

University Heights Association  
Minutes  
Monday July 1, 2019  
7:00 p.m. at 120 Vassar SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – President Julie Kidder called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- B. Introductions – Julie Kidder, Jennifer Simpson, Sherry Smith, Marlene Brown, Casey Warr, Joseph Aguirre, Richard Hallett, Eugene Trosterud, and Don Hancock. Marie Trigg has resigned from the board because of moving out of the neighborhood. Mandy Warr is a visitor, who would like to be on any non-board member list.

II. Request for variance at 408 Vassar, SE – Christopher Fredericks and Jonathan.

Mr. Fredericks provided written notification and a one-page explanation of his plans to apply for a side yard setback variance of 2 feet 4 inches to construct a garage in front of the house, where a foundation had previously been laid, which is in line with the north wall of the house and previously converted garage. The new garage would have a 14-foot front setback. The application would be filed by August 1 and the Zoning Hearing Examiner Hearing is on September 17. The zoning is R-T and there is currently a single-family house on the property. He hasn't talked with the neighbor at 406 Vassar, SE. Unheated, no electric, and no windows but would only be a garage. We encouraged discussion with the next door neighbor, who will be most affected and don't want the new structure to be used for anything except a garage.

III. Additional Preliminary Items

- A. Approval of agenda – approved
- B. Approval of minutes of June 3 meeting – approved
- C. Next meetings – Monday, August 5 at 7; Wednesday, September 4 at 7.
- D. Open forum – Joseph will provide the email addresses for Solid Waste people in charge of landscaping so people can keep in touch so that the city more regularly takes care of sightline problems at intersections on Lead and Coal. Sherry is concerned about homeless people sleeping on the benches on Lead and Coal. Julie mentions that we will meet on Thursday, July 25 at 3 at 120 Vassar, SE with a consultant with Office of Neighborhood Coordination. Jennifer and Marlene both had the weed clearing done by Coach Lovato's Highland High School team. Sherry saw a report about Albuquerque having a large number of parks, but them not being adequately maintained.

IV. Action/followup items

- A. Fall block party and parking permit distribution – Lois Kennedy has gotten approval for two parking department staff to come to a Saturday block party to distribute parking permits. We would pay overtime of about \$120. September 7 is our preferred date and 100 block of Vassar, SE may be the location, which Mandy will check about.
- B. Neighborhood Mixers and National Night Out (August 6) – We won't do national night out this year because of doing the block party.
- C. Lead-Coal – Joseph sent a letter to Pat Montoya and the Mayor about the task force final report and further implementation, including the need for an interagency working group. The

final task force meeting will be in late August, but otherwise there hasn't been a response on implementation, road safety audit, interagency working group, and the latest rollover. He also sent information about two-way conversion of Lead and Coal. Gene moves that we support the two-way configuration and in the interim support a 25 mph speed limit. Marlene seconds the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. Zoning – 408 Vassar, SE and IDO – The planning staff is supporting voluntary downzoning at 121 Vassar, 221 Cornell, 223 Columbia, 320 Vassar, and 422 Cornell. No recommendation yet on 120 Cornell, 313 Girard, and 419 Vassar. The IDO technical edits, including restoring solar access provisions for UHA, go to the Environmental Planning Commission in September. The UHA proposed change/clarification in the IDO that a zone change be more advantageous be further defined is included in the discussion summaries of the public meetings held in May and June. Julie reports that Sunlight Properties has purchased the lot on the corner of Cornell and Silver.

E. Spring cleanup followup – Good turnout. Joseph is concerned about alley drainage and suggests we have further discussion.

F. Community garden – There were a couple of people interested in community garden, but they haven't gotten in touch. Marlene won't head it up, so we'll discuss it again in the future.

G. Solid Waste Transfer Station – Still no decision from Solid Waste, as they're still talking with FAA about the airport location.

H. 100 block project update – Mandy has decided that she overestimated her ability to work on the project for now, and she's starting an MBA program at the Anderson School.

I. ART Update – The first bus has been seen doing its test runs on Central.

J. Southeast Police Council – Gene went to the last meeting. District Attorney Torres will be at the next meeting. Agreement at the meeting to support the changed prostitution data collection to distinguish between prostitutes and johns. Discussion about voice recognition or google glasses as way for police to do oral reports to save time for the written incident reports. Marlene mentioned that she was at a meeting with District Attorney Torres about clearing out old case files and repurposing the space as victims' advocacy and communications.

## V. Officer's Reports

A. President – Nothing further.

B. Vice-President – Nothing further.

C. Secretary/Treasurer – Membership dues of \$50. Interest was 2 cents from the savings account and \$5.70 from the CD. The savings account now has \$673.27.

## VI. Adjournment – 9:05 pm.