

University Heights Association
Minutes
Tuesday, March 6, 2018
7:00 p.m. at 120 Vassar SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – President Julie Kidder called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- B. Introductions – Julie Kidder, Sherry Smith, Brian Stinar, Joseph Aguirre, Marlene Brown, Jennifer Simpson, Gene Trosterud, Ben Wasserott, and Don Hancock. Richard Hallett is a visitor.

II. Envision ABQ Street lighting – David Wood of Citelum. U.S. headquarters is Chevy Chase, MD, and local office is 4000 Vassar, NE. David started with the company last October. The company has been working on the project for two years; last year it inventoried of 32,000 street lights in the city and created a master plan, including 21,000+ city-owned lights, which are part of the company contract. New lights - November 27, 2017 the project started with new LEDs – 4,000 upgraded so far – started southwest and northwest; doubling the rate in the next two months. Now doing main streets and freeways. Supposed to complete the entire city by November; hopefully a little ahead of that schedule. 60% power saving pays for the upgrades. 10-year warranty on the LED bulbs. Existing lights are about two year lifetime. Dark sky initiative also compatible with the LED lights. Three different color lights – 4,000 kelvin on freeway; 3,000 kelvin residential; arterial will be 3,500 kelvin. This area is scheduled for August-October timeframe. Website with map is: envisionabq.com.

Will do new lights at city's request (City Councilors through Dept. of Municipal Development). May do solar in a few areas. If we have street lights out, call Citelum: 800-370-0395, weekdays 8 to 5. They can call PNM directly if it's a PNM light. Many wood poles are PNM, as well as if transformers on the pole. 15-year contract to maintain the lights. Fuse, etc. are routine maintenance – accident, wind, copper theft are unscheduled maintenance. Doing 400 new lights a month-have patrol person looking for street lights out. In the last month, 29,000 feet of stolen copper wire replaced with aluminum wire. They do replace the knocked down poles as emergency, but takes about 8 weeks; ornamental poles are likely around 12 weeks. During the inventory, there were 200 knocked down poles, about 20 more each month, still have 300 pole backlog. Will do a smart nodes, that the city can tie other systems into; pilot location will be 500 lights.

III. Additional preliminary items

- A. Approval of agenda – approved, though some items are re-arranged to accommodate Ben, who needs to leave early.
- B. Approval of minutes of February 6 meeting – approved.
- C. Next meetings – Tuesday, April 3 at 7; Tuesday, May 1 at 7
- D. Open forum – Richard has been looking at Yale traffic volumes and would like additional lane and bike lanes.

IV. Action/followup items

- A. Silver Mural Project – Mark Horst is waiting for the City Attorney to approve the contract and then will start on the mural. We'd like to do a party celebrating the mural, once Mark gets started. Joseph has also talked with PNM about solar lighting.
- B. Lead & Coal – Ben has been asking Nob Hill about their intersections and has sent them to Councilor Davis. Lead and Coal Task Force from Nob Hill and UHA, including Joseph and Jennifer, is waiting for a transition from Lawrence Rael to someone new as liaison. Pat Davis has gotten some additional police patrols.
- C. Spring cleanup – Saturday, June 2 is our preferred date, June 9 is an alternative. Ben will check with the City about the truck.
- D. Community Garden – Marlene is setting up a meeting on Friday, March 23 at 4 at Winnings with UNM and people who were interested from the Annual Meeting.
- E. Crime – 302 Stanford, SE. Ben and Jacki had windows at their house broken by a guy living at 302 Stanford, SE. Ben contacted Joe Lazar, the landlord, about evicting him. Ben will pursue a restraining order. Ben has also talked with Sgt. Legendre.
- F. Bricklight II – Comments from last board meeting were emailed. No new plans.
- G. District 6 Coalition – Draft support letter to Mayor Keller for new street lighting was passed around and will be distributed digitally for comments back to Gene, who will let Gina Naomi Dennis, the President, know about UHA's position. Next meeting is on March 21 and Gene can't go.
- H. Zoning – We've reviewed the plans for 2808 Central, SE (Lobo Square), which do not appear to need any variances. A meeting for interested neighbors was held by the developer on Saturday, March 3. Nothing new on building permit for the Gilchrist property. IDO technical amendments are on the agenda at LUPZ next Wednesday, along with Councilor Borrego's ordinance to delay the IDO for a year.
- I. ART update – Mayor held a press conference late this afternoon to update the situation, including that the buses are still delayed.

V. Officer's Reports

- A. President – Nothing further.
- B. Vice-President – Joseph wonders whether we should be more engaged on ART.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – Interest was 12 cents. Memberships from the newsletter were \$5. The Balance is \$4,350.14, plus \$831.08 for trees. SRIC paid \$11,857.95 to FacilityBuild for the wall preparation work for the Silver mural.

VI. Adjournment – 8:07 pm.