

University Heights Association  
Minutes  
Monday February 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 7:01 pm.
- B. Introductions – Julie Kidder, Jennifer Simpson, Sherry Smith, Marie Trigg, Marlene Brown, Joseph Aguirre, Ben Wasserott, Gene Trosterud, Brian Stinar, Richard Hallett, Casey Warr, and Don Hancock. Mandy Warr is a visitor.
- C. Approval of agenda – approved.
- D. Approval of minutes of January 9, 2019 meeting – approved as corrected.
- E. Approval of minutes of Annual Meeting of January 13, 2019 – approved as presented.
- F. Next meetings – Monday, March 4 at 7; Monday, April 1 at 7.
- G. Open forum – Gene attended the Southeast Police Council meeting. Police discourage using Next Door rather than calling the police so that there are calls for service recorded. The Mexican consul was there and is encouraging people to call police, as some people are not used to calling police in Mexico. The police app is being revised for both iPhones and android phones, so that more people will use it. The federal judge is retiring who has been doing the court-approved settlement with APD. The last month there were a “normal” 10,000 calls for service. Sherry is interested in talking to the parking division about enforcement of cars parked on sidewalks. Gene is interested in getting zoning enforcement on the continuing garage sales at 123 Girard, SE, so Sherry agrees to follow up on both issues. Gene has some space for a community garden behind his house, if people are interested. Marie also has some space in front of her house. Gene and Ben will go to the Silver Bike Boulevard meeting tomorrow. Richard’s property at Yale and Lead is vacant, and he asked the homeless man to move. The reggae music is back on 100 block of Vassar, and Joseph will send Mandy the contact information for Tony Anella, and we’ll consider a letter from the board. Ben, Jacki, and Marlene attended the ban in plastics at City Council. Gene is interested in thinking about how to contact property owners to try to get them more involved.

II. Action/followup items

- A. Election of Officers – Julie, Joseph, and Don are re-elected as officers.
- B. Official city contacts – Approved keeping Julie and Don as contacts.
- C. Lead-Coal – Mayor’s Task Force met on January 25. Joseph summarized the results in an email. Citelum hopefully will get the streetlights fixed by March 1. APD Chief Geyer has now mandated an enforcement plan from the Southeast Command. The next four meetings were scheduled. Environmental Health, APD, and DMD have all agreed to look at the noise and air pollution issues. At the February meeting, there will be discussion of smart street technology, which is now being used only on Central. PNM streetlights may be contracted for maintenance in March.
- D. Spring cleanup – Ben has checked with Solid Waste about Saturday, June 1 and 15. Since Ben will be leaving, Sherry will be the contact. Mandy will help distribute flyers.
- E. District 6 Coalition – Gene attended the meeting on January 31, which was attended by about 75 people. The city is supposed to provide housing for Veterans within 24 hours of them being reported on the streets. We’ll pay \$25 dues for the 2019, which Gene can pay at

the March meeting. District 6 is supporting the Sunport waste transfer station. The Gibson bypass was discussed. Scott Hughes is interested in a grant to do a database on the 3,000 vacant and abandoned properties, along with other major cities, and Gene will send out a summary. Trumbull Village Compassion Center next meeting is February 25. The District letter on Lead and Coal should be out this week. Gina is lobbying the Legislature this week for District 6 streetlight capital outlay funding that would go to the City. For UHA it would be solar streetlights on Silver, which we'd suggest as a pilot project.

F. ART Update – No response from the mayor.

G. Annual Meeting Followup – Joseph drafted an email to people who attended the Annual Meeting encouraging them to contact the Mayor about ART and to get involved with Lead and Coal issues, and the message was also sent to other members and friends. Sherry was concerned about Elena Carrasco, who is an exchange student from Spain, working at Tamarind. Jennifer suggests a social event, and she'll put a plan together. Mandy is interested in promoting businesses on the 100 block of Vassar, so she'll contact the businesses and Joseph will reach out to Economic Development and Planning to participate in some kind of meeting to start engagement.

H. Zoning – Ben's Voluntary downzoning was approved at EPC, and will go to the City Council.

### III. Officer's Reports

A. President – Nothing further.

B. Vice-President – Nothing further.

C. Secretary/Treasurer – Interest was 13 cents. At the Annual Meeting, \$280 in memberships and donations were paid. \$60 more in memberships have come in since the meeting. To get about \$50 more interest in 2019, \$5,000 was put into a 9-month CD. The savings account now has \$562.66. Unrestricted balance is \$4,731.58, plus \$831.08 for trees.

### IV. Adjournment – 8:54 pm.