

University Heights Association
Minutes
Tuesday, March 7, 2017
7:30 p.m. at 120 Vassar SE

I. Preliminary Items

- A. Call to order – President Julie Kidder called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm.
- B. Introductions – Julie Kidder, Brian Stinar, Joseph Aguirre, Marlene Brown, Ben Wasserrott, and Don Hancock. Guest: Richard Hallett.
- C. Approval of agenda – approved
- D. Approval of minutes of February 7, 2017 meeting – approved.
- E. Next meetings – Wednesday, April 5 at 7; Tuesday, May 2 at 7.
- F. Open forum – Nothing.

II. Action/followup items

- A. Silver Mural Project – 96 applicants, so city art staff need more time to review before the selection committee meets to select the four finalists. Marlene reported that at the PNM substation on Zuni, near Louisiana, there's a community painting project.
- B. Spring cleanup – Saturday, June 3 is our preferred date. Ben is willing to head it up and we'll ask Joe Gallegos and Sherry to help.
- C. Greater Central Avenue meetings this week – Joseph and Marlene attended tonight's kickoff meeting. Joseph intends to go on Wednesday at Heights Community Center; Don intends to go to the Thursday update.
- D. Code for ABQ transportation data – Last week about 10 people went through the data to figure out problems and put the data in better form. Get Hub software is publicly available. There will be monthly meetings to continue to the process.
- E. Community Engaged Learning and Research – Joseph sent a new list of possible activities, and is especially trying to find students to work with Professor Feezell on Silver Avenue solar lighting.
- F. Zoning – 416 Yale, SE hearing was held before the Land Use Hearing Officer (LUHO) on February 2. He recommended that the Board of Appeals remand back to the Zoning Hearing Examiner (ZHE) be upheld; mostly supporting the UHA position. At the March 6 City Council meeting, that recommendation was adopted. So the case now goes back to the ZHE. Proposed DR zone text amendment facilitated meeting was held on February 27 with Don and Julie from the board and Julie Ahern (neighbor) attending, along with people from Silver Hill, Sycamore, and Spruce Park. Unfortunately, city staff are recommending approval, over objections of the three directly affected neighborhoods. Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) hearing is March 9 and Don and Julie will attend. EPC makes a recommendation to City Council for final action. Comp Plan/IDO is still delayed, as the Council decides whether or not have a year delay. Don and Joseph attended the Near Heights Community Planning Area meeting is on Wednesday, February 15.
- G. Bricklight – They are still considering what might work economically. One idea is a major restaurant at Harvard and Silver.
- H. Silver LED lighting project – In addition to trying to find students, Joseph has been in touch with Councilor Davis about the city's LED (non-solar) lighting program.

- I. ART update – Councilor Davis’s proposal to spend \$500,000 of District 6 money to widen sidewalks in Nob Hill was deferred at last night’s meeting. Joseph commented as an individual that it would be good to still have more ART design changes. Mike Riordan for the City strongly opposed the proposal for design and safety reasons. Councilor Lewis is running for mayor and will introduce a resolution on ART’s economic, health and safety impacts.
- J. Meeting with Commissioner Maggie Hart Stebbins – March 13 at 3. Ben, Joseph, and Don will go.

III. Officer’s Reports

- A. President – Nothing further.
- B. Vice-President – Nothing further.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – Interest was 10 cents. Memberships were \$50. Balance is \$3,674.71, plus \$831.08 for trees. SRIC has received the \$15,000 from the PNM Foundation for the mural project.

IV. Adjournment – 8:31 pm.