

University Heights Association
Minutes
Monday, December 2, 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 7:06 pm.
- B. Introductions – Julie Kidder, Jennifer Simpson, Sherry Smith, Casey Warr, Joseph Aguirre, Brian Stinar, Richard Hallett, and Don Hancock. Mandy Warr was a visitor.
- C. Approval of agenda – approved.
- D. Approval of minutes of November 4 – approved.
- E. Next meeting – Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7.
- F. Open forum – Erin De Rosa is continuing to restore the Mural on the PNM substation, which was slowed by last week’s weather, but may be done this week, except for the sealing. Casey reported that Remedy Day Spa had a break-in and computer stolen, but APD caught the thief and returned the computer. Richard says that global warming can affect the state’s economy, so that’s something to consider in the future. Brian reports that the storefront at Garfield and Princeton is empty. Richard says that the Family Dollar windows were repaired by the city, broken again, and have now been boarded up again and the dumpster removed.

II. Action/followup items

- A. 2020 Annual Meeting – Sunday, January 19 at the Outpost from 2-4. Newsletter articles to Jennifer by December 20, including the annual meeting, Lead-Coal, mural update, meet the neighbors mixers. Brian will pay for an ad. Invited and confirmed: APD. Invited, no response yet: Councilor Davis. We’ll also invite Alan Armijo to discuss Lead and Coal and Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez and Rep. Gail Chasey. Agenda will also include Marlene leading 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 – Saturday, December 7 at 6 at Sherry’s house, 405 Stanford, SE. Jennifer is bringing salad, Brian cider, Joseph enchiladas, Julie dessert, Don tortillas, and Marlene laches.
- C. Lead-Coal – Joseph sent a written report about the meeting with the Mayor on November 26. The mayor was a little late and left early. The mayor was generally supportive of the DMD October 1 letter recommendations, technology upgrades, and road safety audit perhaps resulting in more major changes. He’ll more engage APD in enforcement. He asked the neighborhoods to contact BCSO and fund the radar feedback speed signs. Mayor and DMD still aren’t supportive of the 25 mph, as they don’t think it will change driver behavior. The mayor responded negatively to the Emergency Action Plan, except he didn’t realize that there is a bus line on Lead and Coal, so he will follow up on the safety protocols for the 97 bus. There wasn’t time to discuss the DOT safety corridor and environmental impacts and noise with the mayor, so Joseph will include them in a follow up. Agreed that we’ll continue to push the various measures that we support, and we’ll do a summary of the meeting that we’ll send to various other public officials that are being engaged. Jennifer will write stories about people in crashes, if she gets the contacts. Casey suggests a few word “elevator pitch,” which he’ll get started on email.

D. 311 and parking enforcement – No update.

E. Zoning – Proposed new building at 407 Vassar, SE; waiting to get information from the developer and will then have a meeting to discuss the plans. IDO batch 2 properties approved by City Council on November 18, which includes seven downzoned properties within UHA. IDO Amendments hearing at Environmental Planning Commission is December 12.

F. District 6 Coalition – Joseph attended the November 19 business meeting, which included a bylaws discussion. Councilor Davis encouraged people to be included in the 2020 budget discussions. Agreed that UHA’s representative and alternate will be selected after the 2020 Annual Meeting.

G. Crime – Nothing further .

H. Solid Waste – The properties at 402 Cornell and 302 Stanford again have problem dumpsters, so Sherry is continuing to report them. Sherry plans to go to Solid Waste to talk with Matt Whelan to try to get better response.

I. ART Update – Started free service for a month on Saturday.

J. 100 blocks – Mandy has looked at the Main Street designation, which Nob Hill has.

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 \$1.49 from the CD, which now matures on April 29, 2020. The savings account now has \$787.25.

IV. Adjournment – 8:44 pm.