

University Heights Association
Minutes
Monday March 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 7:04 pm.
- B. Introductions – Julie Kidder, Sherry Smith, Marie Trigg, Marlene Brown, Joseph Aguirre, Gene Trosterud, Richard Hallett, Casey Warr, and Don Hancock.
- C. Approval of agenda – approved with the addition of the Mayor’s communication and Central letter.
- D. Approval of minutes of February 4, 2019 meeting – approved as corrected in advance and with Joseph’s change.
- E. Next meetings – Monday, April 1 at 7; Monday, May 6 at 7.
- F. Open forum – Sherry called to object to the Valley View Villa van going on Stanford through the neighborhood, and the drivers are supposed to not use the neighborhood unless there is a compelling need. Marlene is supporting the plastic ban before the City Council. Marlene is going back to solar work.

II. Action/followup items

- A. Spring cleanup – Saturday, June 15 from 9 to 12 has been confirmed. Sherry will take over as contact with the city. Marlene will get coffee and Gene will have his pickup truck.
- B. Lead-Coal – Channel 4 showed a major accident on Lead near Morningside Park, which was also showed at the Task Force meeting last Thursday. Still trying to get APD more coordinated, and there has been more enforcement; next step could be a meeting with the Chief. DMD is still figuring out what to commit to, including traffic light timing, and Patrick Montoya is thinking there may be some recommendations for the mayor in about four months. They are still looking at moving the neighborhood monument at Coal near Harvard. Solid waste is looking at sightlines, but so far have done more in Nob Hill. The northeast corner of Lead and Yale is still a sightline problem. Environmental Health is supposed to look at noise, but haven’t done anything. Joseph and Dominic are thinking about a meeting with the mayor because of the apparent lack of commitment. Ben has followed up with Citelum because the streetlights are not fixed, but they still have two more weeks to meet the stated timeframe.
- C. Solid Waste Transfer Station – Joseph and Dominic Peralta met with Matthew Whelan of Solid Waste on February 14. He said that consultants will recommend the final location about around mid-March. Agreed that Joseph is authorized by UHA to write to Mr. Whelan to thank him for the meeting and reiterate our opposition to the Cesar Chavez site.
- D. 100 block project update – Gene has talked with Carraros, Mandy has talked with Emilia, and they will get together soon to further develop the plan for the 100 block of Vassar.
- E. Social event – Jennifer isn’t here. The next board meeting will include a social with food for Ben and Jacki, since that will be Ben’s last meeting.
- F. Silver Bike Boulevard meeting – Gene went to the city meeting by I-25, and the bike boulevard between 14th and Old Town is a real problem. LED streetlighting on Silver funding is being considered at the Legislature.
- G. District 6 Coalition – Gene has requested that the minutes be posted on the website.

H. Zoning – IDO voluntary downzoning still underway. Don is concerned about the pre-1965 building provision pre-empting any parking or other requirements. The 123 Girard appeal that the board approved was filed on February 28. The outcomes may be instructive about how the provision is being interpreted, as well as whether zone change requests must show that they would meet with the requirements of the new zone. Sherry has gone three times to zoning enforcement, but has not been able to see the officer. She has sent an email, but no response. Vevalencia@cabq.gov is the zoning enforcement, so we'll send more emails and pictures. Officer Trujillo of parking called Sherry back about the parking on the sidewalk. Joseph is concerned about what's happening on the empty lot on Yale, south of the Smith's gas station.

I. Southeast Police Command – Gene went to the latest meeting, crime statistics continue to go down each month for 17 months. Nob Hill businesses are closing because of loss of business with ART and the crime problems. Jay Rembe and others are proposing a letter to the mayor asking for more crime prevention, including more bicycle patrol.

J. Differential Brewery at 500 Yale – Gene and Marlene have visited there. The opening was delayed because of needing a permit each of the building. Back patio will allow 160 people.

K. Community garden – Gene's backyard is available and he's cleaning it up.

L. ART Update – On February 5, Helen Maestas emailed in response to our letter that the mayor's office will plan a series of meetings on ART and its impacts, but there's been no further information. Don will contact Helen to find out what's going on and invite Mayor Keller to our May 6 board meeting.

M. Central Avenue business letter – Concern that it's only on Central and we have concerns about more enforcement on Lead and Coal. Don will contact Jay Rembe to have a meeting about how we can be mutually supportive.

III. Officer's Reports

A. President – Nothing further.

B. Vice-President – Nothing further.

C. Secretary/Treasurer – Memberships were \$10. Interest was 1 cent. The 123 Girard appeal cost \$130. The savings account now has \$442.67.

IV. Adjournment – 8:22 pm.