

University Heights Association  
Minutes  
Thursday, March 3, 2022  
7:00 p.m on zoom

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – President Mandy Warr called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
- B. Introductions – Julie Kidder, Sherry Smith, Marlene Brown, Gene Trosterud, Margie Trosterud, Delilah Montoya, Mandy Warr, Ronald Czelusniak, and Don Hancock. Absent is Brian Stinar. Ben Roberts and Nina Simbaña are visitors.

II. University Metropolitan Redevelopment Area Presentation – Karen Iverson

Karen is with the City MRA Manager. Councilor Davis provided the funding to do the redevelopment area, along Central from University to Girard. Then the only gap of MRAs on Central would be from Girard to Carlisle. Since 2000, more than 2,000 housing units have been built in MRAs, along with more than 700 hotel units and 700,000 square feet of retail space. The main tool is a tax abatement program for seven years. The only city property within the proposed district is the Transit Department on Yale, but there is no plan for new development of that property. There were concerns about the west wide of 300 block of Harvard being included. March 17 is the Metropolitan Redevelopment Commission meeting and Karen would like to have a letter from UHA before that meeting.

After Karen left the meeting, we had an extensive discussion about the MRA boundaries. Everyone supports the MRA. Delilah supports the boundary as proposed, with about an even split of other board members supporting the boundary at the alley or excluding the six middle lots from the MRA. Delilah is interested in contacting the affected property owners to see what they think.

III. Additional Preliminary Items

- A. Approval of agenda – Approved with the University MRA action item right after the presentation.
- B. Approval of minutes of February 3, 2022 meeting – Approved.
- C. Next meetings – Thursday, April 7 at 7 on zoom; Thursday, May 5 at 7 at the Trosterud house.
- D. Open Forum – Marlene had Jose Briones and the Crime Prevention Team come to her house and they made suggestions for improved security, so she suggests that others also do it. Recommendations were to have lights on timers or sensors, use shrouded padlocks, have solid core exterior doors and deadbolts. Gene attended the Southeast Police Advisory Council on February 17, which discussed the Gateway Center and why it's for women initially, and some other issues.

IV. Action/followup items

- A. Spring Cleanup – June is the preferred date, when Gene and Margie and their truck would be available. Sherry will contact the city.
- B. District 6 Coalition – Next meeting is March 15.
- C. Lead and Coal and Rest in Red – Mandy was hit on Coal and Oak and her new car was totaled. Sherry reports that the Mayor has not responded to the letter from Rep. Chasey and

Sen. Sedillo Lopez, sent after the Annual Meeting. Ron reported that the Lead/Girard neighborhood sign was hit and partially knocked down this morning.

D. Zoning – The IDO changes go to the Council Land Use, Planning, and Zoning Committee on March 16.

V. Officer's Reports

A. President – Nothing further.

B. Vice-President – Nothing further.

C. Secretary/Treasurer – Membership dues of \$35 from the newsletter. Interest of \$0.04 on the CD and \$0.02 on the savings account. Resulting savings account balance is \$2,049.06. \$5,000 CD matures on April 29, 2022.

VI. Adjournment – 8:43 pm.