

University Heights Association
Minutes
Thursday, March 6, 2025
6:30 p.m. on zoom

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – Vice President Margie Trosterud called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.
- B. Introductions – Margie Trosterud, Peggy Neff, Marlene Brown, Gene Trosterud, Sam Kerwin, and Don Hancock. Absent are Delilah Montoya, Brian Stinar, and Sherry Smith. Visitors include Peggy Norton, North Valley Coalition President; Lindsay Wood of Nob Hill News; Neighborhood residents Amanda Boers on the 200 block of Vassar, Joseph Aguirre and Aaron Hill, and Eli Sanchez of the Lead/Coal Safety Brigade.
- C. Approval of agenda – approved, with moving up Lead-Coal because there are several people interested in that item.
- D. Approval of minutes of February 6, 2025 meeting – approved.
- E. Next meetings – Thursday, April 3 at 6:30; Thursday, May 1 at 6:30. We'd like to return to in-person meetings, so we'll check with the Design Group, Heights Community Center or Peace and Justice Center.
- F. Open Forum – Aaron Hill brought up the I-25 realignment, which would make it more difficult for pedestrians. Aaron will attend the DOT meetings and let us know what's going on. Peggy Neff brought up some legislative items on housing - SB 205 and HB 448. She's supporting HB 54 about youth justice. HB 375 is for social working training. Peggy wants the State Fair on next month's agenda.

II. Action/followup items

- A. Lead & Coal – Draft Traffic Study and next steps. Peggy read the report and supports the single lane option. Joseph wants DMD to respond to the study and he would ultimately like a stakeholder meeting with the mayor. Joseph doesn't think the study is enough safety oriented. The Brigade has supported the one lane/speed reduction option for a couple of years. Amanda supports the two-way option. Aaron and Amanda support widening and buffering the bike lane. Sam likes the two-lane or two-way options for traffic flow. Margie and Gene suggest waiting until we see the final report before taking a position, seconded by Peggy and approved. Joseph thanked everyone for the useful conversation.
- B. O-24-69 Appeal update – Peggy Norton explained that the appeal was filed on February 17 by the North Valley Coalition, the West Side Coalition of Neighborhood Associations, and District 4 Coalition of Neighborhood Associations, with Hess Yntema as the attorney. The City has 30 days to reply, including filing the record. Marlene moves to contribute \$100 to the appeal, seconded by Gene and agreed unanimously.
- C. Election of Officers – Sam is willing to be President and be an alternate for District 6 when Gene cannot attend. Gene is willing to be Vice President. Don can continue as Secretary/Treasurer. Those three are elected unanimously.
- D. Official city contacts – Don and Aaron are to be the contacts. Agreed unanimously.
- E. Neighborhood historic designation – The letters to all property owners in the area south of Silver should be sent in the next few months and there will be advertising in the Albuquerque Journal. A public meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 17. The State Cultural Properties Committee consideration of the application would then be at the June 2025 meeting.

F. Spring cleanup – First Saturday in June is the 7th, which is the preferred date, with June 14 as the backup. We'll ask Sherry to arrange with Solid Waste or Don can do it.

G. Update on damaged bollards near Smith's – The City plan is to put big boulders, but there is no timeframe.

H. Communications – Sam will look into Mailchimp. Gene will reach out to Casey Warr to see if he can find out about Mailchimp that Mandy Warr set up. Lindsay was asked about a neighborhood discount for the Nob Hill News and she has provided that information, which was forwarded to the board. The News will launch on April 9.

III. Officer's Report.

A. President – Nothing further.

B. Vice-President – Nothing further.

C. Secretary/Treasurer – CD interest of \$17.12 and savings interest of \$0.02. Savings balance is \$1,692.17 after \$2,000 was added to the \$5,000 CD that matured on February 28, 2025. The new CD terms are 7 months (to 9/28/2025) at 4% APY.

IV. Adjournment – 8:19 pm.