

University Heights Association  
Minutes  
Tuesday, August 5, 2014  
7:00 p.m. at 120 Vassar SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Introductions – Brian Stinar, Julie Kidder, Joe Gallegos, Eugene Trosterud, and Don Hancock.
- B. Call to order – Joe Gallegos called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- C. Approval of agenda – approved.
- D. Approval of minutes from July 1, 2014 meeting – approved.
- E. Next meetings – Tuesday, September 2; Tuesday, October 7.
- F. Open Forum – APD Forward is a grassroots effort for police improvement. Joe was interviewed for the Community Policing Council, should hear this week. Brian evicted his tenants that were causing problems. Joe has counted 87 businesses in the neighborhood and wants to involve them more. Brian thinks that we can promote business advertising in the newsletter.

II. Action/Followup Items

- A. Neighborhood engagement grant – Sunday, October 26 will be a Halloween event at University Heights United Methodist Church, pending confirmation from the videographer. We may want to ask for an extension of the grant period.
- B. Neighborhood Patrol – Sherry and Joe did a survey with 26 citations, there will be more weed citations with the next patrol.
- C. PNM Substation mural – Joe let Laurie Moye of PNM know that we approved it. Haven't heard anything more.
- D. Keep Albuquerque Beautiful trash can – Marlene is ready to order it; it will be delivered to Gene's house. Needs sign to acknowledge KAB, PNM, and UHA. Brian moves that we support paying the trash can, regardless of when PNM its promised share; the motion was seconded by Julie and passed unanimously.

III. Committee reports

- A. Community Policing – Good turnout for the July 29 block watch meeting. Joe will do the 300 block of Harvard. Sandy Pino of APD asks that we have at least four blocks done by the end of the year. Sherry is interested in doing it on 400 block of Stanford.
- B. Transit – No public meetings scheduled.
- C. Zoning – Joe met with Harold Albert, who built the new triplex at 324 Vassar, SE. He's considering buying the two empty lots on the northeast corner of Garfield and Stanford and using the same triplex design, but having them face each other to have a center courtyard. He'd ask for a variance or zone change for the corner lot, which is zoned RTD. We need clarification of what he wants, and see if Sherry will again host it on the block. Sahara Middle Eastern Eatery is requesting a beer-and-wine license, and has to get a waiver for being within 300 feet of UNM. We haven't opposed beer-and-wine licenses in the past. Brian moves, seconded by Gene that we support the request. The motion passed.

#### IV. Officer's Reports

- A. President – Joe needs UHA business cards, which he'll order from ECS. Brian moves that we approve \$30 for business cards. The motion was seconded by Don and passed unanimously. District 6 Coalition meeting is Wednesday, August 13; Joe and Gene will attend.
- B. Vice President – He was biking and was impressed by lots of parks in the northeast heights, a sharp contrast to our lack of parks.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – Interest of 9 cents, memberships of \$20. Balance is \$2,771.98, plus \$150 from Keep Albuquerque Beautiful for trashcan, plus \$831.08 for trees. SRIC is fiscal sponsor for the County engagement grant and received \$556.50 and spent \$40 for use of the Peace & Justice Center for the April 1 event.

#### V. Adjournment – 8:00 pm.