

2020 UHA Annual Meeting  
January 19, 2020  
Outpost Performance Space  
2:00 to 4:05 p.m.

Attendees: 24 neighborhood and area residents and business people, four Albuquerque Police Department officials (including Commander Yara, Jose Brionez (Crime Prevention Specialist) and two Officers), City Councilor Pat Davis, State Representative Gail Chasey, and four people from Tree New Mexico.

1. President Julie Kidder called the meeting to order welcomed everyone.
2. Jose Brionez discussed 2019 crime statistics for the neighborhood, including decreases in residential and commercial burglaries, auto thefts and larceny, and an increase in DWIs. Commander Yara stated that there were now two bike patrol officers on each of three shifts; that the number of officers is still below what he wants in the Southeast Command Area, as it's a maximum of 16 at any time; that the Triangle Substation is not always staffed, though the goal is someone there on Monday-Friday from 8 to 5. He is aware of the neighborhood concerns about Lead and Coal, and he responded to questions regarding how APD deals with homeless people, lack of response to calls, what are priority calls, whether Friday-Saturday are priority times (Yes). Mr. Brionez also discussed the ongoing homicide investigation of Ray Caton. Regarding any homeless "camps," Mr. Brionez and officers use Friday as a day to address those places.
3. Councilor Pat Davis mentioned that Council will be developing a revised Neighborhood Recognition Ordinance that will also address District coalitions, and he distributed a flyer about getting Help from City Hall, including encouraging people to use the new 768-HELP on 8 to 8 daily regarding homeless assistance. He also distributed another flyer regarding this year's City Budget. .
4. Betta Eisenberg, Tree New Mexico Program Manager for the ABQ NeighborWoods program, discussed the 100 tree planting program for UHA and Victory Hills on Saturday, April 18. Tree New Mexico will train neighborhood volunteers, canvas property owners, dig holes, and have an arborist inspect the newly planted trees for three years. The 100 street trees must be planted within 20 feet of the street and they will be 5 or 15-gallon trees. The 100 small trees can be planted anywhere that the property owner puts them. Some property owners signed up their properties. Most of the work will start after January 29, when the neighborhood coordinators are trained.
5. Rep. Gail Chasey stated that she is aware of the neighborhood concerns about Lead and Coal and will follow up with City officials regarding the status of the Road Safety Audit. She answered questions about some of the issues in this year's Legislative Session.
6. Joseph Aguirre discussed the on-going work of UHA and Nob Hill regarding Lead and Coal, including the lack of response about the status of the Road Safety Audit.

7. After everyone introduced themselves, Marlene Brown led a discussion about what activities people want to see and will help with. Social gatherings will continue, with Jennifer Simpson and Mandy Warr being coordinators. Sherry Smith and Jasper Rey will work on trash problems. There were questions about problems with left turns being blocked by ART buses on Central – followup was suggested with ABQ Ride and Pat Davis. Joseph will continue to coordinate Lead and Coal activities.
  
8. Election of board members: Twelve members were elected, with the officers to be selected by the board. The board is:  
Joseph Aguirre, Marlene Brown, Richard Hallett, Don Hancock, Julie Kidder, Jasper Rey, Jennifer Simpson, Sherry Smith, Brian Stinar, Gene Trosterud, Casey Warr, and Mandy Warr.