

# UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

## Minutes

Tuesday, January 4, 2011

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

### I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – Sherry Smith called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.
- B. Introductions – Sherry Smith, Lanny Heinlen, Jennifer Simpson, Joseph Aguirre, Brian Stinar, and Don Hancock.
- C. Approval of agenda – Approved.
- D. Approval of minutes of November 2 meeting – approved.
- E. Next meeting – Will be decided by the new board.
- F. Financial Report – Interest of 12 cents. The balance is \$2,410.95, plus \$1,075 in tree donations.
- G. Open forum – Nothing.

### II. Action/followup items

- A. Annual meeting – Sunday, January 30, 2011, at Outpost Performance at 2 to 4. Councilor Benton will be out of town, but Diane Dolan has confirmed she'll attend. Gail Chasey will attend unless there's a legislative meeting. No response yet from the Mayor's office. Joseph also will invite one of the Lead and Coal people. Sherry thinks we should talk about how to get more people at the cleanup and what to do about the block party. We'll also talk with the mayor's office about the block party. Invite Maggie Seeley to again be facilitator to facilitate – introductions of politicians, focus on neighborhood involvement, and election by no later than 3:30. Jennifer will do the notice, including encouraging support of the local businesses, which will print on colored pink paper and will distribute to businesses to get them involved in the alternative event.
- B. Alternative event to the Block Party – Augustine and Brian haven't visited them yet.
- C. Neighborhood cleanup – Was cancelled because we didn't get a notice out.
- D. Gilchrist House – Don informed Build New Mexico and Sujay Thakur by phone of the board's decision to oppose the current plans for demolition and zone change. No one has heard from them since, and they haven't filed for the demolition permit.
- E. Other zoning issues – Lanny hasn't heard from Zoning Enforcement lately about Saffron. The Blood Plasma Center request for an expansion of the non-conforming use was denied by the Zoning Hearing Examiner, agreeing with UHA's position. The Blood Plasma Center has appealed, which is scheduled for hearing on January 25 at 9 am. Don has talked with the Bricklight partners to see if they'll not agree to continue holding the space for the expansion.

### III. Committee reports

- A. Lead-Coal Task Force – The Task Force met on November 16 and December 14. Someone filed a public record notice and asked for documentation about public notice, including by neighborhood associations since 2006. So all UHA newsletters and board minutes since 2005 were provided to the city. Smith's and the city are still talking about the Coal design, and they are meeting on Thursday.

- B. Crime and Safe City Project – Safe City hasn't met.
- C. Neighborhood traffic/transportation – Nothing more.

IV. Discussion items/followup/updates

- A. Website/Facebook – Website is up.

V. Officers' reports

- A. President – nothing further.
- B. Vice President –nothing further.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – May go to legislative town hall on January 6, willing to go together if others are interested.

VI. Adjournment at 8:32 p.m.

# UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

## Minutes

Tuesday, February 8, 2011

7:00 p.m. at 120 Vassar, SE

### I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – Lanny Heinlein called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.
- B. Introductions – Lanny Heinlen, Joseph Aguirre, Marlene Brown, Gregory Hartman, Jennifer Simpson, Sherry Smith, Brian Stinar, and Anthony Washington
- C. Approval of agenda – Approved.
- D. Approval of minutes of January 4 meeting – approved with a few typographical errors and one clarification.
- E. Approval of minutes of Annual Meeting – approved.
- F. Next meeting – March 1 at 7 p.m. at 120 Vassar, SE.
- G. Financial Report – Compiled by Don Hancock and read by Lanny Heinlein.  
Memberships/Donations of \$163 and interest of \$1.37 for 2010. Year-end balance was \$2,411.07, plus \$1,075 in tree donations. For 2011, Memberships/Donations of \$66, interest of \$.11 and expenses of \$24 for pink paper for annual meeting flyers. Balance is \$2,453.18, plus \$1,075 in tree donations.
- H. Open forum – Marlene attended Neighborhood Association Patrol Training on January 5 and would like us to participate. We can get crime stats from the police and they will train a group. Brian made a motion to allocate \$200 to get the program going. Jennifer thinks neighbors might be willing to participate from a decreased crime standpoint and seconded the motion. Approved with no opposition. Jennifer will e-mail the UHA logo to Gregory who can make a magnetic sign to be used on the patrol car. The group generally thinks that if we start the patrol more neighbors will hopefully get involved.  
Sherry suggested we do something to thank Maggie for her assistance at our annual meeting. Jennifer made a motion to get her a \$25 gift certificate. Joseph seconded the motion. All agreed.

### II. Action/followup items

- A. Official city contracts – Lanny and Greg Gould will be the two contacts.
- B. Annual meeting followup – UNM Student Housing Project web address has been e-mailed to all board members. Ike Benton is asking if anyone wants to volunteer to be on the Library Advisory Board. Nobody immediately volunteered. Lanny wants information to contact Joyce Pullen at the mayor's office. Sherry sent the information Joyce requested at the annual meeting. Joyce has not yet responded. Lanny reminds member to encourage neighbors the come to the board meetings.
- C. Spring cleanup – Jennifer suggests a prize for the weirdest trash found. Brian thinks having a gathering at his house after the clean-up might get more people to help with the clean-up. Joseph is concerned about just a few of us doing all the work. Sherry will try to get zoning to concentrate their efforts prior to the clean-up. Brian and Jennifer will come up with a plan and a budget for the clean-up. Marlene suggests we actively solicit donations. Possible dates: May 21 or June 4.

- D. Trees – Anthony has a business partner who is willing to donate time to trim trees. It was suggested that Anthony have a definite idea of what his partner is willing to do. We also think the money we have for planting trees should be spent after the Lead/Coal project is finished.
- E. Farmers Basket – Lanny reports the Farmer's Basket was purchased by the owner of the Frontier and the west lots are already being used for parking.
- F. Newsletter – will be delivered in April. Have items to Jennifer by April 9. Marlene-Safety Patrol, Lanny-general, Brian-the clean-up, Joseph-Lead/Coal, Gregory-introduction of his business.

### III. Committee reports

- A. Lead-Coal Task Force – Joseph reports the Huning neighborhood needs support to get their part of the project done. Since the project is on schedule, perhaps the money saved could be used or funding could come from general obligation bonds. Ike will try to get the bond money for 2012 or 2013. Lanny will try to attend the council bond meeting on Thursday. Joseph will draft a letter to send to the mayor and to Ike Benton. Joseph will ask Diane Dolan if there is a method for input other than a personal appearance. Joseph will ask Wilson and Co. for a copy of the Huning design for Gregory. Don will provide an update about the Smith's entrance on Harvard.
- B. Zoning – Lanny wants to send pictures of the sidewalk infringements on the 100 block of Harvard to Ike Benton. The offending sign is gone from the Saffron.
- C. Crime and Safe City Project – Next meeting is February 22.

### IV. Adjournment at 8:17 p.m.

# UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

## Minutes

Tuesday, March 1, 2011  
7:00 p.m. at 120 Vassar, SE

### I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – Lanny Heinlein called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
- B. Introductions – Lanny Heinlen, Joseph Aguirre, Gregory Hartman, Sherry Smith, Brian Stinar, Gregory Gould, Anthony Washington, Paulette Higgins, Cathy Zuklic, and Don Hancock. Doug Volkman and Ray – Yoberri Yogurt Shop.
- C. Approval of agenda – Approved.
- D. Approval of minutes of February 8 meeting – approved with correcting the meeting location.
- E. Next meetings – April 5 and May 3 at 7 p.m. at 120 Vassar, SE.
- F. Financial Report – Memberships of \$1, History Handbook sales at The Bookcase of \$50. Balance is \$2,504.18, plus \$1,075 in tree donations. Expenses approved at the last meeting have not yet been paid.
- G. Open forum – Doug is a master gardener and wants to start a community garden at Stanford or Garfield. He's been trying to contact the property owner, and try to do a year lease. He would pursue some state grant funding. He also has volunteers who would work - he'd like to put out a flyer to have people collect the composting. He has talked with Diana Dorn-Jones at United South Broadway about being their fiscal sponsor. He would have people bring water. Brian move that we support distributing flyers and supporting the project, seconded by Paulette, and passed unanimously. Doug Volkman will submit a proposal to Lanny by the end of the week. Doug and Ray are working on a grand jury project on Thursdays evenings at 6 at the Peace and Justice Center; everyone welcome.

### II. Action/followup items

- A. Spring cleanup – Brian presented a proposed budget for up to \$280 for the cleanup party on June 4. The city will provide the large trucks. Approved unanimously.
- B. Newsletter – will be delivered in early April. Get items to Jennifer. Marlene-Safety Patrol, Lanny-general, Brian-the clean-up, Joseph-Lead/Coal, Gregory-introduction of his business.
- C. Block party – Possible dates are August 27 or September 10 from 3 to 5, preferably on the 100 block of Stanford. Lois Kennedy will contact Joyce Pullen in the mayor's office to see if one of those dates is better for city staff so that we can have parking permits distributed. Planning committee of Greg Gould, Brian Stinar, Lanny Heinlen, and Paulette Higgins.

### III. Committee reports

- A. Lead-Coal Task Force – Joseph reported on the latest task force on February 22. The project is still scheduled to finish Coal by late July, then start Lead. The Council isn't putting a lot of money for Huning-Highland in the 2011 bonds, but if the work comes in under budget, there may be additional money for the Huning work.
- B. Crime and Safe City Project; Neighborhood Association Patrol Training – Last Safe

City meeting was February 22. Sgt. Burke from Southeast Substation brought the undercover officers who are doing a specific emphasis on quality of life crimes – drugs, prostitution, and others – along Central between Yale and Girard. Meetings are the last Tuesday of each month at 6 at Monte Vista Christian Church.

Neighborhood Patrol Training is Saturday, April 16 at Peace and Justice Center from 8 to noon.

- C. Zoning – Yale Blood Plasma Center appeal was denied, and they did not appeal to the City Council. They have now given up trying to lease 120 Yale, SE for their expansion. Committee met on February 19 to discuss preliminary plans for 218 Yale, SE. There was a lot of opposition to any solar variance and also great concern about the density/parking problems. Suggestions made to make the front apartment face Yale and perhaps a second story take advantage of the view to Sandia Mountain. Don talked with Allen Lewis, the developer, after the committee meeting and will convey additional board views to him. The property at the 424 Vassar, SE is being advertised for development, so we'll check with zoning enforcement. Zone change request for 2500 Garfield is being filed. We're not generally supportive of the idea, but will see about the mediation meeting, and talk with Victory Hills and then discuss a position.

#### IV. Discussion items/update

- A. Website – Doug said he sent an e-mail, which we didn't get, so will check on the problem.
- B. Trees – Anthony was not present.

#### V. Officers' reports

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

#### VI. Adjournment at 8:37 p.m.

# UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

## Minutes

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

7:00 p.m. at 120 Vassar, SE

### I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – Lanny Heinlen called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.
- B. Introductions – Lanny Heinlen, Joseph Aguirre, Gregory Hartman, Sherry Smith, Jennifer Simpson, Gregory Gould, Paulette Higgins, David Miertschin, and Kenneth and Christina Cosme from Victory Hills Neighborhood Association.
- C. Approval of agenda – Approved.
- D. Approval of minutes of March 1 meeting – Approved.
- E. Next meetings – May 3 at 7 p.m. and June 7 at 7 p.m. at 120 Vassar, SE.
- F. Financial Report – Memberships of \$2, Interest of 24 cents. Balance is \$2,506.42, plus \$1,075 in tree donations.
- G. Open forum – None.

### II. Action/followup items

- A. Spring cleanup – Date is June 4. We will meet at the Produce Market at 8. Joseph expressed concern with liability issues if UHA sponsors the serving of beer at the party at Brian's house after the cleanup. Gregory knows some nonprofits often have liability insurance. All agreed an e-mail discussion would be helpful to make a decision.
- B. Block party – We will focus on it after the cleanup.
- C. Garden project – Nobody present has talked to Doug Volkman

### III. Committee reports

- A. Lead-Coal Task Force – Joseph reports that the pole barricades at each cross street on Lead were removed by an unknown person and replacement is planned. The project is on schedule and budget. The planners are considering an interim plan for traffic to allow work to begin earlier on Lead at I-25.
- B. Crime and Safe City Project; Neighborhood Association Patrol Training – Sherry provided the latest crime statistics; crime in our area is greatly reduced. Patrol training is April 16 - RSVP to Marlene.
- C. Zoning – A brief summary of the facilitated meeting concerning 2500 Garfield SE was given. Lanny read Don's notes from the meeting. David suggested dealing with the potential developer in the same manner as the Brick Light District developers. After discussion, Jennifer made a motion to oppose the current zone change request. Sherry seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion. Christina Cosme will report our opposition to the board of the Victory Hills NA at their meeting tomorrow night.  
Gilchrist House – Landmarks and Urban Conservation Committee meeting is April 13 for demolition discussion. David was part of that discussion several years ago and says it is the only property outside of Old Town that is historic. Greg reminded the group that Augustine Grace would still like to renovate the property. Gregory expressed an unwillingness to destroy a part of Albuquerque's history. We are unclear

what the owners or the city want to do, and we recognize that Don's expertise in guiding us through these zoning issues is needed. Joseph made a motion that we don't oppose demolition if there is no method for forcing a renovation. Greg seconded and all agreed.

IV. Discussion items/update

- A. Website – Nothing.
- B. Trees – Anthony was not present.

V. Officers' reports

- A. President – nothing further.
- B. Vice President – nothing further.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – not present.

VI. Adjournment at 8:27 p.m.



# UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

## Minutes

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

7:00 p.m. at 120 Vassar, SE

### I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – Lanny Heinlen called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- B. Introductions – Lanny Heinlen, Sherry Smith, Gregory Hartman, Joseph Aguirre, Jennifer Simpson, Marlene Brown, Don Hancock, Cathy Zukelic, and Lois Kennedy.

II. Zone change request – 2500 Garfield, SE – Although the prospective buyer asked for time on the agenda, he did not appear.

### III. Additional preliminary items

- A. Approval of agenda – approved.
- B. Approval of minutes of April 5 meeting – approved.
- C. Next meetings – Tuesday, June 7 at 7 pm; Tuesday, July 5 at 7 pm (depending upon whether a majority can attend)
- D. Financial report – Memberships of \$1. Breaking Bad contributed \$100 for filming in the neighborhood; Lockheed-Martin/Sandia contributed \$100 for Marlene. Balance is \$2,707.42, plus \$1,075 in tree donations. Money previously approved for Neighborhood Patrol and Cleanup barbeque has not yet been spent.
- E. Open forum – Sherry asked whether anyone had heard from Doug Volkman about the community garden; no one had. Lanny brought the thank-you card and gift certificate for Maggie Seeley. Lanny reported on a public notice for an air quality check for the new Smith's gas station, which will be starting in late April. Don reported that the Cornell post office lease may be renewed for 5 years, with another 5 year option. Marlene received a call from the last newsletter; she suggests that we have phone numbers in future newsletters. Cathy mentioned that the County has gardening grants that we might apply for in the fall.

### IV. Action/followup items

- A. Spring cleanup – June 4 is cleanup. Brian has posted a google document spreadsheet for people to help with getting food items. Sherry reported some problem properties to Arturo Manzanares, who is the new zoning enforcement officer for the area. Marlene is having problems with all the cats that were abandoned at 318 Vassar, SE.
- B. Block party – Lois Kennedy has been working with the mayor's office to try to get them to come to the block party to have the parking permit. So far they have not agreed to any of the proposals. We can explore possibilities with other neighborhood associations with parking permits; Lois is willing to call them.

### V. Committees

- A. Lead-Coal Task Force - Next meeting is May 10. An issue from the last UHA meeting was the left turn lane at Girard, which has been fixed. Coal is now open from I-

25 to University. Sherry is concerned about the fast traffic on Coal, since there are no stop signs or other things to stop traffic.

B. Crime and Safe City Project – There was a serious break-in at 120 Vassar – breaking the large plate glass, stealing computer monitors and damaging other property. Safe City met last week; Sgt. Burke (evening command) has noticed the drop in crime and has contacted Harold Prudencio is property crimes. Area crimes include stealing bikes and spare tires. Sgt. Burke is not aware of the neighborhood patrol, so Sherry suggests that we coordinate with the southeast substation before we start our patrol. Marlene will contact the patrol trainers to talk with Sgt. Burke. Sherry, Don, and Cathleen Orr attended the Patrol Training on April 16, so they and Marlene can begin the patrol and others can ride with them until they attend the training. Gregory will do the patrol signs, if Don provides the logo.

C. Zoning – 2500 Garfield, SE owners did not come to the meeting, so there is no change in the UHA's opposition. Sherry was in touch with Victory Hills; they wonder if Sherry could go to the meeting tomorrow night, and she will, if the application is continuing. Allen Lewis, the owner of 218 Yale will not proceed with the plan that would require variances. Agreed to have a special meeting on a Thursday in late May or June.

Gilchrist House – Meeting in the mayor's office today with the property owners; no decision yet. UHA's letter was considered at the meeting.

Agreed to ask for a board meeting with the mayor to ask him for help on our twin concerns – the historic property and the parking permit issues. Don will make the request.

Adjourn at 8:41 p.m.

# UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

## Minutes

Tuesday, June 7, 2011

7:00 p.m. at 120 Vassar, SE

### I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – Lanny Heinlen called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- B. Introductions – Lanny Heinlen, Sherry Smith, Greg Gould, Jennifer Simpson, Brian Stinar, Paulette Higgins, Don Hancock, Marlene Brown, Faye Whittemore (works with Gregory).
- C. Approval of agenda – approved.
- D. Approval of minutes of May 3 meeting – approved.
- E. Next meetings – Tuesday, July 5 at 7 pm and Tuesday, August 2 at 120 Vassar.
- F. Financial report – Interest of 12 cents. Balance is \$2,707.54, plus \$1,075 in tree donations. Money previously approved for Neighborhood Patrol and Cleanup barbeque has not yet been spent.
- G. Open forum – Nothing.

### II. Action/followup items

- A. Spring cleanup – Cleanup had turnout of about a dozen people, plus one city truck and two community service worker vans. Only problem was that we didn't get the trimmings at 208 Vassar, though the owner had called us in advance to be sure that we would get them picked up. For next time, we'll be more specific about instructions for special pick-ups. Barbeque at Brian's was a good time with about 25 people attending; will cost about \$200. Next time perhaps we'd do a potluck.
- B. Gilchrist House and meeting with the Mayor – On June 4, Lanny, Jennifer, Paulette, Gregory, Greg, and Don attended a meeting in the mayor's office. We asked for his help on the Gilchrist House and to have permit parking distribution at the block party. The mayor was sympathetic about concerns about the House, but indicated that he's not convinced it can be economically renovated, nor that using the repair and demolition fund is legal. He said he'd make a decision soon and let us know.
- C. Block party – The mayor also said that he'd let us know about permit parking distribution by June 10. Tentative dates are August 27 and September 10. Lanny and Brian will head up block party planning. Paulette wonders about what to do about cars that have permit stickers that aren't from the neighborhood. She will check about addresses and numbers on the stickers. Agreed to send a thank-you letter to the mayor right away. Also, we'll add additional information about permit parking.

### III. Committees

- A. Lead-Coal Task Force – Joseph sent in notes from the last meeting on May 10. The Project remains on schedule. All of Lead will be closed for construction, except for local access, starting in August. The tubular markings that were taken down at cross streets along Lead, are not going to be replaced. Currently, the interim traffic plan for Coal (while Lead is constructed) is that it will have a double solid center stripe (meaning left turn prohibited) BUT without the tubular markers. Currently prospects look favorable that there will be unused (i.e, contingency) dollars left over to fund the

- Huning (Broadway to I-25) piece that was left out of the current work. The determination of how much money is available will not be made until late in the project, i.e, early 2012. Next meeting June 28. There have been two meetings with businesses along Lead to discuss the project and how the impacts might be lessened during the Lead construction.
- B. Crime and Safe City Project; Neighborhood Patrol Training – Sherry didn’t attend the last Safe City meeting. Marlene will contact the patrol trainers to talk with Sgt. Burke. Sherry, Don, and Cathleen Orr attended the Patrol Training on April 16, so they and Marlene can begin the patrol and others can ride with them until they attend the training. Gregory will do the patrol signs, if Don provides the logo.
  - C. Zoning – 2500 Garfield, SE prospective buyer decided to not fight the opposition to the zone change. The present owner has put the property up for sale. Allen Lewis is still interested in meeting to discuss zoning issues. Thursdays at 7 or Tuesdays (except for the first one).

#### IV. Officers’ reports

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

Adjourn at 8:06 p.m.

# UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

## Minutes

Tuesday, July 5, 2011

7:00 p.m. at 120 Vassar, SE

### I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – Lanny Heinlen called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- B. Introductions – Lanny Heinlen, Paulette Higgins, Jennifer Simpson, Joseph Aguirre, Greg Gould, Gregory Hartman, and Don Hancock.
- C. Approval of agenda – approved.
- D. Approval of minutes of June 7 meeting – approved with a correction related to the spring cleanup.
- E. Next meetings – Tuesday, August 2 at 7 with potluck and outside meeting, and Tuesday, September 6 at 120 Vassar.
- F. Financial report – Interest of 12 cents. Payment to Brian Stinar of \$237.60 for Block Party food and DJ. Balance is \$2,470.06, plus \$1,075 in tree donations. Money previously approved for Neighborhood Patrol has not yet been spent.
- G. Open forum – Nothing.

### II. Action/followup items

- A. Block Party and Mayor's meeting – Written thank-you was sent to the Mayor. Response letter of June 17 declined to distribute parking permits at the block party. Block Party is Saturday, August 27 from 3 to 5 on the 100 block of Stanford. Lanny contacted the police and they would send representatives; he's waiting to hear from the fire department. Joseph will contact representatives of Lead and Coal. Lanny will contact elected officials, and Don will contact the mayor's office, Frontier, and Saggio's. Lanny will contact Domino's and Papa Johns. Gregory will open up his parking lot at 120 Vassar for anyone that needs parking. Everyone is encouraged to invite community groups to bring information.
- B. Gilchrist House – No word yet on mayor's decision about demolition or repair.

### III. Committees

- A. Lead-Coal Task Force – Last meeting was June 28. Switchover of traffic to Coal will be the end of the first week of August. Construction is still on schedule and on budget.
- B. Crime and Safe City Project; Neighborhood Patrol Training – Gregory is doing the neighborhood patrol signs, which should be ready within the next week. There have been no further break-ins at 120 Vassar and security has been approved.
- C. Zoning – Discussion held on June 30 with Allen Lewis, Julie Ahern, Gregory Hartman, and Don Hancock. Allen is interested in adding rental units, along the lines of Harvard House – one-bedroom apartments of around 600 square feet – on some of his surface parking lots. Some of the zoning issues of concern are citywide – solar access, density, and parking. But he thinks especially too much parking is required under the Sector Plan. He also would like to have more flexibility in the R3C zoning. He believes that the economic situation needs higher density rental housing. We like a diverse neighborhood with families, students, young professionals, and senior

citizens. A community garden would be another amenity. Structure parking is viable in other places, but is too expensive here.

#### IV. Officers' reports

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

Adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

# UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

## Minutes

Tuesday, August 2, 2011

7:00 p.m. at 120 Vassar, SE

### I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – Lanny Heinlen called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. after people enjoyed the great potluck dinner.
- B. Introductions – Lanny Heinlen, Marlene Brown, Jennifer Simpson, Joseph Aguirre, Greg Gould, Gregory Hartman, Brian Stinar, and Don Hancock.
- C. Approval of agenda – approved.
- D. Approval of minutes of July 5 meeting – approved.
- E. Next meetings – Tuesday, September 6 and Tuesday, October 4 at 7 at 120 Vassar.
- F. Financial report – Membership of \$1, Interest of 12 cents. Balance is \$2,413.46, plus \$1,075 in tree donations. Marlene was paid \$57.72 for Neighborhood Patrol items.
- G. Open forum – Greg and Lanny received a letter from new Southeast Area Commander Michael Geier asking for donations for the Officer Appreciation Day by August 10 for the August 18 event; Greg will go. Agreed to give \$50 to the police event. The Capitol Improvement Project is installing roadway and pedestrian lighting in Nob Hill from August 1 to October 25. City Council Redistricting Committee meets on Wednesday, August 3 at 6 at City Council Chambers. Marlene is promoting a Solar Albuquerque project (modeled after Solar San Antonio), which could begin in the UHA area. The idea is to get landowners to sign a contract with installers, and some of the profits come back to the neighborhood association or to low-income people. Agreed that we are interested and will review a proposal from Marlene.

### II. Action/followup items

- A. Block Party – Saturday, August 27 from 3 to 5 on the 100 block of Stanford. Lanny has commitments from Councilor Benton, Rep. Chasey, Rep. Heinrich's office to attend, also Big Brothers. Jennifer and Greg will check about bands. Brian will contact Dominos and Papa John's. Lanny contacted the police and they would send representatives; he's waiting to hear from the fire department. Joseph will contact representatives of Lead and Coal. Don will contact the mayor's office, and The Frontier. Gregory will open up his parking lot at 120 Vassar for anyone that needs parking. Everyone is encouraged to invite community groups to bring information.
- B. Newsletter/Block Party announcement – Newsletter will list sponsors. Articles will be on Lead/Coal-Joseph, Parking Permits-Jennifer; Neighborhood Patrol and Solarize ABQ-Marlene.
- C. Gilchrist House – No word yet on mayor's decision about demolition or repair.

### III. Committees

- A. Lead-Coal Task Force – Last meeting was July 26. Switchover of traffic to Coal occurred on Sunday night, July 31. Construction is about a month ahead of schedule and on budget. There has been considerable graffiti, which may impact costs. Concerns about the Nob Hill welcome sign being placed within UHA and no left turn

- lane at some major intersections. We're also hoping for some contingency funds, and \$500,000 on this election's CIP bond issue for Huning Highland improvements.
- B. Crime and Safe City Project; Neighborhood Patrol Training – Gregory has done the neighborhood patrol signs, Marlene has bought a light for vehicle,; vests, disposable gloves, and flashlights. There is another training on August 27 from 8-12 at Northwest Area Command (by Cibola High).
  - C. Zoning – Allen Lewis called Don after the last meeting to express his frustration about the lack of flexibility in dealing with solar access and parking requirements. Complaint received about motorcycle store at 120 Yale; will be checked out.

#### IV. Officers' reports

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

Adjourn at 8:40 p.m.



# UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

## Minutes

Tuesday, September 6, 2011

7:00 p.m. at 120 Vassar, SE

### I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – Lanny Heinlen called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- B. Introductions – Lanny Heinlen, Sherry Smith, Marlene Brown, Jennifer Simpson, Joseph Aguirre, Faye Whittemore, and Don Hancock.

### II. Presentation by Rep. Martin Heinrich's office. No one arrived.

### III. Additional preliminary items

- A. Approval of agenda – approved.
- B. Approval of minutes of August 2 meeting – approved.
- C. Next meetings – Tuesday, October 4 at 7 and Tuesday, November 1 at 7 at 120 Vassar.
- D. Financial report – Memberships at the block party of \$22, Interest of 24 cents. Payment to Police Appreciation Day was \$50. Balance is \$2,363.70, plus \$1,075 in tree donations.
- E. Open forum – Sherry saw an ad in the paper about a property for sale to build at Vassar and Central, from Mr. Rivera, who owns Vassar and Garfield. Jennifer is reading at Church of Beethoven on Sunday.

### IV. Action/followup items

- A. Block Party – About 50 neighborhood people, including 7 board members, plus fire, police, Mayor's office, and Lead/Coal Project attended. Lanny suggests that if we aren't having permit parking, we might consider later in the fall when it's cooler. Food donated by Frontier, Einstein's Bagels, Papa John's, Lanny Heinlen, and Julie Ahern.
- B. Police Officer Appreciation – Greg attended and gave the \$50 association donation.
- C. Neighborhood Patrol – Three additional people signed up at the Block Party, so we now have 4 people trained, plus five others. We'll start patrolling this month, pairing one of the trained people with one of the untrained. Marlene also has prepared a log sheet. There are no other trainings scheduled, but we can recruit some more people and then have a special training. Sherry is calling the police about cars blocking sidewalks and will take the patrol supply bag and get started.
- D. Gilchrist House – Mayor isn't going to use the city repair ordinance, so presumably the demolition permit will be signed soon. Agreed that UHA would write a letter to the Mayor, Planning Director, and property owners telling them that a new zone change is needed before anything can be built and asking for meetings with the neighborhood before any zone change request is submitted.
- E. SolarizeAlbuquerque – Marlene has talked with one of the photovoltaic owners about the nonprofit idea, and he might do it as a project. So Marlene wants to defer the discussion until more details are worked out.

- F. Permit Parking – Don took the *Daily Lobo* article that included a person saying that she was selling her parking permits to Mark Shepherd, the new Parking Director. He said that he's rejected some people who've asked for many permits. He also wants to consider charging a fee for permits. Don suggested that he meet with affected neighborhoods before asking the City Council to charge fees and reminded him that people in this area are disappointed that they can't get parking permits at the block party. Agreed to invite Mark Shepherd to either the October or November board meetings and invite Silver Hill and Sycamore and Huning Highlands to participate.

#### V. Committees

- A. Lead-Coal Task Force – Questions about finishing the paving; moving the Nob Hill welcome sign; our blue colored furniture and trash pickup. Last meeting was August 30. UHA, Sycamore, Silver Hill, and Huning Highlands had sent letters to Councilor Benton, asking for his continuing support for additional funds for the Huning Highland improvements. The street bonds on the October 4 ballot include \$500,000 for Lead and Coal improvements. Yale and Lead will be closed for about a month, beginning September 19. There was also discussion at the meeting about people west of Yale making water and sewer connections.
- B. Crime and Safe City Project – At the last meeting, a UNM detective was there and reported that a lot of exposed spare tires are being stolen. They also discussed graffiti. Sherry will ask about what's going on with Nob Hill and the Central/Girard development. The meeting is the last Tuesday of the month at Monte Vista Christian Church.
- C. Zoning – Nothing further. 2500 Garfield is being renovated for offices.

#### VI. Officers' reports

- A. President – nothing further.
- B. Vice President – nothing further.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – Federation of University Neighborhoods meeting is Wednesday, September 7 from 6 to 8 at Heights Community Center, with PRC Commissioner Jason Marks attending.

Adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

# UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

## Minutes

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

7:00 p.m. at 120 Vassar, SE

### I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – Lanny Heinlen called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
- B. Introductions – Lanny Heinlen, Sherry Smith, Gregory Hartmen, Jennifer Simpson, Joseph Aguirre, Paulette Higgins, Brian Stinar, and Don Hancock.

II. Presentation by Councilor Isaac Benton. There have been issues about the Silver Bike Boulevard and whether parking should be limited to one side. Councilor Benton also supported a bill in the state legislature to allow bikes to yield at stop signs. He appreciates UHA's support for the Lead and Coal improvements and the street bond issue. On redistricting, there is a requirement for a third Westside district because of its increasing population. In 2001, Mid Heights District 5 was moved to the west side, and he would like the same thing to be done again so that surrounding districts absorb the areas. The options this time seem to be district 3 or 7 to move to the west side. Adding districts takes a charter amendment, so would take some years to do. The last redistricting committee meeting is scheduled for Friday night, October 14 at 6 at City Council chambers. He expects Council consideration to begin in November, with final action by the end of the year, after the new Council takes office on December 1. The redistricting committee will likely propose two or three maps. Lanny encourages everyone to attend the October 14 committee.

### III. Presentation by Sujay Thakur about day care/renovation of Gilchrist house.

Sujay has a letter of intent to purchase the four lots from the current owners pending a zone change to allow day care in addition to the existing uses. Sujay, his father, Joseph Aguirre, Don Hancock, Rick Wild, and Ann Carson went through the house this afternoon. He is excited because he believes that at least one room at the house can be used. He presented a draft layout plan for the house and new addition and explained that because of the price of the property, he would want about 3,600 square feet of indoor capacity for about 100 children in 6 rooms, plus about 1,500 square feet of storage, on the east and south sides of the house. He expects that there would be 70 children or so at any time. At his existing child care, he has 110 enrolled, but only about 55 at a time. Parking would be off the alley and he'd like a drop off along one of the streets. The north and west sides would be outside play space. There would be a 6' high decorative rock wall around the playground. He thinks that saving the house costs about \$100,000 more than demolition and building new. The justification for the zone change would be to renovate the property and because day care is needed in the area. He also has looked at other possible properties in the neighborhood, but this is the only location remaining that he'd like to use. He doesn't want to do evenings and weekends because it's not economical at his Coors location; he would be willing to also put hour restrictions in the zoning. He met with his banker yesterday; they want a letter of support from neighborhood association. Current loan is \$650,000 with \$3,500 rental income a month. He would build the new house in the empty southernmost house and thinks the project is economically viable. Ultimately, he might like to move the two-story house to make it a children's garden. Rick Wild and Julie Ahern live across the street and believe that the house is worth saving.

#### IV. Additional preliminary items

- A. Approval of agenda – approved.
- B. Approval of minutes of September 6 meeting – approved.
- C. Next meetings – Tuesday, November 1 at 7 and Tuesday, December 6 at 7 at 120 Vassar. Nina Bruce from Parking Enforcement will attend the November meeting.
- D. Financial report – Memberships of \$15, Interest of 12 cents. Balance is \$2,400.82, plus \$1,075 in tree donations.
- E. Open forum –None.

#### V. Action/followup items

- A. Gilchrist House – Lanny states the options are to support a zone change for child care or not. Vote for day care is 4 in favor, others abstaining. The day care zone change is supported, with the understanding that justification and site plan would be considered at a future time.
- B. Neighborhood Patrol – Marlene and Jennifer have started patrolling. Sherry has the bag; Marlene will work on the schedule.
- C. Fall cleanup – We'll wait until after December and plan for either January 7 or 14.

#### VI. Committees

- A. Lead-Coal Task Force – Yale has been closed for two weeks and is scheduled for two weeks more. Depending upon weather, it might be open sooner. Nob Hill hasn't been present at the meetings, but has been at the Safe City meetings.
- B. Crime and Safe City Project – Lots of Nob Hill folks at the last meeting; updated crime statistics were provided.

#### VII. Officers' reports

- A. President – nothing further.
- B. Vice President – nothing further.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – Kim Murphy, UNM Real Estate, is willing to come to a board meeting again to update the next phase of student housing on the central campus.

Adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

# UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

## Minutes

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

7:00 p.m. at 120 Vassar, SE

### I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – Lanny Heinlen called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- B. Introductions – Lanny Heinlen, Sherry Smith, Jennifer Simpson, Joseph Aguirre, Paulette Higgins, Don Hancock, and Faye Wettemore.  
Also attending were five people from (Un)occupy Albuquerque – Andrew Beale, Erika Estes, Henry Edwards, William Villanueva, and Michael ?

II. Presentation by Nina Bruce of City Parking Enforcement and Officer Jason Matts. Nina manages the four parking enforcement officers. Two officers work from 8-4 and two others work from 10-5, Monday-Friday. The enforcement officers are rotated every month. Nina suggests that people call her (924-3949) if we suspect someone is selling permits. If there are enforcement problems at other times, call APD. On Saturdays, people don't pay the kiosks, so they may start enforcing on Saturdays. They also cite for people who park on the sidewalks. Ms. Bruce has started booting cars with three unpaid parking citations; there is a once-a-week boot tactical plan with two officers who check cars parked on the street. People that are booted have to clear up the violations in Metro Court, then pay \$50 removal fees. If you have special construction or related needs, call Nina and she will send a letter for temporary authorizations. If there are particular violations to report, call 924-3950, which is parking administration. City parking tickets are white envelopes, private lots use yellow envelopes.

### III. Additional preliminary items

- A. Approval of agenda – approved.
- B. Approval of minutes of October 4 meeting – approved.
- C. Next meetings – Tuesday, December 6, and January 3, 2012 at 120 Vassar. Several people may not be available for the January meeting, so that will be further discussed at the December meeting.
- D. Financial report – Memberships of \$2, Interest of 12 cents. Balance is \$2,402.94, plus \$1,075 in tree donations.
- E. Open forum – Jennifer will start an email newsletter with the same content as the written newsletter for people who sign up. Jennifer is concerned about parking in empty lots. Jennifer and Lanny are following up on the fences on the sidewalk in the Bricklight with the city and disabled people. Saturday, November 5 from 9 to 2, UNM is sponsoring an e WASTE Recycling in the “E” Parking Lot – west of Girard and Central. (Un)Occupy Albuquerque members have two issues: (1) they are using Yale Park and would like to work with the neighborhood about meeting space in the area or support with the university for using Yale Park; (2) They read the *Alibi* article would like to renovate the Werner-Gilchrist house for free and use it as a meeting place for the group during renovation. They would like our support for renovation. They also will be doing a march on Saturday from a Wells Fargo Bank to one of the credit unions. Their meetings at Yale Park are at 6 each day. We will put them in touch with the owners of the Gilchrist house.

#### IV. Action/followup items

- A. Neighborhood Patrol – Marlene and Jennifer did some patrolling. Sherry has the bag with supplies; Jennifer suggests Marlene sets up a meeting of those people who are interested to organize patrols schedules.
- B. Gilchrist House – Demolition may happen soon. Sujay Thakur is pursuing a zone change for a new day care building. He did a pre-application meeting this afternoon with various city staff. He hopes to meet with UHA before submitting the formal application on November 23. The EPC public hearing would be January 12. There would likely be a facilitated meeting in December. Several board members do not want to do an additional meeting, so we will wait until the December 6 board meeting to make further decisions. We'll do a flyer on the nearby blocks announcing that meeting.
- C. Annual meeting – Preferred date is Sunday, January 29 at 2, at Outpost Performance Space. Lanny will work on the agenda.
- D. City Council redistricting – Joseph and Don spoke to the Redistricting Committee meeting on October 14. Lanny will contact some of the other area neighborhood associations to see what positions they are taking.
- E. January 7 cleanup – City is scheduled for 8-12, with one truck. They are trying to get community service workers to help.

#### V. Committees

- A. Lead-Coal Task Force – Albuquerque Underground (AUI), the contractor, is in charge of emptying the trash cans, and some are not being emptied. The Parks Department are in charge of emptying trash cans when the project is done. The project has slowed down because of gas line connecting issues. Girard will be closed at Lead from November 6-20, which will re-route the 16/18 bus to Vassar.
- B. Crime and Safe City Project – Sgt. Burke attended the last meeting and reported that they are doing Operation Hot Spot to identify problem areas and target officers once a week. Residential burglary is up and auto theft is down in the southeast area.

#### VII. Officers' reports

- A. President – There are some problems with graffiti removal in calling 311.
- B. Vice President – not present.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – nothing further.

Adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

# UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

## Minutes

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

7:00 p.m. at 120 Vassar, SE

### I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – Lanny Heinlen called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
- B. Introductions – Lanny Heinlen, Sherry Smith, Jennifer Simpson, Joseph Aguirre, Paulette Higgins, Marlene Brown, Don Hancock, Brian Stinar, Gregory Hartman, and Julie Kidder, who lives next door to the House, Rick Wild, Derrick, and Victor Lopez, who's running for judge.

II. Presentation by Sujay Thakur regarding zone change for day care at 202 Cornell, SE. Sujay did not come because the bank would not support the cost estimate for the day care. In addition, there was no flexibility on the seller's part. So the day care project is not happening. The demolition is happening in stages, with plans for the demolition to be completed by the end of this week. As agreed at the September board meeting, we'll write a letter to the mayor, planning director, and property owners regarding that the property should be vacant and unfenced, but there should be some dust cover until there is a zone change approval, since the existing SU-1 zoning is for the Gilchrist House. UHA would encourage meetings and discussion before any zone change request is filed with the city.

### III. Additional preliminary items

- A. Approval of agenda – approved.
- B. Approval of minutes of November 1 meeting – approved.
- C. Next meeting – After the new board is elected. Holiday party at Sherry's house on Tuesday, December 20 at 6.
- D. Financial report – History Handbook sales of \$50, Interest of 12 cents. Balance is \$2,453.06, plus \$1,075 in tree donations.
- E. Open forum – Rick Wild who lives 205 Cornell since 1987 brought pictures of how the street is frequently parked full. His concern was that the day care would be too intense and too much parking both at the night and day. Paulette says that on-street parking also is a problem on the 100 block of Stanford. Rick also is concerned the dirt blowing and the weeds at the properties. Mr. Lopez is an attorney and is running for the New Mexico Court of Appeals in the 2012 election, he lives on Graceland and his son lives near Silver and Buena Vista. He's interested in public financing of elections, which applies to the Court of Appeals; he needs 1,200 \$5 contributions to get public financing. He'd like to establish the example of a publicly financed candidate for a statewide office being able to run and win. For the primary, there would be \$60,000 for candidate, though his Democratic opponent is not doing public financing; and about \$130,000 for the general election. In 1996, he ran for court of appeals with about \$90,000. In 2010, Linda Vanzi won for the office with about \$130,000. Marlene said that there was a break-in next door, when the owner left with his dogs. Sherry said another property with a newly moved in owner also got robbed. Joseph wondered about the neighborhood traffic management group that was noticed

by Diane Dolan in Councilor Benton's office; Joseph will followup. Paulette is concerned about the repeated gas leaks at 201 Stanford, SE.

#### IV. Action/followup items

- A. 202 Cornell, SE zone change – Nothing further.
- B. City Council Redistricting – Concerns about losing District 3 to the west side. Lanny proposes that we support any plan that maintains UHA within the historic neighborhoods because of the unique community of interest. Agreed to delegate to Joseph, Gregory, Lanny, and Don to come up with a plan and support before the Council.
- C. Annual meeting – Sunday, January 29 at 2, at Outpost Performance Space. Lanny will work on the agenda. We'll ask Maggie Seeley to again facilitate the meeting. For the newsletter, Marlene will put in an article about the responsibilities of a board member and other responsibilities to try to have people think about the jobs in advance. Joseph will do Lead-Coal, Lanny will do the annual report, Sherry will do a parking permit article, and a Neighborhood Patrol. Deadline for articles is January 10 to Jennifer. Lanny will invite the mayor's office, Rep. Chasey, Councilor Benton, County Commissioner, Police Substation Commander.
- D. January 7 cleanup – City is scheduled for 8-12, with one truck. They are trying to get community service workers to help. Jennifer will do a flyer to be distributed on January 2 or 3; and "save the date" for the annual meeting.

#### V. Committees

- A. Lead-Coal Task Force – Project was delayed by water and gas line relocation, but is about on schedule and on budget. There is access to businesses along Lead. Carlisle will be closed at Lead for a couple of weeks in January. Any claims for property damage are made to the contractor, Albuquerque Underground (AUI), but their vibration data shows that there should not have been much damage to structures. The next Lead-Coal Task Force meeting is Tuesday, January 10.
- B. Crime and Safe City Project – No meeting in November and December.

#### VII. Officers' reports

- A. President – Lanny will not run for the board in 2012.
- B. Vice President – not present.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – nothing further.

Adjourn at 8:37 p.m.