

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes

Thursday, April 5, 2012
7:00 p.m. at 120 Vassar, SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – Jennifer Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- B. Introductions –Jennifer Simpson, Sherry Smith, Marlene Brown, Greg Gould, Augustine Grace, Brian Stinar, Gregory Hartman, Joseph Aquirre, and Don Hancock. Dan Keicher, owner of 302 Vassar, SE, also was present throughout the meeting.
- C. Approval of agenda – approved.
- D. Approval of March 8 minutes – Approved with corrections.
- E. Next meetings – Thursday, May 10 at 7; Thursday, June 14 at 7.
- F. Open forum – Nothing further.

II. Action/followup items

- A. County neighborhood enhancement grant proposal – The application deadline is Thursday, May 3. Augustine has gathered information on many types of markers and will develop the grant application and identify locations for neighborhood identity markers at historic properties and recognizing people, such as UHA founders.
- B. Neighborhood Patrol – Marlene has set up an organizational meeting on Tuesday, April 17 from 6-7 pm at Winnings Coffee on Harvard.
- C. Spring cleanup – Saturday, June 2. The city will again provide one truck. If there are community service volunteers for the alley, we could focus on the streets. There will be a newsletter to announce the cleanup and cover other issues, including the enhancement grant, Lead and Coal, and other matters.
- D. 302 Vassar, SE conditional use – Dave Keicher explained his request, which was discussed at the facilitated meeting was held on April 3, with Jennifer, Gregory, Marlene, Sherry, Brian, and Don present. Brian moved, seconded by Marlene, that we support the conditional use so long as required on-site parking is provided in the backyard area. The motion passed.
- E. 202 Cornell, SE zone change request and facilitated meeting – Notification of the zone change request also is being given to Silver Hill, Sycamore, Spruce Park, and Victory Hills associations. There was discussion about whether the lack of site development plan for building permit with the application was a problem. Marlene made a motion, seconded by Gregory to ask for a facilitated meeting to discuss these matters. The motion passed with five in favor, two opposed, and two abstentions. Our preferred date is Monday, April 16 at 5 at 120 Vassar, SE.

III. Committees

- A. Lead-Coal Task Force and Neighborhood Traffic Study – Lead/Coal Task Force met on Tuesday, March 27. The final pavement on Coal is planned during April, with the expectation that the project will be finished, including the punch list, by the end of June. On April 8, one lane of traffic will be open on both streets, and they will be one-ways. Joseph has been in touch with Diane Dolan in Councilor Benton's office about the neighborhood traffic study once Lead/Coal is finished.

- B. Crime and Safe City Project – The Safe City meeting included discussion of the number of auto burglaries and that people should not leave valuables visible. Bike patrols and parking enforcement are increasing.
- C. Zoning – No further word from Marcelo Roman about 113 Vassar, SE, and it's not on the agenda for the April 17 Zoning Hearing Examiner Hearing. 501 Girard, SE appeal to City Council was upheld by the City Council on March 19, so the zoning limits the lots to houses or townhouses. The Council did not agree with the idea that a variance might not be necessary.

IV. Officer's reports

- A. President's report – Jennifer will defend her dissertation on April 13.
- B. Vice President – Distributed information from the City.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – Financial report – Memberships/donations of \$50; Interest of 12 cents. Balance is \$2,578.53, plus \$1,075 for trees. We'll also receive \$100 from Breaking Bad, which used the Denny's on March 27.

Information about the April 19 UNM Growers' Market and community gardens plots at the Loma Linda Community Center were distributed by email. A forum for Public Regulation Commission candidates will be held on April 11.

V. Adjournment at 8:06 p.m.