

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes

Thursday, August 9, 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, Greg Gould, Julie Kidder, Brian Stinar, and Don Hancock.
- C. Approval of agenda – Approved.
- D. Approval of minutes of July 12 meeting – Approved with corrections.
- E. Next meetings – Discussed changing to the fourth Thursday, but no decision. Jennifer may send an email to confirm the dates.
- F. Open forum – (1) David Standridge, District Court candidate for Family Judge, (and son Riley), is on the ballot in November. (2) Yesterday's police helicopter was about some kind of manhunt in the Stanford/Silver area.

II. Action/followup items

- A. Neighborhood Patrol – No update, materials are at Sherry's house.
- B. Fall block party – Querencia Green proposes a Neighborhood Mapping Event in October. Cost would be \$900 for QC's work + supplies. Concerns about the cost and how many people would attend. Sherry said that the largest turnout that she remembers was with the police at the Peace and Justice Center. Agreed to table the QC project and consider it for a grant proposal to the County. We'll do a Stay Safe forum with the police, preferably a weeknight in late September.
- C. Tree Program – No committee meeting. Can do a signup at the Stay Safe forum.
- D. Redistricting – Don went to the July 19 Victory Hills hosted meeting with Councilors Benton and Garduño about the redistricting legislation possible maps for 13 Council districts. No one from UHA attended the Council meeting on August 6 when by 4-4 the Council killed the proposal, refusing even to allow public meetings.
- E. 501 Girard, SE – 15-apartment complex was blocked by City Council, which denied a variance on March 19. In May the owner got a building permit for 14 townhouses. There is no public notice about building permits, nor did anyone in the city advise UHA or the neighbors that the permit request and plans had been submitted. City was asked to explain how many units could be built and why they were allowing more than the 6-7 townhouses that are allowed. Adjacent property owners want to take further action, including looking at legal action or getting a declaratory ruling, which could be appealed to City Council.

III. Committees

- A. Lead-Coal Task Force and UNM/CNM and Girard traffic studies. Lead-Coal Task Force next meets on September 11. No final decision about where to put the extra bench that we requested be placed on the east side of Yale between Lead and Coal. Design work still ongoing for the Huning/Highland Neighborhood improvements, using the \$500,000 in bond money. Councilor Benton wants to know if we still want a traffic study on Garfield between Girard & Yale, Stanford between Lead and

Garfield, and Columbia between Silver and Coal. We'll ask that the city proceed with the studies.

B. Crime and Safe City Project – Sherry didn't go to the last meeting.

IV. Officer's reports

A. President's report – Nothing further.

B. Vice President – Greg resigns because he's moved out of the neighborhood. No replacement elected for now. Jennifer will be the second city contact.

B. Secretary/Treasurer – Don attended Mayor's Neighborhood President's Forum on July 21. About 70 associations and the mayor, police and fire chiefs and about a dozen department heads attended. Next one will be in about six months. Financial report – Interest of 13 cents. Balance is \$2,720.03, plus \$1,075 for trees.

V. Adjournment at 8:23 p.m.