

University Heights Association
Minutes
Tuesday, May 6, 2014
7:00 p.m. at 120 Vassar SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Introductions – Jennifer Simpson, Brian Stinar, Julie Kidder, Joe Gallegos, and Don Hancock. James de Champlen (201-203 Cornell, SE) and Lisa Allen-Urrea (one of the property owners of 200 Cornell).
- B. Call to order – Joe Gallegos called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.
- C. Approval of agenda – approved.

II. Variances requested at 200 Cornell, SE

The two empty lots on the corner of Cornell and Silver have been sold to some investors that would like to build four townhouses, facing Silver, which could be individually sold. They have requested 8 variances to have less than 3,000 square-foot lots and a 10' reduction in the front setback along Silver. The substandard lots are because of putting a 20' easement (alley) between the existing alley and Cornell, which is where parking would be. The front setback variances are to allow the fronts to be closer to Silver. A meeting was held on April 28 with Lisa Urrea (one of the owners), Jim Strozier and Jill Westlund of Consensus Planning (the agent), and 7 people that live on the 200 block of Cornell, and the sister of one of the tenants, and Don Hancock. A summary of that meeting was sent to the board. Julie Kidder moves that we support the variance with conditions that protect the Cornell and describe the uniqueness of Silver and Cornell. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Additional preliminary items

- A. Approval of minutes from April 8 meeting – approved with corrections from Joe.
- B. Next meetings – Monday, June 2; Tuesday, July 1.
- C. Open Forum – Brian is trying to get his tenants to take care of the property at 417 Princeton, SE and was interested in suggestions about what he can do.

IV. Action/Followup Items

- A. Neighborhood engagement grant – Jennifer has been away and will do another event around the back to school.
- B. Spring cleanup – Keep Albuquerque Beautiful would help on June 7 from 9-12 and provide gloves, other equipment and provide the dumpsters. Joe contacted the Smith's for discounted water and ice, and they will provide some labor. Joe suggests that board members be captains of the blocks. Brian Keith will have his trailer to help pick up large items. Jennifer will do a flyer.
- C. Neighborhood Patrol – Joe and his partner did a weed survey and turned in 42 properties to the city.
- D. Keep Albuquerque Beautiful trash can – Joe has not gotten any response from PNM or the city councilor.
- E. Bricklight development proposal – On April 25, Don walked the block with Jay Rembe, Allen Lewis, and Crystal Metro from the city to look at ways to increase

the amount of on-street parking. Next step would be for the Bricklight Partners to come up with option(s) for discussion with the city, adjacent property owners and UHA.

V. Committee reports

- A. Transit – New draft Bus Rapid Transit plan is out.
- B. Community Policing – Last meeting focused on home invasions and auto burglary. No good suggestions about what to do beyond more lighting.
- C. Zoning – The 106 Girard, SE conditional use request was approved.

VI. Officer's Reports

- A. President – Went to the County neighborhood association training on April 23, which was less helpful than last year's, as much of the discussion was on the gardening project and a disaster preparedness plan.
- B. Vice President – Might do a party as a welcome back in the fall.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – Interest of 7 cents. Balance is \$2,681.70, plus \$150 from Keep Albuquerque Beautiful for trashcan, plus \$831.08 for trees. SRIC as fiscal agent for the County engagement grant has received \$556.50 and spent \$40 for use of the Peace & Justice Center for the April 1 event.

VII. Adjournment – 8:27 pm.