

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

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – President Mandy Warr called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
- B. Introductions – Mandy Warr, Margie Trosterud, Gene Trosterud, Marlene Brown. Absent are Delilah Montoya, Brian Stinar, Ronald Czelusniak, Don Hancock, Julie Kidder and Sherry Smith.

II. Reimagining Harvard Drive – Erika Robers and Shai Haber, from Groundwork Studio, discussed ideas for the 100 block of Harvard, along with the community survey. In addition, Diane Dolan and Tom Menicucci attended the meeting representing the City Council office of Services and contributed comments to the briefing. Pat Davis funded the study, which targets a conceptual design that will need follow-on funding from the State to execute if approved. There is a website allowing folks to follow the progress of the study. Initially invitation and outreach (Apr-Jul), followed by lighting/vegetation ideas (July-Sep), and then a pop-up installation on Harvard in Oct to present the outcomes. Final report is expected in December which UHA will receive. A storyboard was presented with 8 categories soliciting comments. Marlene discussed the potential for solar and offered her expertise. Mandy asked about the “pilot” program expanding to other streets in the neighborhood (Cornell/Vassar). Lastly it was mentioned that the MRA could potentially spill over with funding as well as advertising for the pop-up should be done with signage.

Several inputs were provided to the study through the survey as well as by board members:

- A parking study is being done by BHI
- Public restrooms made available
- Green stormwater landscaping was discussed
- Extending the overhead lighting to the southside of the block
- More community activities...markets, fairs, etc
- ART impacts to the neighborhood

III. Additional Preliminary Items

- A. Approval of agenda – Approved.
- B. Approval of minutes of June 2, 2022 meeting – Approved.
- C. Next meetings – Thursday, August 4 at 7 at 121 Vassar, SE; Thursday, September 1 at 7.
- D. Open Forum – Marlene talked about the National Solar Conference and that she had taught a few classes. Gene said he would coordinate with Vanessa Baca to have the damaged neighborhood sign removed/replaced.

IV. Action/followup items

- A. Lead and Coal and Road Safety Audit – Road Safety Audit preliminary findings included numerous recommendations that we can support. Joseph wonders if the Brigade, UHA, and Nob Hill could have common recommendations to submit in August or September, when the final report is out and before the City responds.

B. University Metropolitan Redevelopment Area – Mandy discussed the stakeholder inputs and Margie talked about the “public” forum. The third stakeholder meeting is in July. The next New Mexico Main Street training program is in September and Mandy, Gene, and Margie are interested. Margie and Don participated in the June 23 meeting on the Draft Implementation Plan. The revised Plan will be heard on July 21 from 2-4 before the Albuquerque Development Commission. The City Council will consider the Area Designation at the August 1 meeting.

C. District 6 Coalition – Mandy attended the rescheduled meeting and reported:

- redistricting was a hot topic, Pete will inquire if they can defer ratification of the bylaws
- SE district commander briefed latest crime stats – burglary/gunfire up, assault/battery down
- homelessness still a major concern for all neighborhoods in the city
- Jose talked about the National Night out – 2 Aug (Tuesday)
- Pete talked about the disparity with APS budget and supervisor salaries
- discussion over the lack of a new fire station which was promised for San Mateo/Kathryn
- Neighborhood dues are still waived/bylaws are still not ratified
- Dist 6 is a recognized organization with the city, needs to be recognized by the new NARO

D. New Neighborhood Recognition Ordinance – Existing neighborhood associations have until November 2023 to be in compliance. Office of Neighborhood Coordination has issued templates for what’s required in bylaws. UHA will need to make some changes, primarily to clarify that members do not have to pay dues, to be approved at the Annual Meeting in January 2023. Agreed to discuss possible changes at the October board meeting so that the amended bylaws can be approved at either the November or December board meeting.

#### V. Officer’s Reports

A. President – Nothing further.

B. Vice-President – Nothing further.

C. Secretary/Treasurer – Memberships of \$50 from the newsletter. Interest of \$0.04 on the CD and \$0.02 on the savings account. Resulting savings account balance is \$2,109.30. \$5,000 CD matures on October 29, 2022.

#### VI. Adjournment – 9:15 pm.