

University Heights Association  
Minutes  
Wednesday, April 5, 2017  
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, Jennifer Simpson, Paula-Marie Herbert, Ryan Sindon, Brian Stinar, Joseph Aguirre, Marlene Brown, Ben Wasserott, and Don Hancock.
- C. Approval of agenda – approved
- D. Approval of minutes of March 7, 2017 meeting – approved.
- E. Next meetings – Tuesday, May 2 at 7; Tuesday, June 6 at 7
- F. Open forum – Climate Protest is April 29 at 10:30 at Washington Mid School. Wildlife Rescue Open House on April 29 at the Rio Grande Nature Center. April 22 is the Scientists March at Civic Plaza from 2-4. Ben has set up a google group list for the UHA board, and he encourages everyone to respond to the invitation. Paula-Marie's car was vandalized with the window broken, and APD crime hasn't responded to her calls; she's also going to raise crime issues at mayoral forums. Julie and Marlene are mentors with Big Brothers/Big Sisters at South Valley Academy, and others are welcome.

II. Action/followup items

- A. Silver Mural Project – Selection committee has voted, the committee will meet next week to select five finalists.
- B. Spring cleanup – Ben has confirmed Saturday, June 3 with Keep Albuquerque Beautiful, and also with Smith's, who will help. Paula-Marie will see if some of her sorority will participate.
- C. Greater Central Avenue meetings – Julie, Joseph, and Don attended the wrap up meeting on March 13. Joseph has followed up and gotten the 416 Yale plans; the detailed plans and report are supposed to be public by mid-May.
- D. Code for ABQ transportation data – State has sent its crash data. Last meeting was with two people, but things got done and are adding to the data base.
- E. Community Engaged Learning and Research – No further response to possible activities for the fall. Ryan suggests that the department secretaries may be more helpful, and he'll share some contact information.
- F. Zoning – Wiernerschnitzel has dropped its plans for 416 Yale, SE, so there will not be a further ZHE hearing on the drive through. A mixed use commercial-residential building is being planned. At the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) hearing on March 9, Don, Julie, Julie Ahern, and Nancy Simbana all spoke against the DR text amendment, but EPC recommended it to City Council for final action. UHA filed a protest with support of Silver Hill and Sycamore. Attempts are being made to have DR property owners send letters of opposition to the text amendment before the Land Use, Planning & Zoning Committee meets on the text amendment, which is not yet scheduled. Comp Plan was passed on City Council on March 20, but won't go into effect until the County passes it, which won't be until the fall at the earliest. IDO goes to hearings at the EPC on April 6 and 10, and probably subsequently. We'll continue to pursue our issues with City staff.

- G. Silver LED lighting project – Marlene knows Janet Hughes at CNM, and she might be more helpful in getting trades people interested.
- H. ART Update – How much federal funding is provided for this year should be in the Congress funding bill to be approved by April 28. Councilor Davis’ proposal to spend \$500,000 of District 6 money to widen sidewalks in Nob Hill and have a San Pedro ART station was amended at the last Council meeting to happen after ART is constructed and deferred to the April 17 meeting. Councilor Lewis’ resolution on ART’s economic, health and safety impacts was deferred until the April 10 Finance & Government Operations Committee meeting.
- I. Meeting with Commissioner Maggie Hart Stebbins on March 29 – Attended by Joseph and Don, with Zach Grant, her assistant, also present. She will look at MRCOG doing a Lead/Coal traffic study and has provided information about County economic development resources. She hopes that the gross receipts tax increase could result in additional Sheriff’s Office activities within District 3.

### III. Officer’s Reports

- A. President – Nothing further.
- B. Vice-President – Joseph points out that our opposition to the 416 Yale drive through succeeded and the fact that other development is being proposed refutes the idea that nothing else is possible.
- C. Secretary/Treasurer – Interest was 12 cents; Memberships were \$10. Balance is \$3,684.83, plus \$831.08 for trees, and \$300 for the mural project from Bricklight Partners. SRIC has received the \$15,000 from the PNM Foundation for the mural project.

### IV. Adjournment – 8:22 pm.