

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes

Tuesday, October 5, 2010

7:00 p.m. at 105 Stanford, SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – Sherry Smith called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- B. Introductions – Sherry Smith, Lanny Heinlen, Greg Gould, Jennifer Simpson, Brian Stinar, Joseph Aguirre, and Don Hancock.

II. UNM New Student Housing – Kim Murphy of Director of UNM Real Estate, Amy Coburn (Lobo Development Consultant), and Julian Coburn (Amy's son) presented the new Student Housing Project. The UNM housing goal is to add 2,000 beds, to get up to 4,500 beds, because students that live on campus have better academic performance and higher graduation rate. About 8% of students live in UNM housing, over time they want to go to 15%, which is more similar to other universities. Lobo Development Corporation is partnering with American Campus Communities to do the new housing development over a period of years, starting with the new facility near the Pit. Lobodevelopment.com is the website for more information about the planning process that has been ongoing since last spring. Three current options for the first phase new housing (about 800 beds) would be around Campus and the parking near La Posada to try to minimize impacts on existing campus activities. They hope to start construction next summer for occupancy in the fall of 2012. Girard entrances and traffic also are under discussion with the possibility of making it two lanes and more bicycle and pedestrian access. None of the new central campus housing will have kitchens, so they will also be putting in new food service near the new housing. Concerns about traffic entrances off Central were expressed. The idea of working with off-campus restaurants for food was suggested.

III. Additional preliminary items

- A. Approval of agenda – Approved.
- B. Approval of minutes of September 7 meeting – Approved
- C. Next meeting – Tuesday, November 2 at 7 pm.
- D. Financial Report – The only change from last month is \$20 from Sherry's neighbors. The balance of \$2,400.60, plus \$1,075 in tree donations.
- E. Open forum – Albuquerque Produce Exchange is not policing their parking, so students are parking there.

IV. Action/followup items

- A. Alternative event to the Block Party – Augustine and Brian are planning to talk with merchants on the 100 block of Harvard about an event, perhaps on April 16.
- B. Neighborhood cleanup – Sherry will talk with solid waste about December 11 or 18.
- C. Gilchrist House – The request to demolish the house will go to the Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission hearing on November 10. The zone change request for the child care center is mostly likely to be heard in January. Suggestion to have a neighborhood meeting on both issues, on Monday, October 18 at 7 at Peace Center. We'll do flyers on the blocks that we can on Stanford, Cornell, and Harvard.

- D. Other zoning issues – Zoning Enforcement still hasn't address the Saffron sign or Bricklight fences. Ben McIntosh is the new inspector who now has the cases, since Kim Wolf is on maternity leave. The zone change request at 201-203 Harvard was approved. Allen Lewis, one of the Bricklight partners, who owns parking lots on Yale, is considering developing a housing plan to do infill on some of his lots. Don suggested that he needs to adhere to the Sector Plan requirements, rather than requesting zone changes for higher density or reduced parking requirements. Blood Plasma Center – The new lease is being negotiated as the Bricklight Partners want to keep the high rent tenant. They will consider some limits in the lease to limiting business to Monday-Friday. They'll also try to get their security to not allow loitering and littering at the property.

V. Committee reports

- A. Lead-Coal Task Force – Albuquerque Underground was the low qualified bidder. Public information meeting is Wednesday, October 13 from 11 to 1 and 3 to 6 at Immanuel Presbyterian Church at Carlisle and Silver. Construction is to start on October 25, major road work will start around mid-November. First locations will be starting at Coal and Oak and Coal and University; and Lead will be turned into two-way street during the Coal construction, and then two-way Coal while Lead construction is done. Cooney, Watson and Associates is the PR firm, will have the website – leadandcoal.com and an email list.
- B. Crime and Safe City Project – Next Safe City meeting is next week. Sherry's neighbor has video of people taking newspapers. There was an attempted burglary at Joseph's house last Saturday.
- C. Neighborhood traffic/transportation – There was a Silver Bike Boulevard meeting on September 29 at Heights Community Center, but no one from UHA attended.

VI. Discussion items/followup/updates

- A. Website/Facebook – Website is up and the problem seems to be solved.

VIII. Officers' reports

- A. President – Sherry would like someone else to be president next year.
- B. Vice President – Transportation across the river meeting is on October 7.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – KUNM Radio board elections will be happening early next year. A neighborhood person would be welcome.

VIII. Adjournment at 8:40 p.m.