

University Heights Association
Minutes
Tuesday, September 1, 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 7:14 pm.
- B. Introductions – Julie Kidder, Sherry Smith, Marlene Brown, and Don Hancock.
- C. Approval of agenda – approved.
- D. Approval of minutes of August 4 meeting – approved.
- E. Next meetings – Tuesday, October 6 at 7; Tuesday, November 3 at 7
- F. Open Forum – A UNM class is looking at the proposed new development ordinance and are interested in the UHA perspective. They'll be at 105 Stanford, SE at 5:30 on Wednesday, September 2. We'll invite them to a future board meeting to discuss their findings.

II. Action/Followup Items

- A. District 6 Candidate Forum – Thursday, September 3 from 6-8. People possibly going include Don, Joseph, and Julie.
- B. Transportation – BRT and Silver. The funding proposal to the Department of Transportation was submitted on August 3 and is on the BRT website. Gene and Don sent out email summaries of the BRT meetings on August 19. Don and Joseph attended the morning session and Gene went on the evening tour. Do we want to communicate our concerns to the New Mexico congressional delegation and Federal Highway Administration? If so, who else do we enlist? Agree that we need to keep finding improvements to trees and sidewalks, and to engage in more discussions about improvements. Marlene wants to keep pushing the positive elements of the system. Sherry thinks that we should be communicating with the feds. Julie thinks we should also stress the major things that we have been doing to them and get a further response and then communicate with the federal officials.
Regarding Silver, the task force meeting on August 18 generally agreed on a design and options for the public meeting. In the UHA area, the Stanford-Silver intersection is an issue regarding how much we want to limit non-bicycle vehicles – a diverter or some kind of traffic circle? Sherry likes a diverter to stop traffic. Girard and Silver intersection is also an issue. Another issue is parallel parking or diagonal parking on the north side of Silver between Cornell and Yale? We do want to limit vehicle traffic on Silver, so folks are generally interested in things that reduce and slow vehicles.
- C. Lead and Coal – The work that the city is doing is between I-25 and Broadway. Diane Dolan, Councilor Benton's assistant, is checking to see what they might think about changes east of I-25.
- D. Neighborhood weed/graffiti patrol – No report. Sherry is continuing to report violations.
- E. Neighborhood engagement grant – Nothing further.
- F. 200 Cornell – The property owner, construction contractor and consultant met with Julie Kidder, Julie Ahern, and Don Hancock on Thursday, August 6, after the variance requests were submitted. Some questions have been asked and answered. But it appears that they would need more than the 10 variances that they've applied for (after revising

the application). They also haven't provided actual plans for what they would do and how they would deal with parking deficit and lot size variances. Agreed that we cannot support the current application. Don will draft a letter, which Julie will review and we'll send it by the September 9 deadline.

- G. Trees – City Parks and Recreation use a different tree contractor than the County, so they are re-bidding the work and then will let us know about the procedures.
- H. Trash can at Silver and Cornell – Smith's donated some garbage bags.

III. Officer's Reports

- A. President – Not present.
- B. Vice President – Nothing further.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – Secretary/Treasurer – Interest of 8 cents. Balance is \$2,660.87, 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 – 8:03 pm.