

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes

Tuesday, January 5, 2010

7:00 p.m. at 105 Stanford, SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – Sherry Smith called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- B. Introductions – Sherry Smith, Lanny Heinlen, Greg Gould, Joseph Aguirre, Augustine Grace, Marlene Brown, and Don Hancock.
- C. Approval of agenda – Approved.

II. Gilchrist House renovation – Jim Trump, Build New Mexico. Build New Mexico was ready to proceed with re-roofing, removing the fence, and rehabilitating the downstairs so it could be rented last summer. But didn't proceed because Councilor Benton wanted windows also done but couldn't get a tax credit and the state wanted the porches rebuilt. So he's now looking at other options for funding help, including using Workforce housing. He's looking for up to four grants: One grant for laundry room and bathroom for two-story house. One grant for energy efficiency windows on the other properties. One grant to build a new house on the property to the south. One grant for Gilchrist House (about \$150,000) – could do phasing of porches, renovate downstairs and do laundry room and bath in back porch; then extend and rebuild porches, leave upstairs pretty much as is). He wouldn't use the inside fireplaces. He'd prefer that UHA not do anything right now, but he will let us know after the January 13 hearing. SMPC architects – he's willing to show us the plans, but would like to have a quick turnaround time. He wants us to think about taking out the grass and do lower water use landscaping. He has lots of complaints about neighborhood people calling him and will refer people to us. He turned down a property trade.

III. Additional preliminary items

- A. Next meeting – to be decided by new board
- B. Approval of minutes of November 3 meeting – approved.
- C. Financial Report – For 2009, Memberships/donations of \$170.29; History Handbook sales of \$120; Breaking Bad of \$200; Tree donations of \$1,075; Interest of \$1.01 (slightly more when get December bank statement). Unrestricted Balance is \$2,246.59, plus the \$1,075 in tree donations.
- D. Open forum – Marlene is co-starting a school (American Solar Energy Institute) teaching photovoltaics and other renewable/green jobs at 512 Yale, SE. Around Christmas, Joseph saw a special police unit and talked with Officer Joseph Garcia about citing speeders.

IV. Action/followup items

- A. 2010 Annual Meeting – Sunday, January 31 from 2:30-4 at Outpost Performance Space. Ike confirmed that he'll attend; Gail Chasey can't come. Greg will invite Maggie to do a vision followup. Joseph will see if someone from the mayor's office can come and listen. People will bring food items.
- B. Annual Meeting flyer – Councilor Benton will attend; Lead/Coal plans.
- C. UNM Master Plan/Student housing – New housing proposed west of The Pit,

discussed at meeting on November 30 that Augustine and Don attended. Contractor also will add 1,300 units on the main campus. UHA should have people involved in those discussions with UNM during 2010.

D. Alley gardens – Nothing.

V. Committee reports

- A. Lead-Coal Task Force – Hoping to go to bid in early spring. Next meeting is January 26. Documents are to be posted on the Wilson website, Joseph will check again.
- B. Crime and Safe City Project – No meeting in December.
- C. Zoning – City subjected Historic Overlay Zone for Silver Hill. Public meeting held on December 16 that Edie Cherry and Don Hancock facilitated. Next steps are to the Landmarks and Urban Conservation Committee (LUCC) in January or February, then EPC, then City Council. If designation and boundaries are approved, detailed guidelines would be developed in 60 days and approved by LUCC, presumably in the fall. No direct changes to UHA or the Sector Plan zoning requirements. A UNM planning class project on form-based code in the University Heights area has been completed.

VI. Discussion items/followup/updates

- A. Website – Nina has put it up; there's a Blog and Twitter.

VII. Officers' reports

- A. President – not present
- B. Vice President – nothing further
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – nothing further

VIII. Adjournment at 8:48.