

University Heights Association
Minutes
Thursday, June 2, 2022
7:00 p.m at 121 Vassar Dr SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – Vice President Margie Trosterud called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.
- B. Introductions – Margie Trosterud, Gene Trosterud, Marlene Brown, Sherry Smith, Brian Stinar, Ronald Czelusniak, and Don Hancock. Absent are Mandy Warr, Julie Kidder and Delilah Montoya, who is one of eight recipients of the City Arts & Culture Creative Bravo Awards at the KiMo Theatre this evening.

II. CNM Development Plans – Marvin Martinez, Exec. Dir. Physical Plant Department, discussed new development plans. He is responsible for all seven campuses grounds, maintenance, development among other responsibilities. In July 2021, CNM purchased the UNM married student housing, which is being demolished for the new \$42 million trades center. The state requires no additional campus space so they will demolish some other old buildings. The second big new project is a Student Services Center at University and Coal and the future hope is to be more pedestrian oriented and reduce the speed on University and Coal. The Marketplace on University south of Coal has a bookstore, will have an Apple Store and also a community meeting room. CNM Master Plan is underway. Ingenuity is a non-profit corporation that offers courses for non-degree students. February 2023 is when demolishing starts and the new Student Services starts and will take two years to build. April 2023 is groundbreaking for the new Trades and take about two years. 2025 is when major demolishing starts. CNM talked to the Mayor about Coal problems – so the pedestrian crossing on Coal has been implemented and there's no right turn on red. CNM is glad to partner with neighborhoods, including on the Buena Vista bike boulevard.

III. Additional Preliminary Items

- A. Approval of agenda – Approved.
- B. Approval of minutes of May 3, 2022 meeting – Approved.
- C. Next meetings – Thursday, July 7 at 7 at 121 Vassar, SE; Thursday, August 4 at 7.
- D. Open Forum – Brian brought champagne to celebrate his daughter's first birthday. Today, Gene sent Aaron Nieto pictures of the broken neighborhood sign and the bollards at Smith's.

IV. Action/followup items

- A. Spring Cleanup – Scheduled for June 4 at 8:30. Brian got a volunteer with a truck and trailer. Gene and Margie will have their truck available. Sherry will walk the neighborhood on Friday night and on Saturday morning to identify large pickup items. Gloves and water will be provided. Brian will solicit other volunteer groups to assist with cleanup. Marlene suggested to advertise the cleanup and request volunteers on the city website.
- B. Lead and Coal and Road Safety Audit – Road Safety Audit being done on June 8-10. Kickoff meeting is on June 8 from 9-11 am at MR COG and online. Final presentation is virtual on June 10 from 10 to noon. UHA representative at the Wednesday in-person meeting will be Don. Ron can also do the online meeting on Wednesday.

C. University Metropolitan Redevelopment Area – Mandy and Margie went to second meeting, and Jay Rembe and Tom Guralnick (from Outpost) were the other people from this area. Pat Davis also was at the most recent small group meeting, along with UNM and CNM representatives, and UNM Police. Pat Davis suggests a Main Street program for this area. The third meeting is in July. The next New Mexico Main Street training program is in September and Mandy, Gene, and Margie are interested.

D. District 6 Coalition – The May 17 meeting was postponed, but will consider the new bylaws.

E. New Neighborhood Recognition Ordinance – passed by City Council, over the Mayor’s veto. Existing neighborhood associations have until November 2023 to be in compliance. If we need to or want to change our bylaws, we should do it at the January 2023 annual meeting. The Office of Neighborhood Coordination will be putting out more information this year about what specifically must be in bylaws.

F. Reimagine Harvard Drive – Erika Robers will be at the Spring Cleanup and will come to the July 7 board meeting.

G. Newsletter – Margie wonders about whether the newsletter is the best use of time or whether there are other ways to communicate. Brian suggests some targeting Facebook. Newsletter seems the best way to make information available to most residents, though it’s hard to know how many people read it.

V. Officer’s Reports

A. President – Not present.

B. Vice-President – Nothing further.

C. Secretary/Treasurer – Memberships of \$10 from the newsletter. Interest of \$0.04 on the CD and \$0.02 on the savings account. Resulting savings account balance is \$2,059.24. \$5,000 CD matures on October 29, 2022.

VI. Adjournment – 8:43pm.