

**University Neighbors Neighborhood Association (UNNA)  
Minutes of Regular Meeting: January 14, 2021  
Minutes prepared by Paul Bloede**

Attendance:

Margy Kennedy, Katie Fisher, Steve Fisher, Sean Uyeda, Paul Bloede, Melanie Cashen, Matt Cirulli

Times and Dates: This meeting began at 6:33pm and was adjourned at 8:02pm. The next monthly UNNA meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2021 from 6:30pm to 8pm, via Zoom.

December Minutes Approval: Paul's earlier-submitted 2<sup>nd</sup> version of the December minutes, reflecting edits by Paul Kashmann, was approved. Paul will submit them to Steve Greenlee, after inputting them into the minutes template with UNNA logo and header, for Steve to upload to the UNNA website.

Treasurer's Report: UNNA bank balance has increased to \$864.90, due to Margy's donation of \$15 to UNNA, in order to avoid the inactivity bank fee of \$10/month, starting the sixth consecutive month without a deposit. It was approved to pay, soon, the annual fee to renew UNNA's membership in INC, an amount typically under \$50.

I. Analysis of Sean's Proposed Revised Bylaws, First Draft, in Order to Assist Him in Providing UNNA with a Second Draft for UNNA to Analyze

- (1) Article One: UNNA's location being Denver will be added to the article, which currently only states UNNA's name.
- (2) Article Two: To UNNA's purposes will be added its role in providing feedback, concerns, and information back to the City and County of Denver, that has been obtained from UNNA steering committee and constituents, who are territorial residents & property owners.
- (3) Article Three: To UNNA's constituency and allocated voting rights will be added the emphasis that a single business can only have one vote, despite however many employees/related parties it might send to a UNNA meeting, or have send comments to UNNA on an issue, on its behalf.
- (4) Article Four: the wording of UNNA's geographic boundaries will be changed to avoid the misleading phrases "to the north, to the east" etc.
- (5) Articles 5 and 6 will be studied further by Sean to determine the extent to which significant recurring subjects discussed by UNNA need be still indicated as separate capitalized subcommittees or areas of purview of UNNA, even if they do indeed remain helpful as recurring agenda items. The overall presentation of the UNNA structure and areas of typical concern will be re-evaluated by Sean.

(6) Article 9. The need for someone to take minutes of UNNA meetings will be added. Some compromise to the idea of two actual signatures needed on every issued check will be formulated by Sean in his 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of proposed new bylaws.

## II. Items Meant to Have Also Been Discussed with Councilman Paul Kashmann, Had He Been in Attendance, that Were Deemed Able to be Reasonably Discussed, as Well, in His Absence

(1) Paul K had been asked for the results of the Denver Police Department investigation into gunshots several weeks ago now, heard around 2 in the morning, by a UNNA steering committee member and reported to 911, probable location having been suggested to DPD as DeBoer Park.

Police found no shell casings and only one person outside to interview, and concluded the noises were backfires from I-25. The possibility was later brought up by DPD, as well, that the sounds could have been firecrackers.

The UNNA member reported another person in his building had told him they heard the same sounds and also were confident they were gunshots, likely from DeBoer Park area, rather than backfire sounds from the highway.

Another UNNA member brought this issue up at the monthly DPD meeting for the local neighborhood, saying on NextDoor there had been multiple people indicating hearing gunshots, but the UNNA member's opinion was the response by the DPD at this meeting was excessively dismissive.

(2) Paul B, a substitute teacher at a DPS high school not in UNNA's territory, will attempt to find out, by next meeting, if the details of the return to in-person teaching of the majority of the school's students, inside the school building, are the same from high school to high school, within DPS, and where people can go, online, to find out public school return to in-person instruction information, in general, and for all grade levels.

Another UNNA member stated the Ricks Center has its older and younger students attending in-person 2 days a week, a different set of days of the week for each of those two sets of grade levels.

(3) The Yale Corridor Project is near completion of a final draft to offer for public comment. This final draft will be presented during a February 8<sup>th</sup> Zoom meeting, from 1pm to 3pm, open to the public. There will be several weeks of public comment being solicited, and then a final plan will be presented, perhaps by the end of March.

The website for updated information on the project is [bit.ly/eastyalecorridor](https://bit.ly/eastyalecorridor)

## III. DU Update

(1) DU athletics are fully underway, but fans are not allowed to attend any of the games.

(2) UNNA hereby asks Councilman Paul Kashmann to contact Stephanie O'Malley, rather than someone named Paul, above Allan Wilson, in the DU hierarchy, she who leads the quarterly DU Good Neighbors meetings. Paul K is asked to request that Stephanie approach UNNA, both in

the quarterly meetings, and, in general, with respect to DU's own decision-making, all in a manner that is both more solicitous of UNNA's opinion, and more collaborative with UNNA's opinions, all even before making final decisions, in many cases, on specific issues the DU administration faces and , about which, ultimately makes decisions.

#### IV. INC Update

(1) INC elections are in March. Anyone is welcome to join a INC subcommittee. We are allowed two official representatives to INC from UNNA, as are most or all other RNOs that belong to INC. Katie encourages other people from UNNA, to consider joining her as the 2<sup>nd</sup> representative, but, in the absence of such interest, by default Margy will continue to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> UNNA representative to INC.

(2) The City is creating a short-term committee to study street parking regulation. Appropriate general citizens are encouraged to contact their Councilman to apply. Paul B has applied to Paul K to be on the committee, but encourages others who are interested to possibly take his place, including the other residents/owners in the building in which he lives, with whom he shared Paul K's invitation.

#### V. Zoning Update

1645 S Lafayette St, unlike most nearby homes, has no separate garage structure/any garage structure. The owner of this property is requesting a zoning variance to C1 from C, in order to build a combined garage/Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU), that is two stories. Although one UNNA member present at this meeting who lives near the address said they had no objection, and also predicted another UNNA member he stays in touch with but who was not present at this meeting, but who also lives near the address, would also have no objection to the zoning change request, another UNNA member present had strong objections to the zoning change request.

Ultimately, UNNA agreed to oppose this zoning change request to accommodate an ADU, just like it has objected to the city in the case of other such zoning change requests for other addresses in UNNA's territory, in recent months. Noise, parking, general disruptive concerns, were cited, plus the fact that a whole city-wide process, that needs to go full city processing and exposure to citizen comments, is underway, that involves ADUs. It's better to let that process take its course, first, before already approving specific ADU zoning exceptions. The name of the said city project is Denver Infill.