

University Heights Association
Minutes
Thursday, September 7, 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 6:40 pm.
- B. Introductions – Mandy Warr, Margie Trosterud, Gene Trosterud, Marlene Brown, and Don Hancock. Absent are Christine Boerner, Delilah Montoya, Sherry Smith, Peggy Neff, and Forest Danford. Rose and Ada Dyer, and Ruth Koury of Spruce Park NA, are visitors.

II. Presentation on noise recorder project – Ada Dyer

Ada showed her Noise Recorder using Pi Zero and how she has trained the program she has written to recognize several sources of sounds, including cars, birds, helicopters, people, and others. Volume levels are measured by RMS, rather than decibels. People can record video clips of the time and source of noise and send them to Ada. One idea for future work is identifying trucks, since overweight trucks are not supposed to use Lead and Coal. Lee Engineering will be doing a noise assessment as part of the Lead-Coal comprehensive study.

Ruth Koury mentions that Spruce Park, Sycamore, and Silver Hill are concerned about the additional noise of a second helipad at UNM Hospital which would put additional helicopters over the neighborhood, in addition to those at Presbyterian and the Heart Hospital. It's unclear why UNMH needs another helipad and what mitigation measures could be taken. The neighborhoods are requesting a meeting with the Hospital and may later want some support from UHA.

III. Additional Preliminary Items

- A. Approval of agenda – Approved.
- B. Approval of minutes of August 3, 2023 meeting – Approved as corrected.
- C. Next meetings – Thursday, October 5 at 6:30 at Remedy Day Spa; Thursday, November 2 at 6:30 at Remedy Day Spa.
- D. Open Forum – Mandy has moved to the South Valley, as the owner of the house next door didn't want to sell it to her.

IV. Action/followup items

- A. Lead and Coal & Mayor's Working Group – Helen Maestas has left the city, so Diane Dolan is the lead person in the Mayor's office. The quotes from Lee Engineering about the comprehensive study were sent out in advance of the August 30 meeting. The quote didn't include the neighborhood task force, which will be added. For all of the options – 1 lane, 2-way, 25 mph, and noise – the total price was under \$210,000, so the general thought was to do all of the options. The Nob Hill board will consider that at this month's meeting and the City is working on the detailed scope of work for the contract and discussing it with the Transportation Department, since the money is from capital outlay funds. The timeframe is estimated at 12-14 months and the geographic scope is Broadway to Washington.
- B. Neighborhood Sign – Gene inquired again about the bollard replacement on Coal and is awaiting the response from the City. Agreed that the Option 10 type sign is our preference.

C. On-street Permit Parking – For many neighborhood residents, September and October is the time to get on-street parking permits. Don sent a number of questions to Maria Griego, the City Parking Manager. The procedures are mostly as they have been in the past for in-person free permits. Applicants can park in the underground parking and have the ticket validated when getting the permit(s), though that information has still not been posted on the city website, and hopefully will be. The City says it doesn't have the personnel to have permit applications in the neighborhoods as was done for many years, but not in the last decade. Ms. Griego is willing to come to a neighborhood meeting to explain the program, if that's wanted.

D. Zoning – Mandy will check about the tour of the existing Bioscience Center, perhaps on a Tuesday midday. The Girard less transparent wall variance request at 2900 Central, SE is on the September 19 Zoning Hearing Examiner agenda. We have not heard any more about the additional wall variance along Central.

E. Communications – Nothing.

V. Officer's Report.

A. President – Nothing further.

B. Vice-President – Nothing further.

C. Secretary/Treasurer – CD interest of \$10.50 and savings interest of \$0.33. APD Appreciation payment was \$100. Savings balance is \$2,548.74. \$5,000 CD renewed until October 29, 2023.

VI. Adjournment – 8:01 pm.