

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes

Sunday, March 7, 2010

5:00 p.m. at 105 Stanford, SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – Sherry Smith called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.
- B. Introductions – Sherry Smith (nurse at Albuquerque Public Schools), Lanny Heinlen (Presbyterian business office), Greg Gould (substance abuse councilor with Healthcare for the Homeless), Joseph Aguirre (pediatrician), Brian Stinar (software engineer), Jennifer Simpson (MFA graduate student and also works with a welding company), Marlene Brown (Sandia Lab solar engineer), and Don Hancock (Southwest Research and Information Center).
- C. Approval of agenda – Approved with addition of the Post Office as IV.F.
- D. Approval of minutes of February 14 meeting. Approved.
- E. Next meetings – Sunday, April 4 at 5, May 2 at 5.
- F. Financial Report – Interest of 10 cents. Balance of \$2,308.91, plus \$1,075 in tree donations from last year's tree plantings.
- G. Open forum –Nothing.

II. Action/followup items

- A. Followup to discussion at the Annual Meeting – Sherry hasn't been to Smith's, but will do so. Sherry will delay work on homeownership until summer vacation.
- B. Spring cleanup – Saturday, May 22 from 8 to 12. Marlene agrees to be the on-site coordinator, if needed.

III. Committee reports

- A. Lead-Coal Task Force – Meeting on February 23. Still same timeline, out to bid soon. Lamppost color remains to be chosen, Joseph likes green, so that's the choice.
- B. Crime and Safe City Project – Sherry got a call about 207 Stanford, which is vacant, and the property owner comes at night. At the last Safe City meeting, there was discussion about Neighborhood Watch block captains; existing ones are 300 Vassar, 400 Stanford, 200 Cornell, and 300 Harvard, to whom the police can contact. We'll put in the newsletter, website, and Facebook page to recruit block captains.
- C. Gilchrist House – Ethan, Lanny, Julie Ahern, and Don met on February 22 and discussed communication with Build New Mexico and the mayor's office. Also agreed that any workforce housing funds should go to renovate the Gilchrist House. Ethan contacted Joyce Pullen in the mayor's office. Joyce reports that an inspector has been to the property and Maryellen Hennessy of the LUCC has met with Jim Trump, who's agreed to do some initial work.
- D. Neighborhood traffic/transportation – Joseph is getting the group (Lanny, Don, Ethan, Rene Thompson, Mark Dalen) together via email to develop some goals to discuss at the April board meeting and then a meeting with Ike Benton.

IV. Discussion items/followup/updates

- A. Information from the City - Sherry wonders which things should be distributed and put on the Website. She'll meet with Patrick Montoya of the Office of Neighborhood Coordination to see whether we want to invite him to a future meeting. We'll also put a link to the monthly City neighborhood news.
- B. Website/Facebook – Nina has put it up. Ethan set up a UHA Facebook page.
- C. UNM Master Plan/Student housing – UNM is having facilitated weekly meetings on Thursday afternoons and evening. Last week there were representatives from the Federation, Sycamore, North Campus, Campus, and Don for UHA. The plan is to discuss many issues, have time in the summer for additional research, then have additional meetings in the fall. Concerns are safety, foreign students, green building (work with the Architecture School), and traffic.
- D. Federation of University Neighborhoods – No confirmation from the mayor's office yet. Possible locations are Bricklight or Gilchrist House. But we should work on our one-page summary.
- E. Bricklight outside patio – Possible new tenant Go Pita wants outside seating with its beer and wine license. In addition to two or three tables on the south side, they'd like to fence the area on the east side to have several more tables. Concerns are too much liquor and oppose the permanent fence on the east side.
- F. Post Office – Don has contacted Miguel Negrete in Rep. Heinrich's office about the fact that there's still no lease and that there is an excessive amount of towing. Larry Rainosek is following up.

V. Officers' reports

- A. President –nothing further.
- B. Vice President – nothing further.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – nothing further.

VI. Adjournment at 6:46.