

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes

Sunday, April 4, 2010

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

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – Sherry Smith called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.
- B. Introductions – Sherry Smith (has a new haircut, and everyone says she looks younger!), Lanny Heinlen, Greg Gould, Joseph Aguirre, Jennifer Simpson, Ethan Brown, and Don Hancock.
- C. Approval of agenda – Approved
- D. Approval of minutes of March 7 meeting. Approved with one grammatical correction.
- E. Next meetings – Sunday, May 2 at 5; Tuesday, June 1 at 7.
- F. Financial Report – Received \$50 from The Bookcase for sale of History Handbooks. Balance of \$2,358.91, plus \$1,075 in tree donations from last year's tree plantings.
- G. Open forum – Crime Prevention conference on April 30 – Greg will go and UHA will pay his \$20 registration. April 22 is the citywide cleanup. One of Sherry's dogs may have been poisoned, let her know if anyone else has heard of other similar problems.

II. Action/followup items

- A. Spring cleanup – Saturday, May 22 from 8 to 12. Lanny and Sherry walked the neighborhood yesterday to look for trash problems, and Sherry will call the city weed and litter about a few places that are problems.
- B. Meeting with the mayor – April 22 from 1 to 2 – UHA one-pager was discussed and approved.
- C. Smith's – Sherry talked with Lorraine Martinez, the manager, who said that they had trimmed the bushes. They are willing to make other changes. Sherry will talk with her about moving the boulders on the northeast corner. Fernando, the night manager, picks up grocery carts once a week. The store number is 266-0201; ask for Lorraine or Paul if there's a specific problem. We can put something in the next newsletter about shopping carts, after talking with Lorraine. They'll also donate some pastries for a meeting or block party.
- D. Block Party – Saturday, September 11 is preferred date, do on the 100 block of Stanford, from 3 to 6. Jennifer says that she could have some 3-minute open mike presentations in addition to the band, which Greg will again volunteer. Ethan is involved with CoolBiz, to promote energy conservation, and will see if there are businesses in the area, which could be another group at the block party. We'll ask in the newsletter for arts and crafts people and other performers. Another possibility is face painting or other children's activities.

III. Committee reports

- A. Lead-Coal Task Force – Meeting on March 23; the project still hasn't been out to bid. Construction will likely start in May or June. Lamppoles will be fur green and stop bars will be put in on the north/south streets. Next meeting is on May 11.

- B. Crime and Safe City Project – Last meeting didn't determine what to do with the Target \$100,000 grant. The next three meetings will be at the Frontier on the third Wednesdays of the month – April 21 at 7 is the next meeting. Sherry said that the sergeant at the meeting said that speed bumps don't really slow traffic that much. Also discussion again about Neighborhood Watch; Ethan is willing to be a captain on his block. Boy Scouts will pass out neighborhood watch flyers in the neighborhood. Sgt. Michael Smith from SE Substation is working on neighborhood crime issues, let him know about any problems – michaelsmith@cabq.gov
- C. Gilchrist House – Ethan will get back to Joyce Pullen in the mayor's office, since nothing has happened yet. Greg also recently saw the Breaking Bad show that included the house as a crack house.
- D. Neighborhood traffic/transportation – Joseph facilitated an online discussion about transportation issues and solutions. Three basic problems – North/South streets traffic speed and volume; Silver Bike Boulevard 18 mph speed limit; sidewalks blocked by illegally parked vehicles. Joseph will set up a meeting with Councillor Benton and the committee to bring these issues up and work on solutions.

IV. Discussion items/followup/updates

- A. Website/Facebook – UHA has 12 fans on Facebook. Newsletter items should be brought to the next meeting - Lead/Coal, Block Party, President's report, Facebook/website, Smith's, UNM student housing are some possible articles - Jennifer will do the layout by May 6.
- B. UNM Master Plan/Student housing – weekly meetings have continued.
- C. Bricklight outside patio – Our decision to not have a permanent fence was passed on, and new tenant, Go Pita, is moving forward with the lease and beer and wine license.

V. Officers' reports

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

VI. Adjournment at 6:42 p.m.