

University Neighbors Neighborhood Association (UNNA)
Minutes: May 14, 2020 Meeting
Online meeting using Zoom

In attendance: Margy Kennedy, Katie Fisher, Steve Fisher, Sean Uyeda, Paul Bloede

Prior Meeting's Minutes: February minutes were approved. Concerns were raised regarding length. Paul said he would continue to work on better concision.

Treasurer's Report: bank balance is \$839.90. To avoid the \$10 nonactivity fee, we must do one deposit each six months, so again no later than by this August. The group voted unanimously, for Margy to issue Paul a UNNA check for \$10 before August, so he can do the deposit again by August.

Item One: Yale Avenue Corridor 1st Public Meeting, via Zoom, Held by City and County of Denver

This meeting was conducted by City and County of Denver recently. Paul, Katie, Steve, and City Councilman Paul Kashmann participated. Although considerable research on the corridor was revealed, this first of several planned meetings was quite preliminary, in terms of what improvements will eventually be decided upon.

Over $\frac{3}{4}$ of the current usage is auto despite the City's push to increase bicycle, pedestrian, ride sharing, and public transportation transport modalities. The City expressed a desire for the end plan to be well-balanced among the different modalities.

Likely areas for improvement include additional stoplights and crosswalks, including especially a good analysis, along those lines, regarding the Yale Avenue light rail station. Speed limits could change. Additional sidewalks could be added. Parking along McWilliams park could be eliminated. UNNA will wait until at least one more meeting is held, before posing questions and concerns to the City, officially, as an RNO.

Item Two: Zoning

Due to less activity during the coronavirus pandemic, Sean said there is nothing to report. Margy is concerned about her close neighbor wanting to add a garage. It was noted that this is a permitting rather than a zoning issue.

Item Three: Police Report

Katie and Steve reported that lootings of stores is up, since so many stores/businesses are closed for the pandemic, but no similar upsurge in private break-ins, with so many people at home. There have been reports of nuisance activities such as individuals running through yards and unlocked homes. Most crimes are the usual thefts from inside cars, or of cars. Neighborhood Watch identified some higher level of crime in UNNA's territory towards the west: near Marion and Downing streets.

Item Four: University of Denver

DU is closed due to the coronavirus. No decision has been made about full in-person re-opening in the fall. Increased distance learning is being considered as well. The absence of students and business traffic has allowed campus construction work to proceed rapidly. The new dorm should be ready by August, the new Career/Alumni Center by October, and the new Crosswalk/Commons by December. DU has been negatively affected financially by the pandemic, but has cash reserves/endowment funds, for the short term. There won't be any DU, Iliff, or DU-hosted high school graduation ceremonies this spring, so that annual increase in traffic and congestion won't occur this year.

Item Five: Interneighborhood Cooperation (INC)

INC has sufficient financial reserves. It is allocating money to local food banks and other organizations more than normal, because of hardships people in Denver, including in UNNA's territory, are experiencing, due to the stay at home and safer at home orders.

INC ZAP subcommittee has sent a letter to the City and County of Denver, citing concerns about the City's proposed changes to the group living arrangement rules. The changes would allow up to 8 unrelated adults, plus children, in reasonably-sized dwellings and does not consider the impacts of the denser living arrangements on parking among other concerns. Other arguments presented to the City include the public health impact of high density living and possible impact to privacy.

Item Six: UNNA Website proposed to be created and hosted by Steve Greenlee

Mr. Greenlee responded favorably to UNNA's initial analysis of his proposed website, including agreeing to change the colors, from DU's colors. Margy will contact him again regarding how much it may cost to continue the website beyond the sponsorship period. The UNNA steering committee will determine how to proceed when all the information is presented.

Item Seven: 5G

Paul has joined Coloradans for Safe Technology. It is a highly-structured, highly-professional, large organization devoted to halting the implementation of 5G in Colorado, nationally, and world-wide. He is on the legislative committee. Paul will continue to remind Paul Kashmann about his question on whether the tower at Harvard Gulch Trail just west of Lafayette St, and the tower on Harvard Ave between York and Gaylord are really 5G towers, and if so, is there a parks rule they violate.