

University Heights Association
Minutes
Tuesday, March 5, 2013
6:30 p.m. at 120 Vassar, SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – Brian Stinar called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
- B. Introductions – Board members: Sherry Smith, Julie Kidder, Brian Stinar, Gregory Hartman, Joseph Aguirre, Andy Mattern, Brian Keith, and Don Hancock. Also present was Joe Gallegos.
- C. Approval of agenda – Approved.
- D. Approval of minutes of February 12 meeting – Approved.
- E. Next meetings – Tuesday, April 2; Tuesday, May 7.
- F. Open forum – (1) Brian Keith reported that moving the dumpster at 317 Columbia, SE will take some time because it will require moving a fence and putting in a cement pad for the dumpster. (2) Brian Stinar got a robocall about being sued for city violations, and he found out that it was a scam related to the company that bought the red light camera program. (3) Joe Gallegos asked the city about speed humps on Silver and got a letter response from Traffic Engineering regarding the requirements. Andy would like 4-way stops and better streetlighting. Gregory would like to see a number of improvements before speed humps. (4) Joseph suggests that we have Julian Moya come to a meeting, and continue to work with the surrounding neighborhoods and Bike ABQ. (5) Andy has started managing the UHA facebook page and would like to get an email list. He'll put the neighborhood cleanup on the page. (6) Joe Gallegos has talked with the assessor's office about getting a spreadsheet with all of the homeownership data. Agreed to pay the \$10 for the list.

II. Action/followup items

- A. Keep Albuquerque Beautiful Streetscape Funds – The UHA proposal for a trash can on Silver and Cornell was approved, and Jennifer has received a check.
- B. Spring Cleanup – Sherry said that the preferred date of May 18 has been approved by the Solid Waste Department. There will be no community service workers, and they won't drive the alleys because they want the property owners to take care of the alleys. The city-wide cleanup is on April 27, but we won't participate because it's only cleanup of trash that fit into bags, no large items.
- C. Neighborhood Patrol – Joe Gallegos has been walking the neighborhood and reported four problems to 311. The Neighborhood Watch program can have more involvement of people on each block.
- D. Discussion of UHA priorities for the City – Ideas include: safety, including on Silver. Cleanups. Parking permits. Education about using the recycling bins. Traffic improvements. Sidewalk and streetlight improvements. Getting rid of the setback strip on Silver to allow parking and more space for bikes. Crosswalks on Silver. Joseph will draft a document about the discussion in the categories of transportation, aesthetics and safety to improve the community. Andy could do a doodle poll to help rank things.

III. Committee reports

- A. Lead-Coal Task Force; UNM/CNM/Girard, Central, and Silver traffic studies – Lead-Coal work in Huning/Highland is underway; though there's a funding shortfall to do all of the bulbouts and landscaping. Don attended the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) workshop on February 21 that included representatives of other BRT programs in the West. City transit is very much in favor of doing it. Concerns include possibly eliminating the median and running the BRT along the center of the street; whether it will complement or detract from the need to expand transit around the city. Several people and businesses from the neighborhood attended the Central Complete Street public meeting on February 27 and Brian, Joe, and Don attended some of the all-day workshop on February 28. That planning is supposed to provide a "toolbox" for BRT, transit, and other projects that affect Central from 1st Street to Girard. They heard a lot of support for transit on Central, but not for eliminating the median; they expect to have more specific plans for an early May meeting, after an expected BRT public meeting in April. Julian Moya is still checking about the schedule for the neighborhood traffic study. Joseph moves that we oppose eliminating landscape medians on Central and eliminating traffic lanes. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Community Policing – Sherry, Andy, and Joe all came to the February meeting. Speeding on Lead and Coal is a problem. Joe has a list of sex offenders from the County website. The police encourage people to keep things out of cars because visible items attract breakins. Tuesday afternoons are the highest crime time. APD will also provide "bait cars" upon request. Andy will put the crime prevention brochure on the facebook page.
- C. Zoning – Patrick Mickey and his wife, Jackie, owners of 116 Princeton Dr SE, met with Andy, Gregory, Julie, and Don this afternoon to discuss the remodeling plans for his house and a possible sideyard setback variance. We encouraged them to do the remodel in a way that doesn't require a variance; Gregory and Julie will provide some technical assistance.

IV. Officer's reports

- A. President's report – Not present.
- B. Vice President – Nothing further.
- D. Secretary/Treasurer – Financial report – Memberships paid at the last meeting were \$20. Interest of 12 cents. Balance is \$2,930.94, plus \$831.08 for trees. The Federation of University Neighborhood meeting tomorrow evening will include Sgt. Angela Graham to discuss permit parking enforcement issues.

V. Adjournment at 8:18 p.m.