

University Heights Association  
Minutes  
Tuesday, August 4, 2015  
7:00 p.m. at 120 Vassar SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – Vice President Julie Kidder called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
- B. Introductions – Julie Kidder, Marlene Brown, Joseph Aguirre, Gene Trosterud, Brian Stinar, and Don Hancock.
- C. Approval of agenda – approved.
- D. Approval of minutes of July 7 meeting – approved.
- E. Next meetings – Tuesday, September 1 at 7; Tuesday, October 6 at 7.
- F. Open Forum – Nothing.

II. Action/Followup Items

- A. District 6 Candidate Forum – Thursday, September 3 from 6-8. People interested can carpool with Don.
- B. Transportation – BRT and Silver. The funding proposal to the Department of Transportation was scheduled to be submitted on August 3. Mayor Berry has invited various groups to meetings on Wednesday, August 19 in the morning (Don and Joseph can go) and evening (Gene and Joseph can go); Julie would like to go in the morning. The traffic flow model on Central and surrounding arterials (not neighborhood streets like Silver) has not yet been posted. Don has attended meetings with some neighborhood businesspeople who are concerned about impacts and today met with some UNM staff. UNM supports having a stop light and crosswalk at Princeton, whether or not the BRT happens. UHA still doesn't like to the closing of Harvard and the problems of extra vehicles of Silver, Lead, and Coal because of the chokepoints east and west. Regarding Silver, the next task force meeting will be August 18 at 11 am, which should finalize preliminary recommendations to be presented at the public meeting. Most of the UHA recommendations are being included: better alley lighting and stop signs; allowing bikes to go through on Silver, but stops on north-south streets; removing on-street parking on the south side of Silver in the UHA area and better signing/painting to identify the no parking areas; improvements on the Girard/Silver. There's some city traffic concerns about eliminating stop signs on Silver, but we support stop signs on the north-south streets and no stop signs on Silver; though we are concerned about more and faster vehicles on Silver since there are no stop signs between Girard and Yale. Regarding parallel vs. diagonal parking, there are concerns about more parking in our area, so we'd like no more parking and more bulbouts as additional traffic calming and 15 mph speed limit and the electronic speed sign.
- C. Lead and Coal – We'd still like the city to replace the UHA that was knocked down near Smith's. We'll check about whether Joe sent an email to Councilor Garduño to request that our area be included in whatever study is being done in Huning Highland.
- D. Neighborhood weed/graffiti patrol – Gene and Joe did the patrol and reported a lot of weeds, but not so much graffiti, except for 113 Vassar, SE.
- E. Neighborhood engagement grant – nothing further.

- F. UNM Sustainability Meeting – Gene was the only neighborhood person attending the meeting on July 16. The notes of the meeting have been distributed to various neighborhoods.
- G. 200 Cornell – The property owner, construction contractor and consultant will be discussing the plans on Thursday, August 6 at 1:30 at 105 Stanford, SE.
- H. Trees – Joseph received good news today that the city/county funding for the dead tree removal is approved, and they are hoping to have the work done by November.
- I. Noise monitors – On hold.
- J. Trash can at Silver and Cornell – Nothing further.

### III. Officer's Reports

- A. President – Not present.
- B. Vice President – Nothing further.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – Secretary/Treasurer – Interest of 9 cents. Expense of \$25 for District 6 dues. Balance is \$2,660.79, plus \$831.08 for trees. SRIC has a balance of \$516.50 for the neighborhood engagement grant and \$600 from PNM for the Cornell trash can.

### IV. Adjournment – 8:26 pm.