

# UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

## Minutes

Tuesday, December 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 7:10 p.m.
- B. Introductions – Lanny Heinlen, Sherry Smith, Jennifer Simpson, Joseph Aguirre, Paulette Higgins, Marlene Brown, Don Hancock, Brian Stinar, Gregory Hartman, and Julie Kidder, who lives next door to the House, Rick Wild, Derrick, and Victor Lopez, who's running for judge.

II. Presentation by Sujay Thakur regarding zone change for day care at 202 Cornell, SE. Sujay did not come because the bank would not support the cost estimate for the day care. In addition, there was no flexibility on the seller's part. So the day care project is not happening. The demolition is happening in stages, with plans for the demolition to be completed by the end of this week. As agreed at the September board meeting, we'll write a letter to the mayor, planning director, and property owners regarding that the property should be vacant and unfenced, but there should be some dust cover until there is a zone change approval, since the existing SU-1 zoning is for the Gilchrist House. UHA would encourage meetings and discussion before any zone change request is filed with the city.

### III. Additional preliminary items

- A. Approval of agenda – approved.
- B. Approval of minutes of November 1 meeting – approved.
- C. Next meeting – After the new board is elected. Holiday party at Sherry's house on Tuesday, December 20 at 6.
- D. Financial report – History Handbook sales of \$50, Interest of 12 cents. Balance is \$2,453.06, plus \$1,075 in tree donations.
- E. Open forum – Rick Wild who lives 205 Cornell since 1987 brought pictures of how the street is frequently parked full. His concern was that the day care would be too intense and too much parking both at the night and day. Paulette says that on-street parking also is a problem on the 100 block of Stanford. Rick also is concerned the dirt blowing and the weeds at the properties. Mr. Lopez is an attorney and is running for the New Mexico Court of Appeals in the 2012 election, he lives on Graceland and his son lives near Silver and Buena Vista. He's interested in public financing of elections, which applies to the Court of Appeals; he needs 1,200 \$5 contributions to get public financing. He'd like to establish the example of a publicly financed candidate for a statewide office being able to run and win. For the primary, there would be \$60,000 for candidate, though his Democratic opponent is not doing public financing; and about \$130,000 for the general election. In 1996, he ran for court of appeals with about \$90,000. In 2010, Linda Vanzi won for the office with about \$130,000. Marlene said that there was a break-in next door, when the owner left with his dogs. Sherry said another property with a newly moved in owner also got robbed. Joseph wondered about the neighborhood traffic management group that was noticed

by Diane Dolan in Councilor Benton's office; Joseph will followup. Paulette is concerned about the repeated gas leaks at 201 Stanford, SE.

#### IV. Action/followup items

- A. 202 Cornell, SE zone change – Nothing further.
- B. City Council Redistricting – Concerns about losing District 3 to the west side. Lanny proposes that we support any plan that maintains UHA within the historic neighborhoods because of the unique community of interest. Agreed to delegate to Joseph, Gregory, Lanny, and Don to come up with a plan and support before the Council.
- C. Annual meeting – Sunday, January 29 at 2, at Outpost Performance Space. Lanny will work on the agenda. We'll ask Maggie Seeley to again facilitate the meeting. For the newsletter, Marlene will put in an article about the responsibilities of a board member and other responsibilities to try to have people think about the jobs in advance. Joseph will do Lead-Coal, Lanny will do the annual report, Sherry will do a parking permit article, and a Neighborhood Patrol. Deadline for articles is January 10 to Jennifer. Lanny will invite the mayor's office, Rep. Chasey, Councilor Benton, County Commissioner, Police Substation Commander.
- D. January 7 cleanup – City is scheduled for 8-12, with one truck. They are trying to get community service workers to help. Jennifer will do a flyer to be distributed on January 2 or 3; and "save the date" for the annual meeting.

#### V. Committees

- A. Lead-Coal Task Force – Project was delayed by water and gas line relocation, but is about on schedule and on budget. There is access to businesses along Lead. Carlisle will be closed at Lead for a couple of weeks in January. Any claims for property damage are made to the contractor, Albuquerque Underground (AUI), but their vibration data shows that there should not have been much damage to structures. The next Lead-Coal Task Force meeting is Tuesday, January 10.
- B. Crime and Safe City Project – No meeting in November and December.

#### VII. Officers' reports

- A. President – Lanny will not run for the board in 2012.
- B. Vice President – not present.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – nothing further.

Adjourn at 8:37 p.m.