

University Heights Association
Minutes
Tuesday, April 2, 2013
6:30 p.m. at 120 Vassar, SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – Jennifer Simpson called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
- B. Introductions – Board members: Jennifer Simpson, Sherry Smith, Julie Kidder, Brian Stinar, Joseph Aguirre, Andy Mattern, Brian Keith (present for 30 minutes), Augustine Grace, and Don Hancock. Also present were Joe Gallegos, Amber Fosse is the property owner of 124 Princeton, SE, and Eugene Trosterud of 121 Vassar, SE.
- C. Approval of agenda – Approved with deleting Julian Moya’s presentation and making 124 Princeton a preliminary item.

II. Conditional use request at 124 Princeton, SE. Amber Fosse discussed the request, which is for a 5’ high wall in the setback around and on much of the Silver sideyard. They’ll revise the request to have the wall curved at the corner and perhaps change the type of wall. Her reason is for safety of children they might have in the future, since the front yard is the only outside “play” area for the house, since only the three other units have access to outside. On March 19, Andy, Julie, and Don met with Amber at the property. The Zoning Hearing Examiner hearing is on Tuesday, April 16. Agreed to delay the decision until the zoning item.

III. Additional preliminary items

- A. Approval of minutes of March 5 meeting – Approved.
- B. Next meetings – Gus requests that we consider moving the meeting until the first Monday of the month. Andy will do a doodle poll to see if that works.
- C. Open forum – Brian Stinar has a neighbor with crime problems and he’s passed on information about crime prevention and the police.

IV. 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. We’ll do one similar to others in the area at the northwest corner of Silver and Cornell.
- B. Spring Cleanup – Saturday, May 18 has been approved by the Solid Waste Department. Brian Keith has a trailer that he’s willing to use to pick up large items in alleys. Gus is willing to have food trucks come to his property at 201 and 203 Harvard for after the cleanup; Andy, Gus, and Brian will discuss the details. The newsletter copy should be to Jennifer by April 30.
- C. Discussion of UHA priorities for the City – Based on last month’s discussion, Joseph put together an outline. Priorities (not in order of priority): 1. Community, 2. Transportation, broadly defined (i.e. cars, bikes, pedestrians etc), 3. Safety, and 4. Aesthetics. Several specific issues or projects, that fall within these general categories, have been or were discussed: the following is not meant to be comprehensive. 1. Community, New Facebook support; 2. Transportation: Silver Avenue and Neighborhood Transportation Study; 3. Safety, Neighborhood Patrol; 4. Aesthetics. Gus suggests that we do more of a master plan for long-term funding for

- street paving; lighting and underground wiring; streetscapes; enhanced tree planting; historical markers and Central signage; use of alleys. Other ideas include pedestrian and bicycle amenities. Gus will develop an initial powerpoint for discussion at the next meeting.
- D. Bernalillo County Neighborhood Enhancement grant – 30-day application period is April 7 to May 7. Ideas include historic markers and Silver enhancements, including pedestrian signs (“public art” of pedestrian students, skateboards, strollers, ghost bike). Other ideas include a neighborhood garage sale and some of the master plan concepts. Approve to do the historic markers for this project, since Gus has a draft proposal done.
 - E. Facebook page – Andy said that there are 41 likes. Andy has an idea of a flyer and yard signs with QR codes, maybe taking them to the facebook page or website. Andy will develop a budget proposal.
 - F. Property owners spreadsheet – Joe Gallegos requested and received it from the County Assessor’s office. It includes name of property owner and their address, along with the property address. It does not include phone numbers or email addresses. Joe would like to use it to contact property owners regarding crime problems. Andy and Don have copies.

V. Committee reports

- A. UNM/CNM/Girard, Central, and Silver; Route 66 Action Plan – UHA position on eliminating medians and traffic lanes on Central was communicated. New Girard draft plan is out. Short term recommendations include striping parking lanes south of Central and painting bicycles on the traffic lanes and strip crosswalks and bicycle lanes at the Central intersection. The option of making the Girard-Silver intersection stop on Girard to make Silver bicycle priority was not recommended. Long term recommendations would include landscaping and sidewalk improvements from Central to Thaxton. March 20 was last meeting of Route 66 Action Plan, which will be drafted and submitted to the Environmental Planning Commission. Its importance would be that it’s a Rank 2 plan, which means it can overrule Sector Plans and the Zoning Ordinance. Julie, Andy, Joseph, Gus, and Don are interested in discussing the various planning efforts and what UHA’s positions are.
- B. Community Policing – Sherry, Andy, and Joe all went to the March meeting that included comparisons of crime statistics from 2012 to 2013. The parole office is moving from Monte Vista to Plaza Maya downtown. Joe passed out some of the crime prevention literature. Joe will ride along with the daytime police beat. We can put more “slow down Albuquerque” signs on Silver.
- C. Zoning – Regarding the conditional use at 124 Princeton, Gus and Brian Stinar are in favor; Sherry, Andy, Don are opposed; Julie, Joseph, and Jennifer take no position. Approved sending a letter to the city expressing the split positions. Nothing further heard from Patrick and Jackie Mickey.

VI. Officer’s reports

- A. President’s report – Jennifer contacted Silver Hill and Jennifer with Duke City Wheelmen and Nob Hill about Silver improvements. All are interested. Next steps will be a meeting among those interested people.

B. Vice President – Nothing further.

B. Secretary/Treasurer – Financial report – Memberships paid at the last meeting were \$15. Interest of 12 cents. Balance is \$2,946.06, plus \$831.08 for trees. That doesn't include the City \$150 check for the trash can.

VII. Adjournment at 8:38 p.m.