

What about a day care center where the Gilchrist House used to be?

The University Heights Association (UHA) will be meeting to discuss the future of the Gilchrist House lots:

Everyone interested is encouraged to attend:

**December 6, 2011 at 7:00 pm
at 120 Vassar, SE**

Sujay Thakur, a day care developer who may purchase the property, will make a presentation of his plans and proposed zone change at the UHA Board meeting.



For more information:

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Please plan on attending to find out more, and share your thoughts and concerns.

Brief Background:

The Werner-Gilchrist House was built in 1908 and was put on the National and New Mexico Registry of Historic Places in 1982. In 2006, the City of Albuquerque made the building a City Landmark to try to encourage renovation of the house. Later in 2006, the Werner-Gilchrist LLC purchased the two lots with the Gilchrist House and the two adjoining lots to the south (204 and 206 Cornell), which were then vacant. In 2007, four buildings were moved from the Bricklight District (100 block of Harvard) to those two lots as rental properties. The University Heights Association (UHA) and some neighbors supported the zone change for the two lots to allow those buildings in part to provide revenue for preservation and rehabilitation of the Gilchrist House; the zone change was approved with no opposition on December 20, 2007.

On March 20, 2008, with the support of UHA and some neighbors and with no opposition, a zone change was approved for the two lots with the Gilchrist House to provide for the renovation by allowing some residential, office, library, and/or museum uses. No renovation work was done and the House continued to deteriorate.

In February 2011, the City declared the House to be substandard so that it had to be either renovated or demolished. Once the House is demolished, there would be no approved use for the property so it will remain vacant until a new zone change is approved.