

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

7:00 p.m. at 120 Vassar, SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – Lanny Heinlen called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- B. Introductions – Lanny Heinlen, Sherry Smith, Gregory Hartman, Joseph Aguirre, Jennifer Simpson, Marlene Brown, Don Hancock, Cathy Zukelic, and Lois Kennedy.

II. Zone change request – 2500 Garfield, SE – Although the prospective buyer asked for time on the agenda, he did not appear.

III. Additional preliminary items

- A. Approval of agenda – approved.
- B. Approval of minutes of April 5 meeting – approved.
- C. Next meetings – Tuesday, June 7 at 7 pm; Tuesday, July 5 at 7 pm (depending upon whether a majority can attend)
- D. Financial report – Memberships of \$1. Breaking Bad contributed \$100 for filming in the neighborhood; Lockheed-Martin/Sandia contributed \$100 for Marlene. Balance is \$2,707.42, plus \$1,075 in tree donations. Money previously approved for Neighborhood Patrol and Cleanup barbeque has not yet been spent.
- E. Open forum – Sherry asked whether anyone had heard from Doug Volkman about the community garden; no one had. Lanny brought the thank-you card and gift certificate for Maggie Seeley. Lanny reported on a public notice for an air quality check for the new Smith's gas station, which will be starting in late April. Don reported that the Cornell post office lease may be renewed for 5 years, with another 5 year option. Marlene received a call from the last newsletter; she suggests that we have phone numbers in future newsletters. Cathy mentioned that the County has gardening grants that we might apply for in the fall.

IV. Action/followup items

- A. Spring cleanup – June 4 is cleanup. Brian has posted a google document spreadsheet for people to help with getting food items. Sherry reported some problem properties to Arturo Manzanares, who is the new zoning enforcement officer for the area. Marlene is having problems with all the cats that were abandoned at 318 Vassar, SE.
- B. Block party – Lois Kennedy has been working with the mayor's office to try to get them to come to the block party to have the parking permit. So far they have not agreed to any of the proposals. We can explore possibilities with other neighborhood associations with parking permits; Lois is willing to call them.

V. Committees

- A. Lead-Coal Task Force - Next meeting is May 10. An issue from the last UHA meeting was the left turn lane at Girard, which has been fixed. Coal is now open from I-

25 to University. Sherry is concerned about the fast traffic on Coal, since there are no stop signs or other things to stop traffic.

B. Crime and Safe City Project – There was a serious break-in at 120 Vassar – breaking the large plate glass, stealing computer monitors and damaging other property. Safe City met last week; Sgt. Burke (evening command) has noticed the drop in crime and has contacted Harold Prudencio is property crimes. Area crimes include stealing bikes and spare tires. Sgt. Burke is not aware of the neighborhood patrol, so Sherry suggests that we coordinate with the southeast substation before we start our patrol. Marlene will contact the patrol trainers to talk with Sgt. Burke. Sherry, Don, and Cathleen Orr attended the Patrol Training on April 16, so they and Marlene can begin the patrol and others can ride with them until they attend the training. Gregory will do the patrol signs, if Don provides the logo.

C. Zoning – 2500 Garfield, SE owners did not come to the meeting, so there is no change in the UHA's opposition. Sherry was in touch with Victory Hills; they wonder if Sherry could go to the meeting tomorrow night, and she will, if the application is continuing. Allen Lewis, the owner of 218 Yale will not proceed with the plan that would require variances. Agreed to have a special meeting on a Thursday in late May or June.

Gilchrist House – Meeting in the mayor's office today with the property owners; no decision yet. UHA's letter was considered at the meeting.

Agreed to ask for a board meeting with the mayor to ask him for help on our twin concerns – the historic property and the parking permit issues. Don will make the request.

Adjourn at 8:41 p.m.