University Heights Association Minutes Monday, November 4, 2019 7:00 p.m. at 120 Vassar SE

## I. Preliminary Items

A. Call to order – President Julie Kidder called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.
B. Introductions – Julie Kidder, Marlene Brown, Jennifer Simpson, Casey Warr, Joseph Aguirre, Richard Hallett, and Don Hancock.

C. Approval of agenda – approved with the addition of the 100 blocks.

D. Approval of minutes of October 9 – approved.

E. Next meetings - Monday, December 2 at 7; Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7

F. Open forum – Richard is concerned about the abandoned Family Dollar which has broken windows, and he'll follow up.

## II. Action/followup items

A. 2020 Annual Meeting – Sunday, January 19 at the Outpost is the preferred date. We'll invite the City Councilor, APD, Antoinette Sedillo Lopez and Gail Chasey, President Stokes, and the mayor. Jennifer will do the newsletter and have the articles by December 20. Marlene would like to do brainstorming of what people would like to do, using a flip chart and post-in notes (perhaps). People will bring food for the beginning social time. Jennifer will be timekeeper to keep speakers on time.

B. Holiday board gathering – December 7 is the preferred date. Joseph will ask Sherry; Jennifer's house also is available. Jennifer will make vegan posole.

C. Lead-Coal – There has been nothing from the Mayor, and no on-going communication with DMD. Senator Sedillo Lopez has mentioned the issue to the mayor. Rep. Gail Chasey wrote the mayor about her concerns. People can continue to contact the mayor's office. Rep. Deb Haaland's office will have a meeting with the brigade. Michael Sandoval, NM DOT Secetary, has been contacted twice, but he hasn't responded directly; Senator Sedillo Lopez will reach out to him as well. Joseph wrote to Luis Melgoza at Federal Highway Administration, as we want community participation in the Road Safety Audit. Journal article was headlined that city asks feds for help. Joseph re-contacted Liz Hamm in the governor's office today. The Attorney General has also been contacted.

D. 311 and parking enforcement – Joseph requested representatives to attend tonight's meeting, but the head of 311 (Carrie Prothero) won't come. Lt. Sena from parking enforcement will meet at his office.

E. UNM President's gathering – October 16 gathering was attended by Casey, Mandy, Gene and Joseph. Some discussion about the campus and nearby businesses and residents, and the President sees the neighborhood as being an asset. Joseph wants to followup with the President on various matters, including the 100 blocks. Jennifer has been inviting her to the neighborhood mixers.

F. Zoning – IDO batch 2 properties probably go to the City Council on November 18. Amendments hearing at Environmental Planning Commission is December 12.

G. District 6 Coalition – The October educational meeting didn't happen. The November meeting will be another business meeting.

H. Crime – Bike patrol was in the neighborhood on Thursday and Friday. Marlene is gets the crime statistics and is concerned about continuing high crime rates.

I. Solid Waste – Joseph has gotten no updates from Matt Whelan. Sherry has noticed improvements at 402 Cornell and 302 Stanford, so there may have been further city contacts with the landlords. Marlene visited the city composting site on the west side, where people can pick up compost at very reduced prices; but it isn't advertised because they have limited supply. Marlene wrote an article for the *Sierran*, which she'll send on.

J. ART Update – ART whistleblower's attorney is Vince Ward from the Friedman, Boyd law firm that did the ART litigation. Still no formal start date.

K. 100 blocks – Discussed with UNM President's gathering.

## III. Officer's Reports

- A. President Nothing further.
- B. Vice-President Nothing further.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer –Interest was 2 cents from the savings account and \$5.51 from the CD. The savings account now has \$785.74. The 9-month CD has matured, so is being renewed for 6 months.

IV. Adjournment – 8:30 pm.