

University Heights Association
Minutes
Thursday, April 4, 2024
6:30 p.m. at 113 Vassar, SE and on zoom

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – President Mandy Warr called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. She asked Don Hancock to chair the meeting.
- B. Introductions – Mandy Warr (on zoom), Margie Trosterud (on zoom), Gene Trosterud (on zoom), Sherry Smith, Brian Stinar, Peggy Neff, and Don Hancock. Absent are Marlene Brown, Christine Boerner and Delilah Montoya. Visitors are Augustine Grace, owner of 201 & 203 Harvard SE and Tyler Tiger, one of the participants in that property development; Geoff Beebe and Marty Remaly from the 200 block of Cornell SE.
- C. Approval of agenda – Approved.
- D. Approval of minutes of March 7, 2024 meeting – Approved.
- E. Next meetings – Thursday, May 2 at 6:30 at the Remedy; Thursday, June 6 at 6:30 at the Remedy.
- F. Open Forum – Peggy would like people to look at her comments on the proposal to provide buses to all city buildings, so that people can get to city buildings, including MDC and other areas, which will be introduced at the next Council meeting. Gene mentions that the neighborhood sign has been knocked down, so the City is looking at what to do. He has heard nothing new on the bollards. Marty and Geoff are still concerned about the speed of traffic on Cornell and would like a speed sign between Lead and Central. Sherry thanks Don for each week emptying the neighborhood trash can at Cornell and Silver.

II. Action/followup items

- A. Neighborhood Walk Planning Committee – Office of Neighborhood Coordination has confirmed Saturday, September 21 at 10 am for the walk. They are waiting for feedback on the draft walk plan. Councilor Rogers doesn't attend the Saturday walks. She is continuing to have her monthly Community Forums and UHA folks are urged to attend.
- B. Spring Cleanup – Saturday, June 8 from 8-11 am is confirmed with the City. Compactor truck will be at the usual location (southeast corner of Cornell and Lead). Mandy has the grabbers from last year and Gene will have his truck. Gus mentions that several years ago he paid for food trucks on his parking lot to encourage participation in the cleanup.
- C. Zoning – 201-203 Harvard zone change was approved by the EPC on March 21 by a 4-1 vote. Appeal deadline is April 5. Gus Grace says that he hopes that we will not appeal, as his plan is to make it a neighborhood gathering place. He says that the parking lot has been there, and will leave the houses and he loves the neighborhood. He doesn't want to do residential development at that location, but has done residential development on some of his other properties. He thinks that the flaws are that there has been a parking lot there and that the UMRA doesn't apply to the property. Margie asks about the schedule. Gus says he'd need to do the design, so construction wouldn't be for about a year. He has a group of young people who he's mentoring to run the business, which will be the world's greatest coffee house. He's interested in promoting the area. Voting for the appeal are Margie, Gene, Peggy, and Don. Against the appeal are Mandy, Brian, and Sherry. The appeal is approved by a 4-3 vote. Tyler says that this would bring more students to the area.

D. Lead & Coal – Mayor’s Working Group meeting was again postponed and is now scheduled for April 24.

E. Neighborhood historic designation – Meeting held on March 14 was attended by Margie and Gene Trosterud and Don Hancock and a few people from Nob Hill, plus a city historic preservation staff and some students. Steve Moffson said his next step is to do the windshield survey of the entire area and then have another meeting in mid to late May to discuss the results and how people want to proceed.

F. District 6 Coalition – At the March 19 meeting, the officers were re-elected. Councilor Rogers attended, as did State Rep. Anyanonu, who discussed the legislative session. There was discussion of how much the city spends on homelessness. Brian says that would be very difficult to determine because of various programs, information privacy for health data, etc. Councilor Rogers is trying to get District 6 more involved in the budget process, including how to apply for federal funding. The mayor may visit District 6 sometime in April. Budget balance is a little more than \$1,500. Gene gave the \$30 UHA membership to Peggy Willson.

G. Communications – We’ll do a newsletter about the spring cleanup and Mandy will send out the enewsletter.

III. Officer’s Report.

A. President – Nothing further.

B. Vice-President – Nothing further.

C. Secretary/Treasurer – CD interest of \$9.83 and savings interest of \$0.03. Expense was \$30 for District 6 Coalition dues. Savings balance is \$3,254.31. \$5,000 CD renewed until April 29, 2024.

IV. Adjournment – 7:54 pm.