

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes

Thursday, May 10, 2012

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

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – Greg Gould called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.
- B. Introductions – Greg Gould, Brian Stinar, Gregory Hartman, Marlene Brown, and Don Hancock.
- C. Approval of agenda – Approved.
- D. Approval of April 5 minutes – Approved.
- E. Next meetings – Thursday, June 14 at 7; Thursday, July 12 at 7
- F. Open forum – Gregory mentioned that a couple of trees had been stolen from in front of his office. Brian has dug up his alley to fix a water line leak.

II. Action/followup items

- A. County neighborhood enhancement grant proposal – We didn't get a proposal in by the Thursday, May 3 deadline.
- B. Neighborhood Patrol – Marlene, Don, and Angela Kostelnick attended the organizational meeting on Tuesday, April 17. It hopefully will be started with several groups in the next week.
- 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 Lead and Coal, the neighborhood patrol, transportation planning, president's report, Brian will do tree planting, and other matters; articles to Jennifer by May 18.
- D. 302 Vassar, SE conditional use – The request was approved, with no specific parking requirements. City zoning has agreed that a fifth parking space is required and will have Mr. Keicher add it in the back.
- E. 202 Cornell, SE zone change request – The zone change request was approved this morning by the Environmental Planning Commission. A finding was added to the request, in response to our concerns about a public process with the building permit plans, that UHA will be notified when the plans are submitted, and the planning staffer that worked on the zone change request will also review the plans.

III. Committees

- A. Lead-Coal Task Force and Neighborhood Traffic Study – Lead/Coal Task Force met on Tuesday, April 24. Work is to mostly be done by May 15, then the contractors have 45 days to finish the "punch list." Councilor Benton attended to discuss how to do a "scaled down" Huning-Highland area with the \$500,000 and any contingency. The next task force meeting is on Tuesday, May 22. 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 discussed current problems, including people getting into crawl spaces of vacant or for sale houses to steal copper.

- C. Zoning – No further word from Marcelo Roman about 113 Vassar, SE. A double wide “manufactured home” was moved in behind the house at 223 Vassar, SE. The plans showed no parking. City Zoning is now working to get the requiring parking. The West Side Coalition of Neighborhoods is asking associations city-wide to support its appeal regarding large box stores being required to meet requirements of the zoning code, since the acting zoning enforcement officer issued a declaratory ruling that the EPC could approve a site even if it doesn’t meet all the requirements. Gregory moved, seconded by Marlene, that we support the Federation of University Neighborhoods joining the appeal. The motion passed 4-0, with Brian abstaining.

IV. Officer’s reports

- A. President’s report – Not present. Jennifer will graduate on May 11 and May 12.
- B. Vice President – Greg reported on city notices that the zone change for the brewer’s license in Nob Nill was approved. Another notice was for 1515 Silver, SE for solar panels in the Silver Hill Historic District.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – Financial report – Memberships of \$15; \$100 from Breaking Bad; Interest of 12 cents. Balance is \$2,696.65, plus \$1,075 for trees. Marlene also got \$100 from Sandia/Lockheed for her work.

V. Adjournment at 7:56 p.m.