

University Heights Association
Minutes
Monday, October 28, 2013
7:00 p.m. at 120 Vassar, SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – Jennifer Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.
- B. Introductions – Jennifer Simpson, Julie Kidder, Sherry Smith, Marlene Brown, Joe Gallegos, Brian Stinar, Augustine Grace, and Don Hancock. Guests: Alfonso Hernandez and Dennis Hill (417 Cornell), Eugene Trosterud, Jimmy Harper (301 Columbia).

II. Special Guest – Councilor Rey Garduño – Presentation, Question-Answer, Discussion

Councilor Garduño reported on work to be done: Traffic studies – within UHA still to be done – Garfield, Stanford, SE and Columbia – done this semester. Also Silver Bike Blvd and parking congestion and no crosswalks. Central Complete Streets – some controversy about preserving the median. Girard Master Plan and UNM/CNM/Sunport study. The Councilor would like to see more pedestrian friendly streets and better bicycling.

Redistricting – why not more districts? He'll consider proposing 11 or 13 districts.

Traffic lights at Morningside and Wellesley were in the Sector Plan, but the administration wouldn't do them, so he had to do through Council resolution.

He's working on East Central redevelopment with the County Commissioners.

Questions about community gardens, which the Councilor has supported.

He will work with anyone on projects that neighborhoods also are willing to work on, but not do it for them.

Other concerns - Central sidewalks are bad; lack of UNM voting locations in upcoming city election. Eugene would like a more current history handbook.

III. Additional preliminary items

- A. Approval of agenda – approved.
- B. Approval of minutes of October 7, 2013 meeting – approved.
- C. Next meetings – Monday, December 2 at 7; Monday, January 6 at 7; Annual Meeting – January 26 at 2 at Outpost Performance Space
- D. Open forum – KAB Streetscape grant is due January 6, 2014. Green waste pickup is the first two Wednesdays in December.

IV. Action/followup items

- A. Neighborhood Patrol – Joe Gallegos and Sherry turned in 34 trash, weeds, and graffiti problems vs. 97 the previous month. Joe encourages people to call 311 and 242-COPS to report problems. Jimmy also will do the patrol. Gene is concerned about people congregating and mattresses in the nearby alleys. Private lighting and putting in cactuses might help move the problems to other areas.
- B. County Enhancement Grant proposal – Jennifer has sent out a draft proposal to the board for feedback, and it will be submitted on October 30.
- C. Keep Albuquerque Beautiful Streetscape Trash Can – Reyes Wrought Iron's bid was \$1,000, and Joe is checking about other lower bids. One of Brian's tenants is in the

CNM welding program.

V. Committee reports

- A. Transit – Central Complete Streets/Route 66 Action Plan public meetings are this Wednesday.
- B. Community Policing – Last meeting was primarily break-ins and burglaries. Next meeting is October 29.
- C. Zoning – Art and Sonja Gardenswartz will meet with people on 400 block of Stanford in November, as they have made a deposit on the two empty lots at the northeast corner of Stanford and Garfield. He'd like to talk with the neighbors and UHA to determine what would be the best apartment project (probably 5 units) for the lots. There are concerns about the height of the new apartments at 324 Vassar, SE.

VI. Officer's reports

- A. President's report – Nothing further.
- B. Vice President – Nothing further.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – Financial report – Revenue was memberships from the homeowner mailing of \$44. Balance is \$2,520.91, plus \$831.08 for trees.

VII. Adjournment at 8:43 p.m.