

University Heights Association
Minutes
Monday April 1, 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 7:00 pm.
- B. Introductions – Julie Kidder, Sherry Smith, Jennifer Simpson, Marlene Brown, Joseph Aguirre, Ben Wasserott, Gene Trosterud, Richard Hallett, Casey Warr, Brian Stinar (at the end), and Don Hancock. Jacki Janowich Wasserott was a guest for the potluck dinner.
- C. Approval of agenda – approved with the addition of the Mayor’s communication and Central letter.
- D. Approval of minutes of March 4, 2019 meeting – approved.
- E. Next meetings – Monday, May 6 at 7; Monday, June 3 at 7.
- F. Open forum – Farewell potluck for Jacki and Ben before the meeting. Jacki is due in early October and will be having a research project for two or three years. Ben expects to work part-time and take care of the baby. Sherry has followed up to object to the Valley View Villa van with the UNM police chief, but they are still using Stanford as of today. Casey inquired about the mural, which hopefully will be repainted this month. Brian’s two week trip to Russia was five weeks, but his wife got her visa, so they can now get married legally in U.S.

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 and has responded to a couple of volunteers through the city.
- B. Lead-Coal – Task Force met on March 28 with Joseph and Dominic and Municipal Development. DMD delayed the change order to Citelum for the LED lighting. DMD is working on recommendations for the mayor at the end of the task force, which may be after two or three more meetings. Request to meet with the mayor still hasn’t had a response. APD has set up the speed trailer and doing some speeding ticketing, and there will be a followup on the data in the next few weeks. Neighborhoods will continue to followup, including how continuing involvement will be carried on. Discussion about the UHA sign on Coal near Yale, and the two-way configuration will be further discussed at future board meetings before the task force concludes.
- C. Solid Waste Transfer Station – No further response about the consultant’s report.
- D. 100 block project update – No updates.
- E. Social event – Jennifer suggests an event at the new Brewstillery at 500 Yale, SE, which would welcome us. They are fine with bringing in snacks and buying beer. Jennifer is authorized to spend \$20 for refreshments.
- F. District 6 Coalition – Gene forwarded the minutes of the January 31 meeting. Gene and Joseph attended the March 28 meeting, but Gene was unable to pay the dues, which can be paid at the annual meeting in May. Capt. Johnny Yara is the new SE APD commander, 940 officers now. Request for Capital Improvements in the legislature was not funded. April 15-December 31 is when the PNM streetlight conversion will be done, we’ll be close to the end. There still hasn’t been a Lead and Coal letter. Addressing homelessness will include cleanup of parks and short-term housing.

G. Southeast Police Command – Meeting was cancelled.

H. Community garden – Gene has emptied half of his lot. Marie and Marlene will be gone through most of May, so the plan will be to plant in June. Marlene reports that seeds are available for free at the South Broadway Cultural Center with your library card.

I. Zoning –The 123 Girard appeal will be heard by the Land Use Hearing Officer on Monday, April 22 at 9 am. Today, IDO staff responded that they agree that something more should be done for abandoned curbcuts/driveways that block the sidewalk. But since they are public right-of-way, Code Enforcement can't enforce. Parking Enforcement can ticket and City Engineer can force closure when the building permit is issued.

J. ART Update – Wednesday, April 10 is our preferred date for which we'll invite Bernie Toon and Pat Montoya and others from Transit. April 17 or 24 are alternative dates.

III. Officer's Reports

A. President – Nothing further.

B. Vice-President – Nothing further.

C. Secretary/Treasurer – Memberships were \$5. Interest was 1 cent from the saving account and \$10.83 from the CD. The savings account now has \$458.51.

IV. Adjournment – 8:35 pm.