

University Heights Association
Minutes
Tuesday, October 6, 2015
7:00 p.m. at 120 Vassar SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – President Joe Gallegos called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- B. Introductions – Julie Kidder, Sherry Smith, Joe Gallegos, Joseph Aguirre, Marlene Brown, Eugene Trosterud, Brian Stinar, and Don Hancock.

II. Conditional use for garage conversation at 412 Vassar, SE

Holly Arroyo is the agent and contractor for 412 Vassar, SE. Property owners are Patricia and Randall Smith, who purchased the property in May 2015. Their sons live in the property, and they live in Four Hills. The main house is 721 square feet. The property owners at 410 Vassar (Lisa Kalberg) and 414 Vassar (Alex Willis) have signed that they have no objections. Brian moves approval of the conditional use, seconded by Gene, and passed unanimously. They may in the future renovate the house and know that they would need a variance and building permit because the house doesn't meet the side setback requirements. Vince in City Planning told them that they could do two more units; so we'll followup with him on that incorrect information.

III. Additional Preliminary Items

- A. Approval of agenda – approved.
- B. Approval of minutes of September 1 meeting – approved.
- C. Next meetings – Tuesday, November 3 at 7, December meeting only if needed.
- D. Open Forum – Julie has an accepted offer on 405 Vassar, SE; there has to be some electrical and plumbing upgrades, but she may move in by late November. Agreed to do the holiday party on Saturday, December 5 at 6 at Sherry's house.

IV. Action/Followup Items

- A. Transportation. Regarding Silver, Julie, Joe, and Marlene attended the Silver public meeting on September 28. There was a lot of concern about eliminating all of stop signs on Silver. Gene suggests that we continue to support the bike boulevard, but to insist on roundabout(s) that slow traffic. Marlene moves that we send an email by October 9; Gene will start the draft and all board members can add comments.
Regarding BRT, there are increased concerns, expressed through a petition on www.savert66.org, regarding BRT, including from many businesses. Sherry moves, seconded by Gene, to send a letter supporting mass transit and raising the concerns that we have had over the past months to the feds; Joseph will do a draft and send it around to the board.
- B. 202 Cornell – James de Champlon (203 Cornell) and Don Hancock presented the UHA letter and discussed the project at the hearing. The Zoning Hearing Examiner approved the front and rear setbacks and denied the floor area ratio requests on each of the four lots. Appeals have to be filed by the end of the week.
- C. Neighborhood weed/graffiti patrol – Joe and Gene will do another survey on October 15. The city has sent some weed violation letters.
- D. Neighborhood engagement grant – Nothing further.

- E. Lead and Coal – Streetlights are off on Lead in the UHA area and in Nob Hill and Silver Hill. People should continue to call 311 and complain to the mayor’s office.
- F. 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.

V. Officer’s Reports

- A. President – Today was Election Day. Police Appreciation Day is scheduled for October 29, Joe will work. The SE Substation is getting the funding to expand the building.
- B. Vice President – Nothing further.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – Secretary/Treasurer – Interest of 9 cents. Balance is \$2,660.96, 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.

VI. Adjournment – 8:36 pm.