

University Heights Association
Minutes
Thursday, August 3, 2023
6:30 p.m at 113 Vassar, SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – President Mandy Warr called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- B. Introductions – Mandy Warr, Margie Trosterud, Gene Trosterud, Peggy Neff, and Don Hancock. Absent are Christine Boerner, Delilah Montoya, Sherry Smith, Marlene Brown, and Forest Danford. Nia Harris was a visitor.
- C. Approval of agenda – Approved.
- D. Approval of minutes of July 6, 2023 meeting – Approved.
- E. Next meetings – Thursday, September 7 at 6:30 at Remedy Day Spa, Thursday, October 5 at 6:30 at Remedy Day Spa.
- F. Open Forum – Nothing.

II. Action/followup items

- A. Lead and Coal & Mayor’s Working Group – July 26 meeting didn’t happen because city folks were away. Still no quotes from Lee Engineering about the comprehensive study, though Helen Maestas was asked at the Neighborhood Night Out to ask for it to be done. Next Working Group meeting is August 30.
- B. National Night Out followup – Mandy, Margie, Gene, Delilah, Peggy, and Don from the board attended, along with some other neighborhood people. Frontier Restaurant and Insomnia Cookies gave drink and cookie donations and pizza was bought at Saggio’s. Good attendance from APD, the Mayor’s Office and U.S. Attorney Office.
- C. Police Officer Appreciation Day – Saturday, August 19. Mandy will go.
- D. Zoning – UHA provided a support letter for the 2808 Central Application to the Enterprise Opportunity Act Revolving Loan Fund. Mandy will check about the tour of the existing Bioscience Center, perhaps on a Tuesday or Wednesday midday.
The 138 Harvard Conditional Use for cannabis sales hearing was on July 18. The decision came out yesterday and approved the conditional use. Nia Harris, the owner, explained how she expects to improve the neighborhood. She hopes to be able to open in September or October.
The facilitated meeting for the variance requests for the new construction at 2900 Central, SE was on Thursday, July 27; Margie, Gene, and Don attended from UHA, along with people from Nob Hill and District 6. Nob Hill people didn’t support the 6’ solid wall along Central, so after the meeting the owner said that he wasn’t proceeding with that variance request for now. He is submitting a variance request for the less transparency along Girard, which will be on the September 19 ZHE agenda.
- E. Neighborhood Sign – Vanessa Baca has given us two choices: Select from the catalog of an existing sign or just not replace the sign. Agreed that Gene will research the possible signs and bring the options to the next meeting. Gene will check again about the bollards at Coal and Harvard.
- F. District 6 Coalition – Gene attended the July 18 meeting. APD discussed a big bust of fentanyl at Central and San Mateo and Rest in Red. Next meeting is September 19.

G. University Metropolitan Redevelopment Area Plan/Business Improvement District (BID)
– No meetings have been held.

H. Communications – Mandy sent out a newsletter about National Night Out, which resulted in a few people coming.

III. Officer's Report.

A. President – Nothing further.

B. Vice-President – Nothing further.

C. Secretary/Treasurer – CD interest of \$10.16 and savings interest of \$0.34. National Night Out payment to Saggio's of \$35. Savings balance is \$2,637.91. \$5,000 CD renewed until October 29, 2023.

IV. Adjournment – 7:42 pm.