

University Heights Association
Minutes
Thursday, November 3, 2022
7:00 p.m at 121 Vassar Dr SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – President Mandy Warr called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.
- B. Introductions – Mandy Warr, Marlene Brown, Delilah Montoya, Gene Trosterud, and Don Hancock. Paul is a visitor. Absent are Julie Kidder, Margie Trosterud, Sherry Smith, and Brian Stinar.
- C. Approval of agenda – Approved.
- D. Approval of minutes of October 13, 2022 meeting – Approved, as amended by Gene.
- E. Next meetings – Thursday, December 15 at Margie and Gene’s at 7 with a potluck, Thursday, January 5, 2023 at Remedy Day Spa. Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 15 at 2 at either Outpost Performance or Remedy Day Spa. We’ll invite Pat Davis, APD, Gail Chasey, Antoinette Sedillo Lopez, and Jay Rembe. The newsletter articles will be on Lead-Coal (Delilah), CUBED (Mandy), Annual Meeting (Marlene), and others. Mandy will send out a notice by mailchimp.
- F. Open Forum – Gene and Margie will be away in January and much of February. Sherry has been away this summer because of illness in her family. Mandy attended the city Planning workshop on October 22, which had a lot of information about the planning department website, but the speaker wasn’t well informed about the history of planning here.

II. Action/followup items

- A. Lead and Coal & Mayor’s Working Group – The first Working Group meeting was on Friday, October 28. Delilah and Don attended from UHA, Joseph Aguirre and Eli Sanchez from the Lead-Coal Safety Brigade, and Bill Ashford and Drew Lynde from Nob Hill. Helen Maestas chaired the meeting and others from the Mayor’s Office were Eric Griego, Diane Dolan, Aaron Nieto, and Erin Engelbrecht. Municipal Development was represented by Jennifer Morrow, the new Deputy Director, and Valerie Hermanson. Senator Antoinette Sedillo Lopez and Rep. Gail Chasey also attended. Municipal Development is still working on their responses to the Road Safety Audit and will also get input from Solid Waste and APD. Hopefully, the response will be ready by the next meeting in about a month. APD will also be invited to that meeting. Rest-in-Red is costing \$300,000 and proceeding with the six intersections identified in the Feasibility Report, which presumably means Lead & Coal at Carlisle, Lead & Coal at Girard, Lead at Cedar and Coal at Montclair. There is \$300,000 of state funding available for RSA implementation, and the City will develop costs for other RSA items so that they can be funded in the 2023 Legislature.
- B. University Metropolitan Redevelopment Area Plan – Scheduled for Land Use Committee of the Council on November 16 at 5 pm on zoom. Mandy is planning to attend. Councilor Davis is proposing an amendment to emphasize the need for the MX-M zoning to allow higher buildings through the entire Central-Silver, Yale-Girard area. We agreed to ask for slight language changes to emphasize that some lots, not everything between Central and Silver could be considered for zoning to MX-M to limit the likelihood of 6-story buildings away from Central, particularly on the mostly residential streets of Stanford, Columbia, and Princeton.

C. UHA Bylaws and NARO – Don and Sherry drafted revised minutes, using the City template. The changes from the existing bylaws include that dues are voluntary, the Secretary-Treasurer positions are not necessarily combined, and we'd have multiple signers on the bank savings account. The City Office of Neighborhood Coordination is reviewing the draft. The draft is approved for a vote at the Annual Meeting on January 15.

D. Zoning – 305 Girard SE facilitated meeting was on Thursday, October 27 with Dawson Jariwala, the developer, Patty Willson from Victory Hills and Don attending and Marlene present for the last few minutes. The plan is for a zone change from townhouse to R-ML in order to be able to do four two-story apartments in the rear. If the zone change isn't approved, he would do a couple of townhouses. Agreed to let the property owner know that there are people on the board that oppose and one that supports the zone change. We won't meet with the developer until after he applies for the zone change, if he does so.

Bricklight fencing variances were not seen as a problem.

IDO Update. We submitted our objection to the IDO proposed change to allow 5' high fence in front without a variance, as did others, but the proposed change was still in the draft to the EPC. The public review of the draft is on zoom on November 18 at noon. Comments for the EPC are due by November 28 at 9 am. Delilah supports the change and thinks that it works well in the North Valley and South Valley, and she will send in a comment.

Near Heights Planning Assessment is before the EPC on November 10 on zoom. The meeting agenda will be posted on November 4. There is a page on neighborhood concerns about Lead and Coal, and the related Policy Recommendation is 3. F. Support projects to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, especially at intersections with Commuter Corridors. See Lead Ave & Coal Ave 4.6.2. Policy Recommendation 3.G. Support projects that improve the design and operation of streets to slow traffic and increase safety, particularly on corridors with high crash rates or high numbers of conflicts with pedestrians and cyclists.

E. District 6 Coalition – Gene shared some additional matters from the September 20 meeting, including discussion that City code enforcement doesn't apply to Section 8 housing since it's under HUD and the locations that APD can't enforce when it's state or federal land. The owner of Bird Paradise asked for help with people in front of his store; Jose Briones agreed to meet there on the next morning to take care of the problem. No one from UHA attended the October meeting. The next meeting is November 15.

F. Neighborhood Sign – Gene has continued to look at possible signs and that the “new” signs are horizontal and don't fit with our space or look like the other 30-inch wide signs that are along the Lead-Coal corridor. Gene will discuss with Pat Davis (or Sean Foran) that we'd like to replace the existing sign.

G. Communications – Mandy has a mailchimp template and will send it out for people to see.

H. Reimagining Harvard – The event happened on October 21 and 22nd. Mandy's people were there with the chair message on Saturday and Don attended some of Friday.

III. Officer's Reports

A. President – Nothing further.

B. Vice-President – Not present.

C. Secretary/Treasurer – Membership of \$10. CD interest of \$0.04 and savings interest of \$0.02. Savings balance is \$2,199.54. \$5,000 CD renewed for six months on October 29.

IV. Adjournment – 8:48 pm.