

# UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

## Minutes

Tuesday, September 6, 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, Marlene Brown, Jennifer Simpson, Joseph Aguirre, Faye Whittemore, and Don Hancock.

### II. Presentation by Rep. Martin Heinrich's office. No one arrived.

### III. Additional preliminary items

- A. Approval of agenda – approved.
- B. Approval of minutes of August 2 meeting – approved.
- C. Next meetings – Tuesday, October 4 at 7 and Tuesday, November 1 at 7 at 120 Vassar.
- D. Financial report – Memberships at the block party of \$22, Interest of 24 cents. Payment to Police Appreciation Day was \$50. Balance is \$2,363.70, plus \$1,075 in tree donations.
- E. Open forum – Sherry saw an ad in the paper about a property for sale to build at Vassar and Central, from Mr. Rivera, who owns Vassar and Garfield. Jennifer is reading at Church of Beethoven on Sunday.

### IV. Action/followup items

- A. Block Party – About 50 neighborhood people, including 7 board members, plus fire, police, Mayor's office, and Lead/Coal Project attended. Lanny suggests that if we aren't having permit parking, we might consider later in the fall when it's cooler. Food donated by Frontier, Einstein's Bagels, Papa John's, Lanny Heinlen, and Julie Ahern.
- B. Police Officer Appreciation – Greg attended and gave the \$50 association donation.
- C. Neighborhood Patrol – Three additional people signed up at the Block Party, so we now have 4 people trained, plus five others. We'll start patrolling this month, pairing one of the trained people with one of the untrained. Marlene also has prepared a log sheet. There are no other trainings scheduled, but we can recruit some more people and then have a special training. Sherry is calling the police about cars blocking sidewalks and will take the patrol supply bag and get started.
- D. Gilchrist House – Mayor isn't going to use the city repair ordinance, so presumably the demolition permit will be signed soon. Agreed that UHA would write a letter to the Mayor, Planning Director, and property owners telling them that a new zone change is needed before anything can be built and asking for meetings with the neighborhood before any zone change request is submitted.
- E. SolarizeAlbuquerque – Marlene has talked with one of the photovoltaic owners about the nonprofit idea, and he might do it as a project. So Marlene wants to defer the discussion until more details are worked out.

- F. Permit Parking – Don took the *Daily Lobo* article that included a person saying that she was selling her parking permits to Mark Shepherd, the new Parking Director. He said that he's rejected some people who've asked for many permits. He also wants to consider charging a fee for permits. Don suggested that he meet with affected neighborhoods before asking the City Council to charge fees and reminded him that people in this area are disappointed that they can't get parking permits at the block party. Agreed to invite Mark Shepherd to either the October or November board meetings and invite Silver Hill and Sycamore and Huning Highlands to participate.

#### V. Committees

- A. Lead-Coal Task Force – Questions about finishing the paving; moving the Nob Hill welcome sign; our blue colored furniture and trash pickup. Last meeting was August 30. UHA, Sycamore, Silver Hill, and Huning Highlands had sent letters to Councilor Benton, asking for his continuing support for additional funds for the Huning Highland improvements. The street bonds on the October 4 ballot include \$500,000 for Lead and Coal improvements. Yale and Lead will be closed for about a month, beginning September 19. There was also discussion at the meeting about people west of Yale making water and sewer connections.
- B. Crime and Safe City Project – At the last meeting, a UNM detective was there and reported that a lot of exposed spare tires are being stolen. They also discussed graffiti. Sherry will ask about what's going on with Nob Hill and the Central/Girard development. The meeting is the last Tuesday of the month at Monte Vista Christian Church.
- C. Zoning – Nothing further. 2500 Garfield is being renovated for offices.

#### VI. Officers' reports

- A. President – nothing further.
- B. Vice President – nothing further.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – Federation of University Neighborhoods meeting is Wednesday, September 7 from 6 to 8 at Heights Community Center, with PRC Commissioner Jason Marks attending.

Adjourn at 8:40 p.m.