



UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER WINTER 2017

ANNUAL MEETING

Please join fellow UHA neighbors at our annual meeting! Renew your membership, discuss ways to improve our community with police officers and City Councilor Pat Davis, share your visions of projects needed to enhance our quality of life, enjoy snacks and beverages, relax and visit with everyone, plus help elect the 2017 board members.

WHO: Everyone Living & Loving Our Neighborhood
WHAT: 2017 Annual UHA Neighborhood Meeting & Board Election
WHERE: Outpost Performance Space, 210 Yale Boulevard SE
WHEN: Sunday, January 29, 1 pm
WHY: Community Unity!

A.R.T. UPDATE

By Don Hancock

Construction of the Albuquerque Rapid Transit (ART) on Central has been ongoing since August 2016 and is scheduled to continue throughout 2017. The major construction between University and Girard is scheduled from March through June. Weekly construction updates are at:

<http://www.brtabq.com/Updates> (and on Facebook). The ART hotline is (505) 398-4ART. On Thursday mornings from 8-9 am, there are usually "Coffee with the Contractor" sessions at a Central Avenue business.

The \$69 million in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) "Small Starts" funding for the project has still not been approved by the agency nor appropriated by Congress. The level of federal funding this year should be determined by congressional action in April. Construction is currently being funded by City bond funds and other federal transportation dollars.

UHA has been actively involved in ART for more than four years. Our long-standing concerns about the project are at: <http://www.uhanm.org/>

SILVER AVENUE MURAL UPDATE: WE'RE APPROVED!

By Joseph Aguirre

Plans for a mural on the south side of the PNM substation at Silver and Cornell continue to move forward. City administration has given final approval for the project and the City's Public Arts office has announced a call for artists: <http://www.cabq.gov/culturalservices/public-art/for-artists/opportunities-for-artists>. Applications are due February 10 and will be accepted from artists age 18 and over residing in New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, Texas, Utah, Nevada, and California. A Public Arts selection committee, which includes UHA board members and residents, will choose 4 finalists and, based on their proposals, a competition winner, to be announced by May 5. Per the current project timeline, the mural will be completed by August 12.

Funding for the project includes \$20,000 from the City's Public Art Urban Enhancement Program (for the mural) and \$15,000 from a Power Up grant to UHA from the PNM Foundation (for site preparation). In addition, UHA has agreed to raise \$2,000 in contributions from the community to provide stipends for finalists to assist with their expenses in creating the design concepts.

SILVER BIKE BOULEVARD UPDATES

By Gene Trosterud

The new construction design and traffic flow changes for the Silver Bicycle Boulevard are now complete. There are significant changes for the University Heights and Nob Hill neighborhoods.

Neighbors – whether you drive a car, ride a bike, skateboard, or walk the neighborhood on Silver Ave, please be aware of the new intersection designs. Silver Ave traffic no longer has stop signs, permitting continual flow of bicyclists and skateboarders/ pedestrians. As well, use caution walking through the Cornell intersection as the sidewalk pattern was altered to accommodate a traffic circle.

Be safe – and continue to watch for traffic when crossing intersections, particularly at the two traffic circle locations (Cornell and Princeton). These were placed strategically to assist with maintaining traffic speed while permitting continued flow for bicyclists. The speed limit on Silver Ave through our neighborhood is posted as a bike boulevard and remains at 18 mph.

In addition, three significant intersections have been modified to increase bicycle/pedestrian safety in the University Heights/Nob Hill neighborhoods. They each have “safe zones” for bicycle/pedestrian crossing. Use care and understand the new traffic flow patterns for the Silver Ave intersections at Yale, Girard, and Carlisle.

Vehicle street parking has now been standardized for the university neighborhood. Signs have been posted and curbs painted yellow in all no parking areas.

There is no parking permitted along the south side of Silver Ave in the university neighborhood (Yale to Girard).

Some of you may have also experienced the additional diagonal parking added to the bike boulevard on the north side of Silver Ave in the Nob Hill section (Tulane to Carlisle). Take note that this parking design is “back-in” only, which reduces the risk of a bicyclist being injured during the parking maneuver.

We hope you will all grow to appreciate the changes that have been made to the boulevard to ensure safety for all our modes of travel on the Silver Ave Bike Boulevard. We encourage everyone to be patient while learning the traffic flow changes as well as vigilant to reduce the opportunities for injury for everyone. We'd also like to thank City Councilor Pat Davis for having the project approved and funded.



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UHA Dues
Amount Paid \$ _____

Date: _____

University Heights Association Membership:

☐ Individual (\$5) ☐ Household (\$10) ☐ Business / Sponsor (\$25)

Pay more or less depending on your ability to pay. All meetings and events are open to everyone, regardless of membership status.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

You do not need to be a property owner to join UHA. Anyone who resides or has an interest in the neighborhood is welcome!

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