

University Heights Association
Minutes
Thursday, November 6, 2025
6:30 p.m. at 120 Vassar, SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – President Sam Kerwin called the meeting to order at 6:57 pm.
- B. Introductions – Brian Stinar, Delilah Montoya, Sam Kerwin, and Don Hancock. Absent are Marlene Brown, Gene Trosterud, Margie Trosterud, Sherry Smith, and Peggy Neff.
- C. Approval of agenda – approved.
- D. Approval of minutes of October 2, 2025 meeting – approved.
- E. Next meetings – Thursday, December 4 at 6:30 at 120 Vassar SE; January 8, 2026 at 120 Vassar SE.
- F. Open Forum – Delilah reported on her adventure of getting her sidewalk permit based on the city survey of sidewalks needing repair and thinks the city needs to be clearer with how the permitting and sidewalk repair works. She will write up the procedures so that others will have an easier time. She also reported last night on a lot of police and ambulances at Lead at Cornell, as if it was a pedestrian being killed. Danny Korman asked whether UHA was interested in a Jane's Walk during the first weekend of May (2-3), 2026; Sam will respond. Marlene sent an email about a meeting with broadband people about providing it in the neighborhood, which may be limited to one company and unaffordable for some people.

II. Action/Followup items

- A. Mural at PNM Substation – UHA and Erin De Rosa, the muralist who has previously restored the mural, have signed the contract that Erin prepared that includes PNM. PNM legal hasn't yet approved it, but their stated concern is liability and the company's ability to modify the substation being restricted. Neither of those things are in the contract. Tomorrow morning Erin is meeting with PNM for their safety briefing at the wall, and she intends to start the restoration work on Saturday morning. The contract includes a 50% payment when the work is half done. UHA's \$500 and \$1,500 from the Frontier can pay that. The City Arts Board will consider funding at the November 15 meeting, which Sam and Delilah will attend. If they don't provide the last half of the funding, Don is confident that neighborhood businesses and people will cover that final payment. PNM has approved the mural work and fixed the streetlight by the mural, but they won't provide any further funding.
- B. 2026 Annual Meeting Date – January 18 or 25 are available at the Outpost Space. Tom Guralnick may be away on January 18, so he'd prefer January 25. Delilah has a busy January with shows in Albuquerque, Los Angeles, and Houston. Brian, Sam, and Don are available on either day. We'll go with January 25 and invite Councilor Rogers, APD, and the state legislators.
- C. Lead and Coal – There has still been no communication with the Lead-Coal Working Group, but Sherry Smith did receive a Lead-Coal Survey on October 18. The city subsequently said that the survey will be available for a couple of months.
- D. Communications – Sam can do an email blast about the twinklelight parade.
- E. Silver Avenue lighting – Gene again emailed the city, but has received no response. Sam asked Councilor Rogers to contact DMD, and he hasn't heard any response.
- F. District 6 Coalition – The next meeting is November 18; Sam can attend.

G. Trees – Tree New Mexico is having an event this weekend and Sam will again ask about planting in the spring. Sam also noted that there appears to be someone trying to cut down the tree on the empty lot on the southwest corner of Cornell and Lead.

III. Officer's Report.

- A. President – Nothing further.
- B. Vice-President – Not present.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – CD interest of \$21.22 and savings interest of \$0.02. The \$100 payment was made to Celebrate Albuquerque. Savings balance is \$1,645.25. The \$7,000 CD matures on January 18, 2026.

IV. Adjournment – 7:42 pm.