doing our cleanup twice a year. He agreed for now when Sherry reminded him that Leonard Garcia had promised us that we could do the extensive cleanup twice a year. Silver Hill has a big dumpster every five weeks, so that might be an option for the future if we have to give up one time.
- G. Newsletter – Greg will send his alley garden article to Nina. Sherry is doing a tree article. They city has a residential crime assessment that Sherry also can send in. We'll talk with Nina about the dates and whether to do it before the cleanup and then do a flyer right before the cleanup or whether to wait until May for the newsletter.
- H. Lead-Coal Task Force – Much of the February 24 meeting was on landscaping. Patty Kreins will be asked if she is interested in participating in a landscaping subgroup. Greg encourages use of indigenous, edible plants and community gardens. Also discussion of trying to accommodate many encroachments, but also fairly applying any criteria. Still unclear about when a public meeting will be scheduled. Joseph is concerned about getting the materials made more available on the city website. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 31.
- I. Tree planting and removals – Sherry walked the neighborhood to identify possible new planting areas. The City is ready to move forward, and there was a written proposal. Policy issues for the board were discussed. General agreement to not make properties that have had previous work unqualified. Agreement about asking for a \$25 minimum contribution from each property owner; will consider exceptions on a case-by-case basis. Trees are quality of life, but also will give a preference to resident property owners. Will do signs at all properties, but only do letters to properties that we would plant. Will also let people know that we may be able to organize future small-scale tree plantings, as we have done in the past if the plantings and signs result in more interest.

J. Letter to Smith's – deferred until Ben is back.

III. Committee reports

- A. Crime and Safe City Project – Wal-Mart, Circle K, treatment center officials were at most recent meeting to talk about the Central and San Mateo intersection. APD has undercover people in the area – arrested 17 people for drugs. The next meeting will have transit and planning folks.
- F. Zoning – Form Based Zone, Silver Hill Historic Overlay Zone, 324 Vassar – FBZ goes to Land Use Planning and Zoning (LUPZ) Committee of City Council next Wednesday, March 11. The EPC recommendations have not been made available, though yesterday the revised zoning going to LUPZ was posted on the Council website. We have received no response to the letter to Councilor Benton. Ben or Don may go to LUPZ. The Silver Hill Neighborhood Association went to the mayor to stop the Planning Department's efforts to proceed with public meetings on Overlay Zone plans than were unacceptable. The mayor agreed with the association and did stop the process. 324 Vassar – Joseph got a response for Kira in Councilor Benton's office, which said that the new owner has a year to make progress and that Code Enforcement will watch the property.

IV. Discussion items/followup/update

- D. Website – Deferred until next meeting for update from Nina.
- E. Gilchrist house – Augustine has talked with Jim Trump of Build New Mexico. BNM is still having financial problems, and haven't yet been able to agree on the roof. Augustine is interested in swapping some commercial property to get the Gilchrist property, along with the southern two lots. He'd put a new roof on right away and use the house for some commercial offices and put a new house on the vacant spot at 206 Cornell.
- F. Neighborhood property owner recognition – Ben will draft a letter, and it'll be included in the newsletter.
- G. UNM Master Plan – Will invite the planner to come to a board meeting.

V. Officer's reports

- D. President—Not present.
- E. Vice-President—nothing further
- F. Secretary/Treasurer—nothing further

VI. Adjournment at 8:35 p.m.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

Monday, April 6, 2009

Board meeting held at 105 Stanford, SE

I. Preliminary Items

- G. Call to order – Ben Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.
- J. Introductions – Greg Gould, Sherry Smith, Lanny Heinlein, Joseph Aguirre, Ben Roberts, Francis Olson, Augustine Grace, Marlene Brown, and Don Hancock.
- K. Approval of agenda – Approved.
- L. Next meeting -- Monday, May 4 at 7. Tuesday, June 2 at 7 will be at Sherry's house.
- M. Approval of minutes of March 3 meeting - Approved.
- N. Financial Report – Lanny gave a \$30 donation for tree stakes. Interest of 13 cents. Balance is \$2,147.22. Additionally, tree donations are \$685.
- O. Open Forum – Francis is concerned about the lack of city glass recycling locations. Sherry will call Solid Waste about a better location. Ben attended the UNM Master Plan meeting on the North Campus, especially the new road on Mountain, which UNM is revising. Mary Kenney, Campus Planner, said that they would contact neighborhoods about future plans, but we haven't heard directly about a new fitness center on the north side of Central east of the Architecture School. Ben will contact Mary and Don will re-contact Michael Pelikoff. Greg, Sherry, and Ben met with Bianca Ortiz-Wertheim in the mayor's office about alley landscaping, including the alley between Princeton and Vassar between Central and Silver. Greg suggested that there need to be property owner buy-in for an alley garden. Bianca has now left the mayor's office, but haven't heard whom the new contact is, who will be invited to a board meeting. Joseph suggests a longer discussion about alleys, and perhaps a mural project would be better than landscaping.

II. Action/followup items

- K. Followup to neighborhood vision discussion at the annual meeting – Agreed to include the statement in the newsletter and ask for suggestions for specifics. One feedback mechanism would be the website, or send to the info@uhanm.org email. Lanny will contact Economic Development and Small Business to get information about possibilities. Augustine can make a list of various developers that we could send the vision statement and get some suggestions. Home ownership would be another big challenge and we would need to talk with realtors. Solar America City is a Department of Energy program with 25 cities; Marlene works with Austin and San Antonio. Ben reminds everyone that our most success is when some people take it as a priority.
- L. Spring cleanup – Saturday, June 6 from 8 to 1 has been scheduled with the city.
- M. Newsletter – Greg will send his alley garden article to Nina. Sherry is doing a tree article. The city has a residential crime assessment that Sherry also can send in. Ben will check with Nina about late April for articles and publishing the newsletter.
- N. Lead-Coal Task Force – Meeting last Tuesday and the landscape contractor has prioritized particular plants and shrubs. Marlene is willing to support solar street lighting and she encourages the UNM sustainability program to be included. The

- next meeting is Tuesday, April 28. The City will post documents on the city website. The public information meeting tentatively will be Tuesday, May 12 with day and evening sessions at Immanuel Presbyterian Church at Carlisle and Silver.
- O. Tree planting and removals – 22 properties with 25 different pruning/removal projects were listed. One had declined (even though the City will require it), so that leaves 21 properties. The bid is \$5,455, plus \$1,630 for the Produce Store, which it will pay directly to Baca Trees. Letters sent to 41 property owners for planting new trees, asking for minimum \$25 donation and commitment to water. Sherry contacted a number of property owners, some of whom wanted to choose the trees.
 - P. Letter to Smith's – Ben has drafted a letter. Picking up shopping carts will also be added and Ben will send the letter.
 - Q. Bricklight Merchant Association – trying to get formed. Next meeting is Wednesday, April 8 at 3:30 at Light and Healthy Restaurant. They're interested in someone from UHA attending, and Ben and Lanny can go.

III. Committee reports

- A. Crime and Safe City Project – Sherry attended the last meeting, but no one from City Transit came. The principal from Highland High School came and discussed what she can do about students. Undercover police are still patrolling the Central and San Mateo. Lanny will try to get information about how other cities handle similar situations.
- H. Zoning – Form Based Zone is supposed to be at City Council tonight, but may be deferred. Silver Hill Historic Overlay Zone will proceed, 324 Vassar may be demolished. Two items on the Zoning Hearing Examiner agenda are 421 Girard, SE and 506 Columbia. We'll check with Victory Hills about its position on the 506 Columbia.

IV. Discussion items/followup/update

- H. Website – Nina still hasn't had time to get it finished.
- I. Gilchrist house – Augustine has made an offer to Jim Trump of Build New Mexico, but still hasn't gotten a final response. Joseph will check again with Ike Benton.
- J. Neighborhood property owner recognition – Ben could put it in the newsletter.
- K. UNM Master Plan – Michael Pelikoff indicated he would come to a meeting, and he was invited to this meeting but didn't confirm. Will try to get him to future meeting.

V. Officer's reports

- G. President—Not present.
- H. Vice-President—nothing further
- I. Secretary/Treasurer—nothing further

VI. Adjournment at 8:55 p.m.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

Monday, May 4, 2009

Board meeting held at 105 Stanford, SE

I. Preliminary Items

- I. Call to order – Ben Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.
- P. Introductions – Greg Gould, Sherry Smith, Joseph Aguirre, Ben Roberts, Francis Olson, Augustine Grace, Marlene Brown, and Don Hancock.
- Q. Approval of agenda – Approved.
- R. Next meeting -- Tuesday, June 2 at 7 will be at Sherry's house.
- S. Approval of minutes of April 6 meeting - Approved.
- T. Financial Report – Balance is \$2,147.22, plus \$1,025 in tree donations.
- U. Open Forum – Francis is concerned about the lack of city glass recycling locations. Sherry will call Solid Waste about a better location. Ben attended the UNM Master Plan meeting on the North Campus, especially the new road on Mountain, which UNM is revising. Mary Kenney, Campus Planner, said that they would contact neighborhoods about future plans, but we haven't heard directly about a new fitness center on the north side of Central east of the Architecture School. Ben will contact Mary and Don will re-contact Michael Pelikoff. Greg, Sherry, and Ben met with Bianca Ortiz-Wertheim in the mayor's office about alley landscaping, including the alley between Princeton and Vassar between Central and Silver. Greg suggested that there need to be property owner buy-in for an alley garden. Bianca has now left the mayor's office, but haven't heard whom the new contact is, who will be invited to a board meeting. Joseph suggests a longer discussion about alleys, and perhaps a mural project would be better than landscaping.

II. Action/followup items

- R. Spring cleanup – Saturday, June 6 from 8 to 1 has been scheduled with the city.
- S. Newsletter – Greg will send his alley garden article to Nina. Sherry is doing a tree article. The city has a residential crime assessment that Sherry also can send in. Ben will check with Nina about late April for articles and publishing the newsletter.
- T. Letter to Smith's – Ben has drafted a letter. Picking up shopping carts will also be added and Ben will send the letter.
- U. Bricklight Merchant Association – trying to get formed. Next meeting is Wednesday, April 8 at 3:30 at Light and Healthy Restaurant. They're interested in someone from UHA attending, and Ben and Lanny can go.

III. Committee reports

- A. Lead-Caol Task Force – Public meeting on May 12 at Immanuel Presbyterian Church. Flyers have been distributed in the neighborhood.
- B. Tree Committee – Trees still haven't been pruned and planted because of slow processing by city procurement.
- C. Crime and Safe City Project – Sherry attended the last meeting, but no one from City Transit came. The principal from Highland High School came and discussed what she can do about students. Undercover police are still patrolling the Central

and San Mateo. Lanny will try to get information about how other cities handle similar situations.

- D. Zoning - Form Based Zone is supposed to be at City Council tonight, but may be deferred. Silver Hill Historic Overlay Zone will proceed, 324 Vassar may be demolished. Two items on the Zoning Hearing Examiner agenda are 421 Girard, SE and 506 Columbia. We'll check with Victory Hills about its position on the 506 Columbia.

IV. Discussion items/followup/update

- L. Website – Nina still hasn't had time to get it finished.
- M. UNM Master Plan -
- N. Gilchrist house – Augustine has made an offer to Jim Trump of Build New Mexico, but still hasn't gotten a final response. Joseph will check again with Ike Benton.
- O. Mayor's office - alleys

V. Officer's reports

- J. President—Not present.
- K. Vice-President—nothing further
- L. Secretary/Treasurer—nothing further

VI. Adjournment at 8:55 p.m.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

7:00 p.m. at 405 Stanford, SE

I. Preliminary Items

A. Call to order.

B. Introductions.

Lanny, Sherry, Ben, and Joseph in attendance. Don is out of town, Marlene and Augustine notified us they would not be able to make it to this meeting.

C. Approval of agenda.

Agenda is approved without change.

D. Next meeting –Tuesday, July at 7 at 105 Stanford, SE

Augustine had requested we not meet on Tuesdays any more, however Tuesdays still work for a majority of the board members, and Don is not present to confirm his availability, so no change will be made to the regular Tuesday meeting schedule. Next meeting Tuesday July 7th.

E. Approval of minutes of May 4 meeting.

F. Open forum

II. Action/followup items

A. Spring cleanup – Saturday, June 6.

Sherry has confirmed with the City, trucks and crews will be in attendance as at the last two cleanups.

B. UNM Master Plan

Joseph has discussed with Michael and we will have him come to our July 7th meeting.

C. Issues to discuss with Rep. Martin Heinrich

After some discussion the concensus was to ask someone from Heinrich's office to come to a board meeting and we will present some of the major issues that affect us at a neighborhood level, and ask what help may be provided from the Congressman's level for any of these issues.

- Absentee Landlords failing to maintain properties / encouraging owner-occupied, family residences in the neighborhood.

- General public safety issues – burglaries, drug use

- Funding for Lead/Coal, other improvements within the neighborhood

- Funding for parks or other recreation facilities within the neighborhood

- Relations with UNM, getting UNM to take a real interest in the impact of UNM facilities on neighborhood residents.

- Possibilities for funding a nonprofit Community Development Corp or similar?

- Other items?

D. Block Party – Saturday, September 12 still OK?

Yes, we should stay with the 12th.

E. Bricklight Merchant Association

III. Committee reports

A. Lead-Coal Task Force

- B. Tree committee
- C. Crime and Safe City Project
Sherry will be out for next Safe City mtg, Ben will try to attend.
- D. Zoning.
No report as Don is Out.

IV. Discussion items/followup/updates

- A. Website
No Change.
- B. Gilchrist House
No change.
- C. Mayor's office – alleys
No response to email.

V. Officers' reports

- A. President
- B. Vice President
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – not present

VI. Adjournment

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

7:00 p.m. at 105 Stanford, SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – Ben Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- G. Introductions – Sherry Smith, Joseph Aguirre, Ben Roberts, Greg Gould, and Don Hancock. Augustine Grace's plane was delayed, Lanny Heinlein is out of town, and Marlene had another meeting tonight, so they are not present.
- H. Approval of agenda – added pocket parks.
- I. Next meeting – Tuesday, August 4 at 7 at National Night Out. The next board meeting would be Tuesday, September 1 at 7.
- J. Approval of minutes of June 2 meeting – approved.
- K. Financial Report – Income is 28 cents in interest; \$70 for History Handbooks. Balance is \$3,242.50, which includes \$1,025 in tree donations. Sherry says that she lost a \$50 check for trees.
- L. Open forum – nothing.

II. Action/followup items

A. UNM Master Plan – Michael Polikoff, Maia Mullen (with Dekker, Perich, Sabatini; she grew up in Summit Park), and Will Gleason discussed the master plan concepts and brought maps. They are interested in getting out and talking with people about the plan. One big idea is connectivity – unifying north, central, and south campus – using bikes, mass transit, pedestrians. UNM bus passes generated 1 million rides and 1,000 less cars. They are looking for forward and creative solutions. Another idea is live, work, play, learn to bring more beds on campus – central and south campus. That requires more campus nightlife, as more freshman need more housing. Those needs also are a reason for the new Recreation Center, which is planned for the north side of Central east of Pearl Hall. They agree that such a new building should setback from the street and help create a better pedestrian area. They think it's still 6 months to a year before more detailed drawings, with construction in 3 to 5 years. They are also considering commercial areas on the north side of Central. Another possibility is a public-private partnership with ACC for student housing. Issues raised were the possibility of closing the automobile entrance at Stanford or alternatively making it a right turn out and making the new entrance off Central east of Stanford a one way in (the entrance would not line up with north-south streets to help discourage traffic through the neighborhood). Ben also expressed concern about budget cutting undermining sustainability goals, as happened with Pearl Hall. Connectivity needs to consider CNM, which is between the central and south campus, and has lots of students, faculty, and staff in common with UNM. Michael said that they are addressing those connections, including UNM, Health Sciences Center, and CNM providing data to MRCOG on origin/destination to help with traffic analysis and planning. Joint CNM/UNM shuttles can also be explored. Another issue was discussing the impacts of commercial activities with business people at an early

stage. Regarding how to keep in touch, the Community Development Advisory Committee monthly meetings is one way. Also, Will says that there may be quarterly open house for neighborhoods or perhaps meetings with the Federation of University Neighborhoods. Rep. Chasey had recommended there be one UNM contact person for neighborhoods. We agreed to provide these notes so that this meeting would be documented for UNM.

- B. Block Party – Saturday, September 12 – 100 block of Stanford from 3 to 6. Ben will talk with pizza places. Don will get the drink from Frontier and the permit from the city. Don and Sherry will work on the barricades. Greg will provide amplified music. We will invite various groups to have tables, including the UNM Master Plan and Lead and Coal, and mayoral and councilor candidates.
- C. Meeting with Rep. Martin Heinrich – in addition to items discussed at the last meeting, agreed that we need to prioritize him working against any potential closing of the post office on Cornell. Ben will contact Rep. Heinrich’s office about a meeting in August during the congressional recess.
- D. Newsletter – copy to Nina by August 20. Sherry will do a flyer to put in businesses to recruit possible participants for entertainment and tabling for the block party.
- E. County cleanup – Ben will get some more information and maybe we’ll ask them to do something in September.
- F. Pocket parks – Possible properties: Sherry suggests the two lots at Stanford and Garfield and Joseph suggests the property at Lead and Yale, which could be part of the Lead/Coal project. We’ll do a survey in the newsletter and at the block party to see what kind of activities people would like.

III. Committee reports

- E. Lead-Coal Task Force – Last meeting discussed street lighting and whether funding would come from federal Recovery (Stimulus) funds. Next meeting is July 21. Wilson and Co has done flyers on Lead and Coal to contact property owners about the project, and their southern California consultant is working with a subcommittee on lighting.
- F. Tree committee – Trees were planted and trimmed, though City was much harder to deal with than is the County.
- G. Crime and Safe City Project – No one attended the last meeting.
- H. Zoning – 324 Vassar, SE has been bought by the Albert family, some of whom had met with Ben, Nina, and Don in December. They are ready to demolish the remaining walls, etc. on the property and have been talking with the city and Savina Garcia of Wilson and Co. (the Lead/Coal contractor) about what they can do with the property. They say that they need to do four two-story units and would like to exceed the 0.5 floor area ratio requirement by about 500 sq. feet to allow for larger units. They also prefer to put the six parking spaces on the alley, but that would require using 5.6’ of city right-of-way. They have three basic alternative plans, two of which would put the sixth parking space on Vassar, with the other five of the alley. Marlene and other neighbors would like the two big elm trees along Vassar to be maintained. Agreed unanimously that there is nothing exceptional about the property, so we don’t support the variances, and don’t support allowing the encroachment.

IV. Discussion items/followup/updates

- D. Website – holding pattern
- E. Gilchrist House – Don talked with the mayor and asked him to contact Build New Mexico to either carry out the zone change plan that was approved in March 2008 or to sell the property to someone who will implement the plan.
- F. Vision Statement followup – we'll have further consideration of the possibility of having meetings with existing large-scale property owners – Keith Properties, Gibson properties, Frontier, and Bricklight – to discuss their future plans for the neighborhood and their agreement with the vision.

V. Officers' reports

- D. President – nothing further
- E. Vice President – nothing further
- F. Secretary/Treasurer – nothing further

VI. Adjournment at 9:30.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes

Tuesday, September 1, 2009

7:15 p.m. at 105 Stanford, SE

Before the meeting, there was a facilitated meeting regarding the variance request at 402 Princeton, SE. The facilitators (Diane Grover and Tonya Covington) produce the notes from that meeting.

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – Ben Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.
- M. Introductions – Sherry Smith, Joseph Aguirre, Ben Roberts, Greg Gould, Lanny Heinlen, and Don Hancock; Patrick Johnson from 402 Princeton, SE.
- N. Approval of agenda – Approved.
- O. Next meeting –Tuesday, October 6 at 7.
- P. Approval of minutes of July 7 meeting – approved.
- Q. Financial Report – Income is 11 cents in interest. Balance is \$3,292.61, which includes \$1,075 in tree donations, as Sherry paid \$50 to replace a check for trees.
- R. Open forum – Sherry mentioned the MRGCOG transportation meeting on Thursday, September 17 from 4-5.

II. Action/followup items

- A. Block Party – Saturday, September 12 – 100 block of Stanford from 3 to 6. Ben is talking with pizza places. Don has gotten the permit from the city, and the Frontier will provide the drink. Sherry will pick up the barricades. Greg will provide amplified music, including a special drummer, so it was agreed to have a donation jar for the drummer. Joseph will talk with Wilson and Co. to have a Lead/Coal information table. Ben talked with Bike ABQ, Greg will check about the gardening group and other related people. Joseph talked with the artists who had items last year, who have another event at Peace and Justice Center and then will come to the block party.
- G. Newsletter – Articles are in, except for Greg’s gardening one, which may be lost. The newsletter will be distributed this week.
- H. UNM Master Plan – Ben will be going to Councilor Benton’s meeting on Thursday, September 3 with other neighborhood representatives. In addition to the issues mentioned at our last meeting, Sherry pointed out that she received a certified mail letter, postmarked on August 11, for the August 11 planning master plan meeting, so that’s not an positive example of notice and involvement. Don mentioned other problems related to the master plan; he’ll write up some comments and send to the board, so that they can be reviewed and submitted to UNM by September 11. Patrick mentioned that Boulder, CO and other cities have better ways of doing bike and pedestrian transportation than does Albuquerque.
- I. Meeting with Rep. Martin Heinrich – Ben requested the meeting and the notice was received, but no meeting has yet been set up. Everyone reiterated the need to stop the Post Office from closing.
- J. County cleanup – We’ll ask them to clean up the alleys.

- K. Alley gardens – Ben will recontact the city and Greg will followup.
- L. 402 Princeton, SE – Patrick Johnson left the meeting. Voting for the variance – 0; voting against the variance – 5; 1 abstention – Joseph.

III. Committee reports

- I. Lead-Coal Task Force – The \$25 million from federal funds has been approved by city council after the mayor’s press conference on August 13. The contractors hope to advertise in November and have a contractor by the end of the year. The lighting fixtures are being discussed and we’ll have proportional voting for 4 or 5 options, though the color will be dark, probably black. How phasing will be done remains to be seen. Joseph will also be asking for a meeting with the mayor. Next task force meeting is September 29.
- J. Tree committee – People can sign up at the block party for new tree planting, which will also be in the newsletter.
- K. Crime and Safe City Project – Last week’s meeting was at Hiland Theatre. Bike ABQ came to briefly explain the 18 mph speed limit. September/October meeting could be in UHA area – Bricklight or the Frontier are good possibilities.
- L. Zoning – 324 Vassar, SE has been bought by the Albert family. We would be glad to talk about his plans, but there is unanimous opposition to the floor area ratio variance.

IV. Discussion items/followup/updates

- G. Website – Nina is working on it.
- H. Gilchrist House – Nothing further.

V. Officers’ reports

- G. President – nothing further
- H. Vice President – nothing further
- I. Secretary/Treasurer – nothing further

VI. Adjournment at 9:30.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

7:00 p.m. at 105 Stanford, SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – Ben Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.
- S. Introductions – Sherry Smith, Ben Roberts, Lanny Heinlein, and Don Hancock.
- T. Approval of agenda – Approved.
- U. Next meeting –Tuesday, November 3 at 7.
- V. Approval of minutes of September 1 meeting – approved.
- W. Financial Report – Income is 11 cents in interest. Balance is \$3,292.61, which includes \$1,075 in tree donations. Revenues from memberships and block party donations were \$49.29. Barricades were \$26.72, thanks to Sherry who picked them up and returned them so save more than \$100 in costs.
- X. Open forum – Ben will be moving out of the neighborhood, so won't be running for UHA president next year. Sherry doesn't want to be president next year.

II. Action/followup items

- B. Block Party followup – It's a big event, which Sherry says she dreads. She thought the music was great. We'd like to have more people involved in the planning, perhaps having people sign up to participate at the annual meeting and to do the planning farther in advance.
- M. UNM Master Plan – Delayed submitting the plan to the regents on September 29. The stated reason was to have more time for faculty input.
- N. Meeting with Martin Heinrich – Still pending.
- O. County cleanup – Nothing yet.
- P. Alley garden – no response from the mayor's office about who's now in charge.

III. Committee reports

- M. Lead-Coal Task Force – The new lighting fixtures were approved, based on the votes of the neighborhoods.
- N. Tree committee – Didn't do the fall sign up, so we can do one more round, either spring or fall next year.
- O. Crime and Safe City Project – Next meeting is October 21 at the Frontier at 7. Ben's house was broken into last week.
- P. Zoning – 324 Vassar, SE will not do anything for a time since we won't support the variance. 402 Princeton, SE has withdrawn its variance request for the wall. Silver Hill Historic Overlay Zone may be going forward, and there is a three-month building/demolition moratorium on the Silver Hill area. There is also a possibility of that the Albuquerque Produce Exchange property would be for sale. General feeling it should remain a commercial property, with a parking lot not being a preferred possibility.

IV. Discussion items/followup/updates

- I. Website – Nina is working on a template so that it would be easy to put up things.
- J. Gilchrist House – Still nothing happening, except some weed cleanup. Still no response from the mayor about getting Build New Mexico to move on it.

V. Officers' reports

- J. President – nothing further
- K. Vice President – nothing further
- L. Secretary/Treasurer – nothing further

VI. Adjournment at 8:30.