

University Heights Association  
Minutes  
Thursday, January 8, 2026  
6:30 p.m. at 120 Vassar, SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – President Sam Kerwin called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.
- B. Introductions – Brian Stinar, Sherry Smith, Sam Kerwin, and Don Hancock. Absent are Marlene Brown, Gene Trosterud, Margie Trosterud, Delilah Montoya, and Peggy Neff.
- C. Approval of agenda – approved.
- D. Approval of minutes of December 4, 2025 meeting – approved.
- E. Next meetings – New board elected at the annual meeting will decide about the next board meeting after the annual meeting.
- F. Open Forum – Sherry wonders about rules for the scooters and where they can travel, as they are often on sidewalks and being ridden on sidewalks. They are also not regularly picked up. There was a fire at Carraros on Thanksgiving night, and the building is a total loss. Brian reported that he's in a project with Makers Space for solar carports for EVs.

II. Action/Followup items

- A. Mural at PNM Substation – Erin finished the work. The final cost was slightly less than her contract, so UHA paid \$214.68, rather than the \$500 that we had approved. The contract allows, at UHA's discretion, for additional renovation work over the next year.
- B. 2026 Annual Meeting Date – January 25 at the Outpost Space is confirmed. Laura Kuehn has confirmed that she will attend. Councilor Rogers will not be attending. Sen. Sedillo Lopez and Rep. Anaya have not responded to the invites. Agenda will be flexible, based on who and when officials show up. Brian may be able to discuss his new homeless shelter tool. Newsletter articles are due by January 10 and will include articles about the annual meeting, historic designation, mural, and twilight market. Sam will do an email blast with the newsletter in January to help get people to attend the Annual Meeting.
- C. Lead and Coal – The only communication from the city has been to extend the survey for two more weeks. Don submitted a strong critique of the survey along with another request for more information about what, if anything, the city is planning to do.
- D. Silver Avenue lighting – Gene has received no response from Tim Brown. Sam asked Councilor Rogers to contact DMD, and he hasn't heard any response. Gene hopes that we could also get signs about the historic district.
- E. Trees – No update. Gene suggests that we again split the trees with another neighborhood as we did the last time.

III. Officer's Reports.

- A. President – JB Gold emailed Sam today about the empty lot by Smith's on Yale.
- B. Vice-President – Nothing further.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – Donations of \$25.00, CD interest of \$23.94 and savings interest of \$0.01. Savings balance is \$1,694.20, which doesn't include the \$1,500 Frontier check for the mural restoration, which was received in December. The \$7,000 CD matures on January 18, 2026.

IV. Adjournment – 7:36 pm.