

University Heights Association
Minutes
Tuesday, April 3, 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 7:02 pm.
- B. Introductions – Julie Kidder, Sherry Smith, Joseph Aguirre, Marlene Brown, Jennifer Simpson, Ben Wasserott, and Don Hancock. Richard Hallett is a visitor.

II. Bikeshare Update – Valerie Hermanson of Mid-Rio Grande Council of Governments and Travis Reik of Zagster, the contractor company operating the program, reported that the new bikeshare will launch on April 19 with 31 racks, increasing to 50 racks and 250 bikes. Bikes are \$1 per half hour. It operates with a smartphone app and will include various sites within UHA.

III. Additional preliminary items

- A. Approval of agenda – approved.
- B. Approval of minutes of March 6 meeting – approved.
- C. Next meetings – Tuesday, May 1 at 7; Tuesday, June 5 at 7
- D. Open forum – Marlene’s birthday party is on April 14. Salt and Board has replaced Bricklight Dive in the Bricklight.

IV. Action/followup items

- A. Silver Mural Project – Mark Horst is planning to start the mural on April 16. Jennifer is going to take pictures and try to get poets to do poems. Joseph has begun talking with people about the party celebrating the mural for a Saturday in May or June; we’ll talk with the Peace & Justice Center about using their space and building. Joseph has also talked with PNM about lighting, which they won’t pay for. Another option would be additional street lighting. Ben will ask Pat Davis about street lighting
- B. Lead & Coal – Ben is trying to get a meeting in the next two weeks with Adrian from Nob Hill and Pat Davis and Sean Foran to figure out how to move forward with the study. Lead and Coal Task Force from Nob Hill and UHA, including Joseph and Jennifer, met with Patrick Montoya, Director of Municipal Development on March 29 and discussed various actions to be taken. Next meeting will be on April 26.
- C. Spring cleanup – Saturday, June 2 is the date with the City about the truck to start at about 8. Marlene has asked Winnings for coffee. Newsletter needs to go out in May.
- D. Community Garden – Marlene had three people at the meeting on Friday, March 23, so there are still not enough people to do it. Marlene will keep trying to recruit people and discuss specific locations with the Bricklight partners.
- E. Crime – The landlord of 302 Stanford, SE has evicted the troublesome tenant. Ben and Jacki have moved out of their house into Silver Hill. Ben is also trying to contact Sgt. Legendre to get the crime moved up to a fourth degree felony.
- F. Bricklight II –Nothing further.
- G. District 6 Coalition – Gene passed on our suggestions about the letter to Mayor Keller for new street lighting which were incorporated in the letter sent on March 21. No one attended the March 21 meeting.

- H. Parking Permit distribution – Lois Kennedy got Aaron Nieto in the mayor’s office to explain why parking doesn’t want to do distribution at a block party, as was done for a number of years. Problems are that not everyone comes, so it requires overtime of three staff and people still come downtown, where there is free parking. Some people come with improper documentation and some of the safeguards downtown can’t be replicated in the field. Elderly and disabled can mail the documentation. Agreed that the City apparently isn’t going to do it.
- I. ART update – Since Congress has finally passed Fiscal Year 2018 funding, ART could get some funds, but very likely not the entire \$75 million requested.

V. Officer’s Reports

- A. President – Nothing further.
- B. Vice-President – Nothing further.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – Interest was 13 cents. Memberships were \$15. The Balance is \$4,365.27, plus \$831.08 for trees. SRIC paid \$11,857.95 to FacilityBuild for the wall preparation work for the Silver mural.

VI. Adjournment – 8:14 pm.