

University Heights Association
Minutes
Monday February 3, 2020
7:00 p.m. at 120 Vassar SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – President Julie Kidder called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
- B. Introductions – Julie Kidder, Jennifer Simpson, Sherry Smith, Mandy Warr, Marlene Brown, Jasper Rey, Gene Trosterud, Richard Hallett, Casey Warr, and Don Hancock. Joseph Aguirre was a visitor, as he has resigned from the board to focus on Lead-Coal issues.
- C. Approval of agenda – approved.
- D. Approval of minutes of January 6, 2020 meeting – approved as presented.
- E. Approval of minutes of Annual Meeting of January 19, 2020 – approved as presented.
- F. Next meetings – Monday, March 2 at 7; Monday, April 6 at 7.
- G. Open forum – Jennifer is having an event at Bookworks on February 15. Jennifer is doing two writing workshops on February 22-23 and February 29-March 1 at B Ruppe Pharmacy. Joseph provided an update on Lead and Coal and the lack of response from city officials, including no clarification of what’s happening with the Road Safety Audit. He’s willing to continue to provide Lead-Coal updates. Gene showed Patricia Freeman’s new history book about the southeast heights.

II. Action/followup items

- A. Election of Officers – Julie is willing to remain as President and Don is willing to remain Secretary-Treasurer. Marlene is willing to be Vice-President. All approved by consensus.
- B. Official city contacts – Approved keeping Julie and Don as contacts.
- C. Selection of District 6 Coalition representatives – Gene will continue as a representative and Mandy will be the second representative and also be a business representative. Regarding neighborhood priorities, they are Lead and Coal improvements and solar lighting on Silver. Don will send that information to Dominic. Gene summarized the January 21 District 6 meeting. Next meeting is March 17.
- D. Trees – We are partnering with Victory Hills Neighborhood Association and working with Tree New Mexico on planting 100 trees on Saturday, April 18. Sherry, Jennifer, Marlene, and Gene attended the training program on January 29. Neighborhood canvas will be done. The 100 free, smaller trees will be on April 25, and people have to do their own planting. People who want to do the tree should send to the UniversityHeightsTrees@gmail.com account and our coordinators will contact them to fill out the property owner form.
- E. Lead-Coal – Nothing further. Jennifer emailed the mayor, Alan Armijo, and Patrick Montoya, but hasn’t gotten a response.
- F. Spring cleanup – Saturday, June 6 is our preferred date and Sherry will contact Solid Waste. Jasper also is willing to help.
- G. Neighborhood meetups – Next one is Friday, March 13 at Differential Brewery with Victory Hills to promote the tree sign up and planting on April 18. Jennifer’s goal will be to do one meetup a month.
- H. Solid waste – Sherry went to Solid Waste last week and spoke with Matt Whelan about the two problem properties. He suggested contacting the Planning Department, but hasn’t provided the further responsive contacts as to who is the correct person.

I. Zoning – EPC has forwarded to Council many changes to the IDO, including the UHA Solar Access provision and reduced parking on transit corridors. Planning staff are recommending that Near Heights Community Planning Area be the first one that's being done for the purpose of identifying possible IDO changes, so if Council approves, that will happen between June-September 2020.

J. Southeast Police Command – Gene attended the last meeting, in which APD said that gangs now get together through social media and then disband, so they're not organized as previous gangs were. There aren't many meth labs in Albuquerque, as the meth is coming in from other places.

III. Officer's Reports

A. President – Nothing further.

B. Vice-President – She went to the Electric Playhouse for their opening and suggests it.

C. Secretary/Treasurer – Interest was \$1.49 on the CD and 2 cents on savings account. At the Annual Meeting, \$205 in memberships were paid. Since the Annual Meeting another \$15 has been paid. Savings account balance is \$1,010.22. \$5,000 CD matures on April 29, 2020.

IV. Adjournment – 8:34 pm.