

University Heights Association
Minutes
Tuesday, March 3, 2015
7:00 p.m. at 120 Vassar SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – Julie Kidder called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- B. Introductions – Julie Kidder, Jennifer Simpson (notetaker for this meeting), Joseph Aguirre, Gene Trosterud, and Marlene Brown.
- C. Approval of agenda – approved with addition of the BRT / Transportation
- D. Approval of minutes of February 3 meeting – approved.
- E. Next meetings – Tuesday, April 7 at 7pm and Tuesday, May 5 at 7 pm. Alternate dates suggested by Marlene: Monday April 6 or Tuesday April 14 (Marlene will email to confirm).
- F. Open Forum – Marlene teaching a Photovoltaic Solar Class for Women May 8-10, May 16-17 at Albuquerque Peace & Justice. (\$600 for first weekend, \$1000 for both weekends). Marlene will send out an email with all the info.

II. Action/Followup Items

- A. Spring cleanup: confirmed for Sat. May 16, 9 am to noon
- B. Lead and Coal letter: Joseph drafted a letter, still needs to be printed and signed. Joseph to confirm with Don that he can print it for our signatures when he gets back into town.
- C. Neighborhood engagement grant: Jennifer has no report.
- D. Community Policing Council: Joe submitted a report via email to Julie. Joe will be doing a ride-along this month.
- E. Trash can at Cornell & Silver: tagged again. Don to follow up with artist as suggested.
- F. Trees: Joseph got estimate from one tree service, circulated to board. Approximately \$48,000 for removal of dead trees. Note, in the past our representative Gail Chasey had found a source of money for us. Joseph to continue working on this issue and contact our county and city representative in the hope of resourcing money for tree removal and replacement with more suitable tree.
- G. Noise monitors: Joseph looking at public health issues in regards to noise that exceeds healthy levels. Concern is that the speeding and drag racing along Lead & Coal is also exceeding safe noise levels. Joseph spearheaded a logging of noise levels of concern to identify a pattern. Joe and Joseph both logged noise over two-week period. Noise not surprisingly correlated with high traffic times, and it seems that drag racing seems to come on Sunday afternoons. Joseph will submit data to Environmental Health who will hopefully follow up with official noise monitoring.
- H. Newsletter schedule: next one needs to happen by beginning of May. Sherry wants to do an article on how to be a good neighbor (trash cans, dog poop, parking, call 311, etc) Julie suggests another newsletter go out end of August, and maybe to welcome new students.
- I. Transportation / BRT: reports have been read (in the news) that City planning to start work, specifically moving electrical utilities in advance of the BRT plan (even though they do not have specific plan selected, nor do they have funding lined up). Ask Don to follow up regarding the letter we sent regarding our concerns. Can we / should we reach

out to other neighborhood associations. Julie wants to know who the federal money contact is so that we can ensure that those decision-makers know about the opposition.

Regarding Silver. There should be a traffic study coming. No details.

III. Officer's Reports

- A. President – Joe reported via email from District 6 coalition regarding traffic calming measure requests and criteria.
- B. Vice President – Nothing further.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – Secretary/Treasurer – Additional dues of \$15. Interest of 8 cents. Balance is \$2,583.35, plus \$831.08 for trees. SRIC has a balance of \$516.50 for the neighborhood engagement grant.

IV. Adjournment – 8:15 pm.